

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Martine Audéoud, who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for her and her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC congregations seeking faithful ways to care for God's creation and practice environmental stewardship.

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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- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church

April 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> (arr. J. Westenkuehler) Will Wiebe-Friesen
Christ Candle Lighting	George Leary
Welcome and Prayer	
*Hymn	<i>Now The Green Blade Rises</i> VT 353
Children's Conversation	Tim Hodge
Anthem	<i>Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> (Morris) Chancel Bells Verlene Garber, director; Mike Claassen, trumpet; Will Wiebe-Friesen, piano
Kin-dom Report	Ada Schmidt-Tieszen
*Hymn	<i>Be Not Afraid</i> VT 356
Scripture Reading	John 20:19-31 Miriam Nofsinger
Sermon	<i>Life In Jesus' Name</i> Nathan Koontz
*Hymn of Response	<i>The Risen Christ</i> VT 345
Prayers of God's People	
*Hymn	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i> (v. 1-5) VT 347
*Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land</i> (Arnold) Chancel Bells

* You are invited to stand
VT — *Voices Together*
Audio visual—Francis Toews

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.

Many Thanks!

Thanks to the youth group and the Proutys for leading and hosting the Easter Sunrise Service last Sunday. It was a beautiful service to match the beautiful morning. **Thanks to Judy Harder and the children and youth who made up Judy's Company** for wonderful reenactments of both the Palm Sunday Parade and the Easter morning meeting of disciples after the women's visit to the tomb. Those reenactments help us realize what it must have been like for the disciples and what it could be like for us to follow Jesus today. **Thanks to all of the musicians** who made our Easter Sunday service so gloriously joyful!

Offertory at BCMC

As a way of acknowledging our offertory during our Sunday morning worship, starting this second Sunday of Easter, the ushers will bring up the offertory trays to the communion table during the Hymn of Response. Then, as we have already been doing, the worship leader will give thanks for the offering during the Prayers of God's People. The offering trays are located in the back of the sanctuary on the tables near the ushers. You are invited to place your offering into the tray as you enter the sanctuary. If you happen to forget, offering trays will also be present at the end of the service in the same location. Thank you for your monetary contributions and all the many other ways that you contribute to the life and ministries of BCMC.

With 25% of the year gone, we have raised about 20% of the church's budget. Our deficit for the year is about \$18,000; March deficit was about \$1700, so we are moving in the right direction. Our challenge for April is to break even or to have a surplus. Thank you for your effort! —*Finance Committee*

The next congregational meeting will be Sun., May 7, 10:45 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Meeting will be in the sanctuary and made available live on YouTube only while the meeting is in progress; it will not be recorded. Votes from remote viewers can be texted to a number available in the May 7 bulletin and announced at the beginning of the meeting. Agenda items include approval of new commission, committee, and board members; updates from the Search Committee and Credence Report Task Group; and reports from several task groups and staff.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC) performs today, Sun., Apr. 16, 7 p.m. at the Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS. Their next performance will be Sun., Apr. 23, 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton. The KMMC is a large, all-volunteer male choir. In recent seasons membership has topped 300. Their motto is "we sing that others may live." Offerings taken at KMMC concerts are donated to the Mennonite Central Committee.

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 in person or virtually. In-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church, 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. More information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop Thurs., Apr. 20, 6:30 p.m., an in-person workshop at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, about Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at central.kansas@everence.com or 316-283-3800, or 877-467-7294.

Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to be a Junior Volunteer at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton or Schowalter Villa in Hesston June 1 through July 28. Junior Volunteers help facilitate activities with residents in health care and/or assisted living, including playing games, reading, going on walks and more. An application is required and must be submitted by May 10. Spaces are limited. Proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination series required. For application, contact 620-327-4821 or shelley@bluestemks.org.

Bethel College senior Taylor Dashney has organized a donation drive to benefit the International Rescue Committee (IRC), which works to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster (see irc.org for more information or to make a financial contribution). Taylor is looking for NEW kitchenware, bathroom items and other small necessities (socks, towels, laundry supplies). These can be dropped at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel campus Mon.-Fri., Apr. 17-21, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or email Taylor taylorpdashney@bethelks.edu

This Week at BCMC: April 16—23, 2023

Sun, Apr. 16, 2023—Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/A1dF3DZGcgk?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) Topic for Sunday: "Mennonite Contribution to the Dutch Golden Age" by Lauren Friesen;** Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Open Circle (Room 21) Seekers (Rm 28)

4:30—6:30 p.m. Faith Exploration Class in Room 28

Mon., Apr. 17, 2023

11 am Staff meeting in Room 14

6 pm Search Committee meeting in Room 14

Tue., Apr. 18, 2023

7 pm Women's Fellowship meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wed., Apr. 19, 2023

7 pm Senior High Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Apr. 20, 2023

4 pm Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 pm Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

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

Sun., Apr. 23, 2023—Creation Care Sunday

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Elizabeth Schmidt; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Faith Formation

BCMC Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday, April 18, in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. to enjoy a 'piano duo' followed by tea, sandwiches, scones, and shortbread. Use the south-east door.

