

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as it hosts a church planting summit in San Antonio this weekend with the theme *Being the Church, Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are*.

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 19, 2023

### Lent 4: Called to the Light



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**

**March 19, 2023**

**Lent 4: Called to the Light**

Prelude *Passacaglia, from BWV 582* (J.S. Bach)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ

Christ Candle Lighting Elizabeth Schmidt

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

**People: We shall not want.**

**All: Restore us through your Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the comfort of your presence.**

Welcome and Prayer

\*Hymn *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* VT 764

Children's Conversation Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Harold Thieszen

Anthem *O God, Beyond All Praising!*  
Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading John 9: 1-41  
Readers' Theatre Coralee Shenk, Richard Friesen,  
Aaron Tschetter, Kevin Neufeld

Sermon *Mud in your eyes!* Dorothy Nickel Friesen

\*Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* VT 738

Prayers of God's People

\*Hymn *Siyahamba (We Are Marching)* VT 793  
(Sing twice: first time; Xhousa; second time English)

\*Benediction

Leader: Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**

Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,

**All: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Postlude *Fanfare on "Mit Freuden zart"* (Brenda Portman)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen

\* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual— Ben Lichti

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**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 will be back in Newton on Thursday, March 23 and remain in Newton until Monday noon, March 27.** Roger checks his email, text and phone messages daily while he is in Topeka. So feel free to contact him when he's not in Newton.

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

**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 22 supper on the bulletin board or by emailing [office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)**

**Lilies for Easter.** You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase the lilies. The cost will be \$10 per lily. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service. You will be able to designate in honor of someone or in memory of someone with your Easter lily. There will be a table in the Gathering Place this Sunday, March 19, for you to sign up for a lily.

**BCMC Offering for March 5, 2023:** General Fund \$7,502; Bell Choir Fund \$100; Wed. Supper \$512; Sr Hi Youth \$25; Caring Fund \$459.65; Library Reserve Fund \$25; Jr Hi Fund \$65; Living Stones \$325; Kitchen Fund \$12.20; Mission Quilters \$165.

### **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](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org). You can also contact Duane Friesen from the Witness Commission if you have questions regarding the work of this group.

**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](mailto: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.

**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 19-26, 2023**

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

9:30 am Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/SP91ZmpvBtw?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)

#### **Tue., Mar. 21, 2023**

7 pm Women's Fellowship meeting in Fellowship Hall

#### **Wed., Mar. 22, 2023**

6 pm Wednesday night meal in Fellowship Hall—Menu is: Baked potato bar with all the fixings, dessert. Please bring your own table service.

7 pm Senior High Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

#### **Thurs., Mar. 23, 2023**

4 pm Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

7 pm Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

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

#### **Sat., Mar. 25, 2023**

11 am Memorial service for Grace Schroeder in the Sanctuary

#### **Sun, Mar. 26, 2023—Lent 5: Called to Life**

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz

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

**BCMC Women's Fellowship meets March 21 in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. to hear Raylene Heinz-Penner** present how her book, *East of Liberal*, came to be. The book is available at Kauffman Museum and Faith and Life Bookstore. It isn't necessary that you have read the book. Use the south-east door.

**The financial figures at the end of February indicate that 2023 ranks 13th in the last 16 years in the percent of the budget collected.** Collections have been \$16,500 less than expenditures; that comes to 13% of the budget collected and 16.7% of the year spent. Please note that we have two major expenses on the horizon which are the required update of the fire safety system and replacing a heating/cooling unit. - *Finance Committee*

### **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 Biłda-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.

### **The BCMC Task Group for Indigenous Justice offers two opportunities to join in demonstrating solidarity for preserving the Oak Flat sacred site.**

1. Sunday, March 19, immediately after the worship service ends. Exit the front entrance and gather outside in front of the Peace Garden for a brief prayer and photo to send in solidarity.
2. Monday evening, March 20, Sunset Prayer on the Eve of the Court Case to Save Oak Flat. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the pickleball court at the intersection of North Anderson and Lakewood Circle in North Newton. Bring a friend.

**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.

**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 15 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., 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. 19 or 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*

### **Life Enrichment for March 23—Krehbiel Auditorium**

**9:30** "Celebrating 75 Years of the Newton Mexican-American Men's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament," Paul Vega, Newton, and Raymond Olais, North Newton  
**10:35** "20,000 Geese and YOU!," Libby Albers, assistant director, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Newton  
**11:30** "Life at Newton Grand Central Senior Center," with songs by the Golden Notes Choir, Lynne Beth, director, Grand Central Senior Center

### **Bethel College Announcements:**

- **Mon., March 20 – Bethel College presents the 3rd annual Ada Schmidt-Tieszen Lecture, 11 a.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium (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."
- **Fri., Mar. 24, Sat., Mar. 25, Sun., Mar. 26 – Spring musical at Bethel College, tick, tick ... BOOM! by Jonathan Larson;** Krehbiel Auditorium. Ticket purchase required (buy on campus weekdays at Thresher Shop, or online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts> – scroll to bottom of page).
- **Sun., Mar. 26 and Mon., Mar. 27 – Staley Lectures at Bethel College** with Phuc Luu, a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, author of *Jesus of the East*. Sun. 7 p.m., "Ida B. Wells, the sinned against, and Minjung theology: African-American and Asian voices in harmony," Administration Building chapel; Mon.: 11 a.m., "Where does all the pain go?": God's broken body, trauma and the healing of *han*," Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Tues., Mar. 28 – Bethel College Jazz concert,** directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Thurs., Mar. 30 – "What's happening in the statehouse?,"** a forum on Kansas politics featuring journalists from the Kansas Reflector, moderated by Adam Strunk, managing editor of Harvey County Now, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Forum co-sponsors are the Bethel Department of Communication Arts and HCN. The Kansas Reflector is a nonprofit, online publication with Kansas' largest statehouse bureau. The public is invited.
- **Fri., Mar. 31 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Bryce Wilson,** saxophone, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **Fri., Mar. 31 – The public is invited to the final round of Bethel College's C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest,** 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee, the annual competition takes place on North American Mennonite college campuses, with an overall winner chosen from among the campus winners. The original speeches deal with contemporary peace concerns.
- **Now in the Regier Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "Printing on the Plains: Woodcuts by Ian Huebert," through Fri., April 14 (artist reception April 13). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.