

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC, as they accompany congregations navigating change and discerning future pastoral leadership.

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.

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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

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Bethel College Mennonite Church

March 12, 2023

Lent 3: Shaped Through Thirst



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.

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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Prelude *As the Deer Runs to the River* (Uehlein)
Karen Unruh, organ

Gather Us In (Michael Helman) Chancel Bells, Verlene Garber, director

Christ Candle Lighting Darlene Dick

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

People: we are the people of God's pasture,

All: we are the flock under God's care.

Welcome and Prayer

*Hymn *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT 9

Children's Conversation Carol Flickinger

Anthem *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
(Hans Leo Hassler; arr. by Arnold B. Sherman) Chancel Bells

Welcoming Max Ediger into Church Membership
Elizabeth Schmidt, Hugo Boschmann VT 961

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42 Nadine & Al Peters

Sermon *Belonging* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *Rain Down* VT 703

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VT 536

*Benediction

Leader: Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

People: may the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.

Leader: May we blossom with new life.

All: May we bring refreshment and joy to others.

Postlude *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (Burkhardt) Karen Unruh

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual— John Thiesen

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. The nursery at the back of the sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers.

We light the Christ candle to welcome God's presence among us. Sent out from worship, we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith returned to Newton Friday, March 10, and will remain in Newton until Tuesday, March 14.

Pastor Nathan Koontz will be on vacation March 13-17. If something arises that needs immediate attention, contact the church office, Roger Neufeld Smith, or Elizabeth Schmidt.

Wednesday night suppers , 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Menus:

March 15: Chicken Enchilada casserole, salad, cinnamon dessert

March 22: Baked potato bar with all the fixings, dessert

March 29: Beef vegetable curry with rice, ice cream

April 5: Ham loaf, macaroni and cheese, peas, lemon dessert

Please bring your own table service. Not doing so adds significant effort for the cleanup crew. - Hospitality Commission

Sign up for the March 15 supper on the bulletin board or by emailing office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

BCMC Care Connections - we are starting some new ways of care connections at BCMC! Please let Elizabeth know if you are interested in any of the following ways of showing care for BCMC'ers: in-person visits, phone call visits, email connections, post-mail cards/letters, making care packages, delivering care packages. Yes, you may reply as an individual, or a couple, or a household, or a family, or any/all of the above! Additional ideas are also welcome.

Email your interest and ideas to: elizabeth@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

BCMC Offering for March 5, 2023: General Fund \$15,719.33; Wed. Night Supper \$635; Living Stones \$325; Kitchen Fund \$9; Vel Teichroew Memorial \$50.

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.

Verenika making day is April 1 at the Parkview MB Church, 610 S. Main St., Hillsboro with shifts in the morning, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and afternoon 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (will include cleanup after we make the target # of Verenika-if you are able and willing to stay and help) Volunteers, go to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale website to sign up.

Everence will hold its Medicare workshop at its office, 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton on Thurs., Mar. 23, 6:30 p.m. Topics are: when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

New Hope Shelter, Inc. will celebrate a groundbreaking on Friday, March 24 at 4 p.m. As a friend of the Shelter, New Hope invites you to join in this event. This will be the permanent home of the New Hope Shelter.

Pray with Apache Stronghold on March 19th!

The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the Apache Stronghold on March 19th. On March 21st, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, Chi'chil Bitda-goteel. Mennonite Church USA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed onto an amicus brief (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of "One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle," to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization. They will be dedicating March 19th to prayer before their court case and ask us to join them.

