

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for pastoral candidates, and for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, as they discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit for future ministerial 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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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

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- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church

June 18, 2023



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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Juneteenth Sunday

Prelude	<i>Go Down, Moses</i> (arr. Wilhelmi) <i>Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child</i> (arr. Wilhelmi) <i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> (arr. Shackley)	Will Wiebe-Friesen
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer		Jim Juhnke
*Hymn	<i>Praise with Joy the World's Creator</i>	VT 428
Children's Conversation		Esther Koontz
Worship Music	<i>Steal Away</i> (arr. H.T. Burleigh)	Matt Schloneger
Land Acknowledgement		Valetta Seymour
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalms 100; Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:1-8</i>	Susie and Bill Swartley
Sermon	<i>Lamentation and Celebration</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn of Response	<i>O Healing River</i>	VT 706
Prayers of God's People		
Commissioning of New Leaders		VT 965
*Hymn	<i>Go, My Friends, in Grace</i>	VT 810
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Adoration</i> (Florence B. Price)	Will Wiebe-Friesen

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

Offertory at BCMC

As a way of acknowledging our offertory during our Sunday morning worship, 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.**

Land Acknowledgement compiled by Florence Schloneger from words by Mark Charles and VT #878

As we do on a Sunday of each month,
we acknowledge that we worship
on the land of the Kanza, Osage, and Wichita.
We thank them for their care and respect for this land
and acknowledge the injustice of their forced removal.
We ask the Spirit to heal our histories
and find new paths of right relationships with them
and all of creation.

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.

Congratulations to BCMC, May was a great month financially! For the 2nd consecutive month we have had a positive monetary balance. With continued effort in June, we will enter the 2nd half of the year in a strong financial position. Finance Committee

Care Connections Opportunity: Volunteers are needed to provide transportation for BCMCers to medical appointments, including appointments in Wichita. If you're available and can provide loving care for one another in this way at this time, please call Elizabeth at the church office, or send an email to elizabeth@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35 ESV)

Roger's Whereabouts : Roger will be returning to Topeka this afternoon, June 18. He will be back at BCMC next Sunday, June 25, for worship and to attend the Casa Betania 15th Anniversary Celebration at First Mennonite Church. He will stay for the regular BCMC staff meeting on Monday, then drive back to Topeka Monday afternoon, June 26. Roger checks his email and phone messages regularly for messages, so feel free to contact him via email or text while he is in Topeka.

You are invited to the Harvey County Circle of Hope Graduation, Tue., June 20, at the First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton. Dinner is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the Graduation Ceremony is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Child-care is available. Come see how your gift to Circle of Hope impacts lives throughout our community.

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity? New Hope Shelter would happily welcome you. BCMC needs to send 2 volunteers every evening for a week every 9 weeks, and you would be asked if you could serve one of those evenings. But a commitment every 9 weeks is not required. There is a volunteer training June 15 at 7:30. Please contact Valetta Seymour if you are interested or have questions: seymour2314@gmail.com or 620-217-7536. There will be refresher volunteer training on June 22 at 7:30 for those who want to brush up on their volunteer knowledge.

Current donation needs for New Hope:

Lunch meat, sliced cheese, Miracle Whip, salad dressings, milk, pancake syrup, peanut butter and jelly. Paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, saran wrap, sandwich bags, masking tape.

Staff position opening: Western District Conference seeks a quarter-time Fund Development Coordinator beginning July 2023 to cultivate donor relationships and congregational giving, promote planned giving, and generate creative fundraising initiatives. Qualifications include communication, fund-raising and development skills. Position description and application form at <https://mennowdc.org/employment/>. Please submit application and letter of interest to heidirk@mennowdc.org.

Staff position opening: Western District Conference seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10, at WDC's North Newton, KS, office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC's mission and priorities. For position description and application form, see <https://mennowdc.org/employment/>. Interested applicants please submit application form and letter of interest to the Conference Minister at heidirk@mennowdc.org.

BCMC Offering for June 4, 2023: General Fund \$4,032.33; Living Stones \$200.

June 11, 2023: General Fund \$6,040; Caring Fund \$250; Living Stones \$250; Esther Thieszen Memorial \$150; Kitchen Fund \$17.

