

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: With only a month left to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people in your community who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, a WDC church that has discerned to end its time as a congregation with a closing service on Easter Sunday, April 9. Give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network and Caring Fund sponsored by the Deacon Commission.

Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave., Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117
Phone: 316-283-3667—Fax: 316-283-2079 Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Website: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Church office hours: 9 am–12:00 pm Mon–Fri; 1:00 –5 pm Mon–Thur
Church office is closed Friday afternoons
Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled
Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm
Notary public service is available in the church office

- Pastor Nathan Koontz, Day off: Wednesday
Cell phone: 316-212-4593; Email: nathan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
- Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith
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- George Leary, Youth Coordinator
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- Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber
- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church

April 2, 2023

Lent 6: Called to Worship

Palm Sunday



HOSANNA!

Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit,
to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy,
and walking humbly with God.

Palm Sunday

*Hymn	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	VT 313
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The “Hosanna” art on the front bulletin cover was drawn by Lucy Burch and colored in by the Intergenerational Sunday School class.

Bethel College Mennonite Church has recently installed a new system to aid persons with hearing loss. The new system includes a small receiver with a "hearing loop" which amplifies the sound in the church and transfers it directly to hearing aids without distortion or delay. Most hearing aids are equipped with "t-coil" software which receives the amplified signal. Users can check with their hearing professional to ensure that the software is installed on their hearing aid. Usually, a software upgrade, if needed, is provided at no charge. Instructions for using the system can be found at the rear of the sanctuary. Contact Bill Swartley (620 327 7329) or an usher for additional information.

The Newton Et Cetera shop is looking for a new General Manager. In the next couple of weeks we will have a job description ready to go, but if you know anyone that is interested - let them know that more details and a full job description will be coming very soon. If you have questions you can contact Elaine Schurr, BCMC Et Cetera Board representative.

Bohne berrogie bake day for the Mennonite Central Committee Sale is April 8 at Moundridge High School. Volunteers wanting to help, can sign up on the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale website.

Announcements from Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

SPRUCE BEETLE PACKET WORKDAY APRIL 22nd - Camp continues its effort to minimize the impact of the spruce beetle's desire to make a home and reproduce in the mature Engelmann spruce trees here at RMMC. Pheromone packets disbursed around camp facilities are intended to trick the beetles into thinking the trees are already inhabited with beetles and that they should go somewhere elsewhere. Please sign up to come help with this year's distribution by clicking the "VOLUNTEER" link on the RMCC web page and select "VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND SIGN-UP". Friday night accommodations are offered by request and meals provided include breakfast (8 a.m.), brunch (10:30 a.m.) and supper (5:30 p.m.) as interested/able to join in.

SPRING MENNONITE QUILTERS RETREAT - Camp's first quilter's retreat for 2023 is coming April 20-23. While there will be some short, fun breaks, the main focus of this weekend will be giving participants plenty of time to sew. Bring lots of projects, or that one big project you've been waiting to start. Sharing ideas, tips and techniques are part of the weekend along with bringing any show and tell items to share with the group. To register, visit the camp website at www.rmmc.org.

BCMC Offering for March 26, 2023: General Fund \$9,061.67; Wed. supper \$302; Caring Fund \$925; Living Stones \$181.67; Flower Fund \$100; Kitchen Fund \$9; Women's Fellowship \$266.

This Week at BCMC: April 2—9, 2023

Sun, Apr. 2, 2023—Lent 6: Called to Worship—Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/Nd8KwaJOwN0?feature=share>

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School

10:30 am Faith Formation—Intergenerational class meets in Fellowship Hall; High School - Room 24 Adult Classes: Agape Class meets in the nursery; Bible Study (Rm 14); Catacombs (Rm B5); Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Open Circle (Room 21) Seekers (Rm 28)—"Process Theology" with Duane Friesen. All are welcome.

2:30 pm Mennonite Men's Chorus rehearsal in the sanctuary

Mon., Apr. 3, 2023

10 am Staff meeting in Room 14

7 pm Facilities Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tue., Apr. 4, 2023

4 pm VBS meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Apr. 5, 2023

6 pm Wednesday night meal in Fellowship Hall

7 pm Senior High Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Apr. 6, 2023—Maundy Thursday

4 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service in the Sanctuary

7:30 pm Church Board meeting in Room 14

No Chancel Bell rehearsal this evening

Sun, Apr. 9, 2023—Easter Sunday—Fully Alive in Christ

7 am Sunrise Service by the Senior High School Youth Group

10 am (Note the change in time from 9:30 am to 10 am) Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; music by Chancel Choir

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service will use bread and juice, and not the prepackaged elements.