New Hope Shelter is in need of the following: Pinesol, Scotch Tape, Laundry Pods, Dishwasher Pods, Dishwashing Soap, 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper, 55+ gallon trash bags, Coffee, Creamer, Sugar, Bread, Napkins, Mayonnaise, Granola bars, Pudding Cups. **If you can provide some of these supplies, they can be taken to New Hope, 900 West Broadway, Bldg. #7.**

This Week at BCMC: March 12-19, 2023

Sun, Mar. 12, 2023—Lent 3: Shaped through thirst

9:30 am Worship

YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/QKY3CCrZGZ4?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) [They are doing an "Ecclesiastes study" presented by Weldon Schloneger]

Mon., Mar. 13, 2023

9 am Women's Fellowship Executive Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Mar. 15, 2023—Youth Group will not meet tonight due to Spring Break

5 pm Repair Task Group meeting in Room 14

6 pm **Wednesday night meal in Fellowship Hall—Menu is:** Chicken Enchilada casserole, salad, cinnamon dessert. **Please bring your own table service.**

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Mar. 16, 2023

6:30 pm Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

7 pm Bethel College Women's Association meets in Fellowship Hall

Sun, Mar. 19, 2023—Lent 4: Called to the Light

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Choir

Becoming a Member at BCMC. We welcome Max Ediger of Pursat Province, Kingdom of Cambodia into wider fellowship membership at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Max is transferring his membership from Turpin Mennonite Church in Turpin, Oklahoma. To help us get better acquainted at a distance, Max has shared photos from his current life in Cambodia and recent School of Peace events, which may be viewed in the Gathering Place.

Interested in becoming a member or transferring membership to BCMC? Please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Congregational Care Coordinator

The Women's Fellowship Executive Board will meet Monday, Mar. 13, 9 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.

The memorial service for Grace Schroeder will be Saturday, March 25 at 11 am.

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.

Update and request from the Funeral Committee. Thanks for understanding as we flexed during COVID, doing meals in varied ways, and thanks to those who have already volunteered to bake cookies for meals and receptions. Now, with COVID waning and Breadbasket able to deliver most food items, we can offer either a fropa or sandwich buffet lunch, but may need help at large events. To be an on-call volunteer, please contact the church office: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. (Committee members are Dennis and Kathy Campbell, Tom Jackson, Kathryn Simmons, Dave Linscheid, and Doris Whillock.) Thank you.

Join the BCMC Creation Care Task Group!

God calls the church to participate in the redemption of individuals, all of humanity and creation. Therefore ministries of environmental stewardship and environmental justice are important here at BCMC. The Creation Care Task Group has been on hiatus for a few years and is now beginning again. Areas of focus to promote creation care for this task group include worship, education, lifestyle practices, and community, national, and global environmental activities. If you are interested in participating with this group, please contact the church office at office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. You can also contact Duane Friesen from the Witness Commission if you have questions regarding the work of this group.

BCMC has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for emergency use but needs congregation members to administer its use, if and when necessary. Bill Swartley has offered to do a training session to facilitate this. Anyone who is interested and willing to assist with using the AED, may contact the church office at office@bethelcollegemennonite church.org. Bill will then set up a time for training.

Life Enrichment for March 16—Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College

9:30 “Russia, Ukraine, and Our World of Competing Visions: Can Civil Society counter Oligarchic Capitalism?,” Janine Wedel, professor at the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, Washington, DC

10:50 “Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?,” Henry S. Waters, DMA, director of choral music/associate professor music, with the Bethel College Chamber Singers, Open Road, and Woven

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Sun., March 12 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Nationally recognized local artist Phil Epp will present “Images of Art and Design in Central Asia,”** a program related to the museum’s current special exhibit, “Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia.”
- **Mon., March 20 – Bethel College presents the 3rd annual Ada Schmidt-Tieszen Lecture, 11 a.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (regular convocation). Dr. Tonya Hansel, faculty at the Tulane University School of Social Work, will speak on “Climate Change and Severe Weather Events: Social Workers’ Present and Future Roles in Disaster Relief and Recovery.”
- **SAVE THE DATE: March 24-26, spring musical at Bethel College: *tick, tick ... BOOM!*** by Jonathan Larson
- **Sun., March 26 and Mon., March 27 – Staley Lecture at Bethel College with Phuc Luu,** a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, author of *Jesus of the East*. Sunday: 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel; Monday: 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, “Trailing the Schoolchildren’s Blizzard” chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm’s route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton. The annual meeting will be March 12, 2:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.