

**Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Naomi Tice. Naomi serves as the administrative assistant for volunteer placements with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), an agency that sends German youth to participate in Mission Network service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Like Paul in the book of Romans, we ask for your prayers for believers who share the good news of Jesus with their neighbors, for the volunteers and pastors who lead our congregations, and for the planters of the Gospel seed. *-WDC Church Planting Commission*

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

- Pastor Nathan Koontz, Day off: Wednesday  
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- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

## Bethel College Mennonite Church

### March 26, 2023

### Lent 5: Called to Life



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 26, 2023**

**Lent 5: Called to Life**

Prelude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Settings by Brahms, Buxtehude, Walther  
Karen Schlabaugh

Christ Candle Lighting Raylene Hinz-Penner

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: If you kept a record of sin, who would stand a chance?

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

**All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word. Blessed be your name.**

Welcome and Prayer

\*Hymn *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

Children's Conversation Kathy Stucky

\*Hymn *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-10; John 11:1-6, 17, 20-27, 32-44  
Jeanette Stucky and Roger Juhnke

Sermon *The Resurrection and the Life* Nathan Koontz

\*Hymn *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT 568

Prayers of God's People

\*Hymn *Blest Be the Tide That Binds* VT 831  
People with *March birthdays* come forward for a blessing,  
please bring a hymnal

\*Benediction

Leader: Put your hope in the Lord.

**People: The Lord is unfailing love,**

Leader: and with God is full redemption.

**People: God will bring us up from our graves.**

**All: God will redeem life into wholeness.**

Postlude *In Thee Lord, Have I Put My Trust* (J. C. Bach)  
Karen Schlabaugh

You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Audio visual— Francis Toews

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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.**

**The Deacon Commission invites you to donate to our Caring Fund budget, which has been depleted due to needs in our community.** A fishbowl will be available for you in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support. - *The Deacon Commission*

**Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith will travel back to Topeka tomorrow at noon. He will be back in Newton on Wed., Apr. 5.** Roger checks his phone daily while he is in Topeka, so feel free to contact him by phone or email when he's not in Newton.

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

**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 29 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 26, for you to sign up for a lily.

**The Central Kansas Master Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, will give their final concert of the season, Sun., March 26, 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson.** The chorale will feature *Requiem for the Living* by American composer Dan Forrest who composed the work as a tribute requiem for both the living and the past. The chorale dedicates this performance to victims and survivors of COVID 19, an experience which began three years ago this month. Audience members will be invited to name a COVID ribbon and tack it to the cross in Trinity's sanctuary. In its second year, the Central Kansas Master Chorale is a collection of select vocalists from around the area committed to advancing the art of choral music by performing great works of the past and present, fostering music education, and enriching and inspiring the culture of our broad community. Even though all participants bring special talents and gifts, art is achieved only through continual dedication and hard work. Garber holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Oklahoma, a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Vocal Performance from Bethel College, and an Associate of Arts degree from Hesston College. Admission is free to the event but donations will be accepted.

**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.

**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.

**Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2. Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship.** There will be a variety show on Saturday evening and a worship service on Sunday morning. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

**This Week at BCMC: March 19-26, 2023**

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

9:30 am Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/5yMZyl-ZPyQ?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)

**Mon., Mar. 27, 2023**

10 am Staff meeting in Room 14

**Wed., Mar. 29, 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., Mar. 30, 2023**

4 pm Hospitality Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

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

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Matt and Rebecca Schloneger

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

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

**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, which comes to 13% of the budget collected and 16.7% of the year spent. We have two major expenses on the horizon: the required update of the fire safety system and replacement of the HVAC unit in the nursery. - *Finance Committee*

**BCMC Offering for March 19, 2023:** General Fund \$10,651.66; Wed. Supper \$251.21; Living Stones \$283; Flower Fund \$100; Women's Fellowship \$50.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Life Enrichment for March 30**—Krehbiel Auditorium  
**9:30** "Theatre as Restorative Justice," Lauren Friesen, Ph.D., David M. French Professor Emeritus of Theater at the University of Michigan  
**10:50** "Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills," Rex Buchanan, Lawrence

#### **Bethel College Announcements:**

- **Sun., March 26 and Mon., March 27 – Staley Lectures** at Bethel College with Phuc Luu, 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., March 28 – Bethel College Jazz concert**, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Thurs., March 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., March 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 in Luyken Fine Arts Center. 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.
- **Fri., March 31 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Bryce Wilson, saxophone, 7 p.m.,** Administration Building chapel
- **Sat., April 1 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m.** start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.
- **Wed., April 5 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kristopher Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Thurs., April 6 – Junior recital by Isaac Tice, voice, 7 p.m.,** Administration Building chapel
- **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: Mon., April 17 – Rachel Stroer**, president of The Land Institute in Salina, will speak at Bethel College.