BCMC Offering for April 9, 2023: General Fund \$22,941.37; Wed. Supper \$357; Caring Fund \$2,034.06; Living Stones \$200; Flower Fund \$20; Kitchen Fund \$22.

Roger Neufeld Smith will return to Newton Wednesday morning, Apr. 19. Roger checks his phone messages and texts daily while in Topeka, so feel free to contact him via phone or email.

The church's telephone issues have been resolved; 316-283-3667 is working.

Pastor Nathan Koontz will be on vacation from April 18-22.

The BCMC Camp Mennoscah Retreat is just around the corner! This year's retreat is the weekend of Apr. 29-30, and will feature many of the favorites of retreats past! We will gather this year with Halstead First Mennonite for a couple of days playing in the sand, worshipping, and in fellowship at Camp Mennoscah - located on the Ninnescah river near Murdock. People can come out on Sat. (after 1), Sun. (anytime, but worship will likely be around 10 a.m.), or both - and meals will be served! We'll have a hayrack ride, popcorn, and some great experiences for all ages! If you're interested in participating, use the following link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/m5wycZsfQ8fmWaqC9> If you have questions about the retreat or schedule, contact Adam Robb by email—adamandjillrobb@gmail.com No worship will take place in the BCMC Sanctuary on Sun., Apr. 30, so we hope to see you at Camp Mennoscah!

Progress with Pastoral Search—At its Apr. 6 meeting, the BCMC Board approved the Congregational Information Form completed by the Search Committee and the job description for the new pastoral position. The Search Committee is now sending these two documents to Western District Conference for official announcement and advertisement of our open pastoral position. The job description is for a full-time Co-Pastor. The overview from the job description follows: Primary areas of emphasis will be worship, facilitating the teamwork of pastors and staff, work with board and commissions/committees, and participating with other pastors and staff in the caregiving team. Within the context of a flexible pastoral and staff team, additional emphases can be determined by the pastoral team in conversation with the church board, Staff Congregation Relations Committee, and other groups as appropriate. Depending upon the gifts and interests of the candidate, the following areas of emphasis may be included: pastoral care or other caregiving within the congregation, youth ministry, spiritual and faith formation, and community work for social justice. This position is accountable to the BCMC Church Board. The Staff Congregation Relations Committee will provide support, counsel, and feedback. The following offered input or feedback concerning the job description: the Staff Congregation Relations Committee, Search Committee, board, pastors, Kathy Neufeld Dunn (Western District Conference staff), and several experienced congregation members. Both Search Committee and Board appreciated the congregational input from the congregational priorities survey. Thanks to all who participated in this process; we ask for the congregation's ongoing support.

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!!

Save the Date—BCMC will be hosting the community Vacation Bible School this year, held May 30-June 2 with a joint worship service on the Bethel College Lawn at 10 a.m., June 4. A QR code and link for Registration will be available starting April 30. We are looking for volunteers! If you feel called to volunteer for the week please fill out the bulletin insert and put it in either Jill Robb or Mary Ellen Hodge's box, or send either of us an email. Youth older than 5th grade who would like to volunteer will be paired with an adult. We would love to plug you in!

Life Enrichment for April 20—Krehbiel Auditorium

9:30 a.m. "Celebrating 25 Years of Sand Creek Trail at Bethel College," Sand Creek Trail Committee members

10:50 a.m. "Substantive Subjects, Sports Surprises, and Silly Shenanigans: The History and Traditions of Bethel College," Dale Schrag, retired Bethel College director of church relations, North Newton

Bethel College Announcements:

- **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.
- **Sun., Apr. 23 – Junior recital by Bethel College student Josie Epp, piano, 4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium**
- **Weds., Apr. 26 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium**
- **Sun., Apr. 30 – Masterworks concert at Bethel College, 4 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE),** featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Mozart *Krönungsmesse* ("Coronation Mass") and Beethoven *Fantasia, Op. 80* ("Choral Fantasy"); *Memorial Hall*