There will be a Sunrise Service by the Senior High School Youth Group on Easter Sunday at 7 a.m. at the Prouty Home, 332 N. Hoover Road, Newton. Please bring a dish to share for the breakfast potluck to follow.

The worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9, will begin at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school.

Metta Lieb died Sunday, March 26 at Kansas Christian Home, Newton.

Please keep her family and care-givers in your prayers. A memorial service for Metta is planned for June 15, 2023 at 11 a.m. at BCMC.

The Library Theme till the end of May is Women's History. The Committee has pulled a few of the books available from our collection and is displaying them in back of the library desk or against the south wall in the children's section. Come check us out and be on the look out for a reading contest arriving in May!!

April 14 and 15, the dates of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS) are rapidly approaching. A new activity, assembling hygiene kits, will be in the Pride of Kansas Building April 14 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., (this is a corrected date from previous bulletin announcement) and supplies are needed for these kits. A kit contains one adult toothbrush in the package, one bar of soap in the package, one good quality nail clipper, a hand towel of bright color, medium weight (16x26), and one wide toothed comb. If you would like to donate any of these supplies, please bring them to the baked goods sign up table at the back of the church Mar. 26. We have sign up sheets for pies, zwieback, and other baked goods. Stop by and sign up! Thank you! - *BCMC KMRS Team: Steven and Elaine Schurr, Bill and Esther Eash, Dale and Margo Schrag*

All Western District Conference women are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission Tues., Apr. 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m., followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 p.m. There is no cost to this event, but *please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com* so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Church groups can consider gathering together to watch the Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

Singers wanted: Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert will be Sunday, April 30, with choir and orchestra under the direction of Dr. Henry Waters performing Beethoven "Choral Fantasy" and Mozart "Coronation Mass." The community is invited to participate. Practices begin Tuesday, April 4, 6-8 p.m. in the choir room in Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus, and take place the other Tuesdays in April (11, 18, 25), with a four-hour rehearsal Sat., April 29 (3-7 p.m.; dinner provided), and performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, with a call time of 3 p.m. Scores and rehearsal tracks will be provided. Sign up using this form: <https://forms.gle/rqjK4dgSpYieVTvP8> or come to the first rehearsal on April 4.

The annual meeting of the Community Playschool Corporation will be Mon., Apr. 10, 7:15 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. Interested members of the congregations supporting Community Playschool are invited to attend. Entrance to the building will be at the south side of the church and make your way to the lower level of the church by stairs or elevator.

Life Enrichment for April 6—Krehbiel Auditorium

9:30 "Starting Crust & Cumb Company Was a Slice of Humble Pie," Sharon Entz, owner/operator of Crust & Crumb, Newton

10:35 "Art Influenced by Nature—Environmental Exposure," Glen Ediger

11:30 "10,900 Miles of Coastline: A Newfoundland Sampler," Weldon Schloneger, former teacher, retired pastor and avid photographer

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Weds., Apr. 5 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kris-topher Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Thurs., Apr. 6 – Junior recital by Isaac Tice**, voice, 7 p.m., Administration Building Chapel
- **Sat., Apr. 15 – Joint junior recital by Bethel College students Angelika Donaldson**, voice, and Eli Regier, saxophone, 7 p.m., Ad Building Chapel
- **Sun., Apr. 16 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Thirst for Justice***, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Documentary looks at three citizen groups fighting for clean water, in the Navajo Nation, Flint, MI., and Standing Rock. Audience talkback follows the film. Free and open to the public, with freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.
- **Sun., Apr. 16 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Julianna Schrag**, voice, 4 p.m., Administration Building Chapel
- **Sun., Apr. 16 – Junior recital by Bethel College student Phillip Balzer**, piano, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Mon., Apr. 17 – Rachel Stroer, president of The Land Institute, Salina**, speaks on "Leading a Global Movement for Diverse Perennial Grain Futures," 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Stroer will also speak in convocation at 11 a.m. (Krehbiel Auditorium) and at 2 p.m. in the Conservation Biology class (Krehbiel Science Center #121). Sponsored by the Bethel College Women's Association and supported by BCWA's Carolyn Schultz Lecture Endowment.
- **Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "Printing the Plains: Relief Prints by Ian Huebert,"** through Fri., April 14. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sun., Apr. 30 – Masterworks concert at Bethel College**, featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists