

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Celebrate Easter by sharing the good news of Jesus' victory over the grip of evil in our world. Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 49 countries around the world in proclaiming this message to those whom you encounter today and every day.

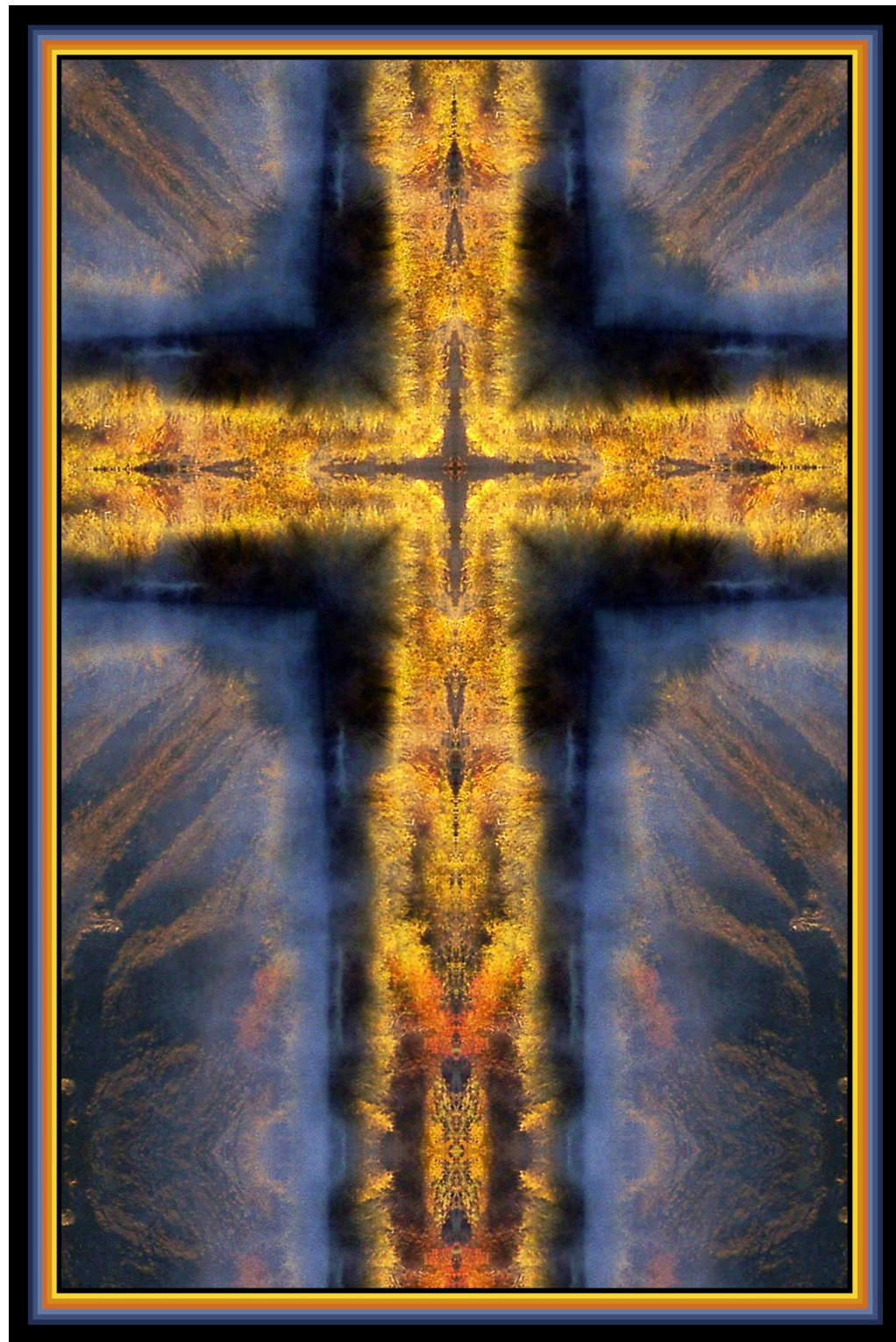
Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for WDC congregations as they embody the good news of new life in Christ!

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
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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



April 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY

*Hymn *Thine is the Glory* VT 355
(last verse in unison)

Thank you to Matthew Koontz and Josh Brubacher for hanging the banners.

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.

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.

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.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop Thurs., Apr. 20, 6:30 p.m., 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. There will be time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

This Week at BCMC: April 9—16, 2023

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

10 am Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday is: https://youtube.com/live/p_vSN5lytUw?feature=share

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School—There is no Sunday school this Easter Sunday

Mon., Apr. 10, 2023

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

11 am Staff meeting in Room 14

7:15 pm Community Playschool Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., Apr. 12, 2023

6 pm Indigenous Justice Group meeting in Room 14

7 pm Senior High Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thurs., Apr. 13, 2023

4 pm Creation Care Committee meeting in Room 21

6:30 pm Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

7 pm Finance Committee meeting in Room 14

Sun., Apr. 16, 2023

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Bells

Women's Fellowship Executive Board meets April 10 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

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*

BCMC Offering for April 2, 2023: General Fund \$6,308.34; Wed. Supper \$253; Caring Fund \$730; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Living Stones \$183.34; Flower Fund \$20.

Roger's Whereabouts - Roger will be in Newton until Monday at noon (tomorrow). He will return to Newton on Wednesday morning, April 19. Roger checks his phone messages and texts daily while he is in Topeka, so feel free to contact him via phone or email.

The church is having telephone issues. The church's main number—316-283-3667 will not send or receive calls. We are working to get this issue resolved. In the meantime, you can reach the church by phone by using the number 316-283-3668. You can also email the church office.

The BCMC Camp Mennoscah Retreat is just around the corner! This year's retreat will be the weekend of April 29 & 30, and will feature many of the favorites of retreats past! We will gather this year again 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, KS. People can come out on Saturday (after 1), Sunday (anytime, but worship will likely be around 9:30 a.m.), or both - and meals will be served! We'll have a hayrack ride, pop pop-corn, and have some great experiences for all ages! If you're interested in participating, please use the following link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/m5wycZsfQ8fmWaqC9> And if you have any questions about the retreat or schedule, please reach out to Adam Robb at adamandjillrobb@gmail.com or via phone at 620-747-0185. No worship will take place in the BCMC Sanctuary on Sunday, April 30, so we hope to see you at Camp Mennoscah!

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). For more information about the sale visit the table in the Gathering Place or visit fo@www.kansas.mccsale.org or [Facebook@Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale](https://www.facebook.com/KansasMennoniteReliefSale)

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 13—Krehbiel Auditorium

9:30 "My Walk Through the Holy Land: Where Jesus Lived While on Earth, Father Andrew Bergkamp, pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newton

10:50 "Connections Between Mennonites and the Stutthof Concentration Camp," Mark Jantzen, Ph.D., Bethel College professor of history

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Thurs., April 13 – Closing reception for Ian Huebert and "Printing the Plains," 6-8 p.m.,** Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Exhibit closes Fri., April 14. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.
- **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.
- **Sun., April 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*