This Week at BCMC: June 18-25, 2023

Sun, June 11, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday is:

https://youtube.com/live/_8qMdqXAQZc?feature=share

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Faith Formation—High School (Room 24) Adult Classes: Agape Class meets in the nursery; Catacombs (Rm B5) ; Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Open Circle (Room 21) Seekers (Rm 28)

Mon., June 19, 2023—Juneteenth is a holiday for the church staff; building will be locked and office will be closed

Tue., June 20, 2023

11 a.m. Staff meeting in Room 14

Wed., June 21, 2023

7 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

Thurs., June 22, 2023

3:30 p.m. Bethel College Women's Association Executive Group meets in Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Deacon Commission meets in Room 14

7 p.m. Hospitality Commission meets in Fellowship Hall

Sun., June 25, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; June birthday recognition

3 p.m. Program in Fellowship Hall with John Stoesz. John Stoesz will talk about the "Repair Network Project" in Mountain Lake, MN

There will be an orientation for new commission, board, and committee members today during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Continuing members of groups need not attend this orientation, although all those interested are welcome.

Pastor Nathan Koontz will be on vacation June 19-24.

Congregational Care Coordinator Elizabeth Schmidt will be on vacation June 24-30.

A note on the postlude piece, *Adoration*: Florence B. Price (1887-1953) was an African American woman and a prolific composer of high quality keyboard, symphonic, and vocal music works that were only published long after her death, in the last 20 years.

We offer sympathy to Karen Bertrand and Keith Bertrand on the death of their mother, Helen Bertrand. Helen died June 15, 2023 at Kidron Bethel Village. A date for the memorial service will be announced later.

Children and Youth of BCMC: Read a book. Earn a Book. This summer, you can earn a book for the New Hope Shelter for each book checked out, read, and returned. Visit the table outside the door to the children's room of the BCMC church library for more information. The challenge is to fill a whole shelf of books for homeless children and youth.

The Library Theme for June and July are Library Committee suggestions for Everybody/Junior books for the summer reading contest. As has already been noted, this contest is for any student who checks out a book from our library, reads it independently, reads it with someone or someone reads it to a student, and then returns it. We are excited to see how many books will be purchased for New Hope Shelter. —*The Library Committee*

BCMC Pride Month Activities

June is Pride month for LGBTQIA persons and our church plans to celebrate and raise awareness for those who identify as LGBTQIA in the following ways.

-Pride banners are hung outside our church building during the month of June. Thanks to Oscar Gonzalez, Graphic Design Coordinator at Bethel College, for his design!

-Nathan Koontz of BCMC represented the local Supportive Communities Network (SCN) during worship at Faith Mennonite as they celebrated joining SCN. SCN is part of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests. Local SCN congregations include BCMC, Shalom, New Creation, and Lorraine Avenue.

-This month the Bethel College Mennonite Church Inclusion Task Group sent a letter to the Mennonite Central Committee encouraging them to eliminate their discriminatory policies towards LGBTQIA persons. To learn more about MCC's lifestyle policy (HR 152) and our letter, please contact Karen Ediger, John Kliwer, Nathan Koontz, or Karen Penner of the Inclusion Task Group.

-The congregation is invited to join in various Wichita Pride activities throughout the month of June. Go to the wichitapride.org website for more details. Of special note is the Pride Parade on June 25. The route will begin at the Old Courthouse and end at Century II.

THE premier handbell choir Rezound! out of Kansas City will be performing today, June 18, 7 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2525 N. Rock Rd., Wichita.

MCC School Kit Challenge: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can't get the education they desperately need. Enter, the **School Kit Challenge:** 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Plus, we've got a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS students! Download our free School Kit Challenge activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God's love. **To learn more about this challenge and to download this free guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.**

Kauffman Museum is offering an intergenerational Uncle Carl's Camp called "Pottery Possibilities," July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on the Bethel campus. Campers will start with hand-building before throwing on potter's wheels, and wrap up the week with glazing and an outdoor firing (weather permitting). Completed artwork may be picked up at a later date. No previous experience is required. To sign up or to explore other Uncle Carl's Camp offerings, stop by Kauffman Museum (27th & North Main, North Newton) to pick up a brochure or visit <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/>

A Gift for You—The WDC Resource Library summer reading program for all ages includes a gift for you. Stop by the library from May 30-August 10 to pick out a wrapped package and a response sheet or request one be mailed to you. The book/DVD/resource inside is yours to keep. Fill out a response sheet and return to the library for a ticket into the prize drawing (gift cards for teens/adults and a prize bag for kids). The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton. For questions and mailing requests, email crlib@mennowdc.org

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania invites local Mennonite congregations to a 15th anniversary service Sun., June 25, 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st St., Newton, where Casa Betania worships. After the service there will be a time of fellowship with a meal. Casa Betania will provide main dishes and an anniversary cake. Guests do not need to bring food, but those who would like to bring something are welcome to share a salad or fruit.