

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for staff at Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) as they prepare to begin their two-week summer training session in South Korea. Pray for fruitful relationship building and learning as NARPI brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for all who will participate in the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend, Aug 11-13, as we gather for worship, work and fellowship around the theme Holy (Wholly) Listening / Escuchar con Atención a Dios y al Pueblo.

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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- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
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Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 6, 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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Prelude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in C</i> (JS Bach)	Will Wiebe-Friesen
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer		Raylene Hinz-Penner
*Hymn	<i>Here in This Place</i> (v.1,2,4)	VT 10
Kin-dom Report	MCC School Kit Challenge	Lincoln Kohlman
Children's Conversation		Esther Koontz
Land Acknowledgement		Raylene Hinz-Penner
*Hymn	<i>By the Waters of Babylon</i>	VT 695
Scripture Reading	<i>Voices Together</i> 13 <i>Voices Together</i> 783 John 4:3-7, 9-10,19-24 Darlene Dick and Raylene Hinz-Penner	Darlene Dick
Sermon	<i>Finding a Place in the World</i>	Roger Neufeld Smith
*Hymn	<i>Let Us Build a House</i> (v.1,2,5)	VT 36
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (v. 1,2,5)	VT 549
Benediction	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i>	VT 832
Postlude	<i>The Kingsfold Trumpet</i> (Alfred Fedak)	Will Wiebe-Friesen

Audio-visual—Ken Lamp
Keyboard—Will Wiebe-Friesen
Guitar—Roger Neufeld Smith

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.

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

*As we do on the first 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.*

Please join us today, August 6 during the Sunday School hour to help pack MCC School Kit bags in Fellowship Hall. Because of your generous donations, enough supplies were able to be purchased for approximately 200 school supply bags! Supplies for the bags are set up in an assembly style to facilitate easy assembly.

Roger's Whereabouts : Pastor Roger will be in Newton until this afternoon. Then Roger (and Cynthia) will be helping their daughter move from Durham, North Carolina to Los Angeles, CA. So Roger will be "on the road" for a couple of weeks. He will probably NOT have internet access for much of this time. But he will try to check his email and text messages when he can. Email roger@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org or text or call (785-220-1968.) Roger plans to be back in the BCMC office on Wednesday, August 23.

Congratulations to Pastor Elizabeth Schmidt

Elizabeth Schmidt, Congregational Care Coordinator here at BCMC, received a License for Special Ministry from the Western District Conference Ministerial Leadership Commission on August 2. We will be celebrating this milestone of pastoral ministry on September 3 during worship. We are so thankful for Elizabeth's call and gifts in ministry.

BCMC Offering for July 30, 2023: General Fund \$2,707; MCC \$25; Living Stones \$175; Kitchen Fund \$14; Women's Fellowship \$50.

The Mennonite Central Committee School Kit Challenge is going strong, thank you for helping us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August! School kits now include four new blue or black ball-point pens. The MCC material resources center in North Newton is very low on pens and notebooks. Please keep these needs in mind as you see these items for sale this month. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720. A full list of MCC kit contents and other challenge resources can be found at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

Lincoln and Lawrence Kohlman and the MCC School Kit Challenge! Their goal was to pack and donate 100 school kits by the end of August. Today with your help, they will be packing about 200 school kits!

The Women's & Girls Retreat will be Sept. 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Retreat theme is "Women Talking, Listening and Creating." Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and story-telling with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Registration information and more details will be on the Western District Conference website, in the church bulletin, on the church bulletin board. Follow the Western District Women in Mission on Facebook.

You're invited to the Camp Mennoscah celebration of a summer of faith formation with some of your favorite camp songs. All ages, campers and others--everyone is invited Saturday, August 5, at 2 p.m. at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. There will be a freewill offering and iced coffee for purchase. Free pop will be available, but no popcorn this time. Singing will be held inside. Tell all your camp friends and come sing (or listen) your heart out!

MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please call Duane Unruh at MCC at 785-760-1390 or duaneunruh@mcc.org.

This Week at BCMC: August 6—13, 2023

Sun., August 6, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith

YouTube Link for this Sunday is: <https://youtube.com/live/R5OB4b4fuko?feature=share>

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

10:45 a.m. "Growing Up in Gaza—Bringing Peace and Justice to Israel-Palestine" will be presented by **Tareq Abuhallima**, today, 10:45-11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of this event is to create a safe space for education and dialogue about the Israel-Palestine conflict. Tareq, a graduate student with Bluffton University, will share his experiences growing up in Gaza, working for the Youth Vision Society, and his "Gaza Twinning" relationship with Manhattan Mennonite Church. **Bob Atchison** from the Manhattan Mennonite Church will be present for the discussion. Bob serves with Menno PIN (Mennonite Palestine Israel Network) and also with the Western District Conference Israel-Palestine Task Force. The presentation and following dialogue will also address antisemitism and other issues that surround this intractable conflict.

Bob and Tareq will also be presenting a workshop, "Creating Relationships and Understanding in Gaza" at the Western District Conference Assembly August 12.

Mon., August 7, 2023

10 a.m. Staff Meeting in Room 14

Tue., August 8, 2023

12 noon Mid-Kansas Investment Club meets in Fellowship Hall

Wed., August 9, 2023

4 p.m. Creation Care Committee meeting in Room 14

Sun., August 13, 2023—Worship will be at 10 a.m.

10 a.m. Worship with sermon by Pastor Nathan Koontz

August 13 BCMC worship with BC New Students

Next Sunday worship will begin at 10 a.m. on August 13 as we welcome new students from Bethel to our church. The new students will join us for worship and then for a time of fellowship afterwards. Please come and welcome our new neighbors!

My thanks to the many of you for the get well cards, telephone calls, food, even a Prayer Shawl, John cooking so many meals and taking me to every appointment. As promised recovery is slow! —*Bernice Esau*

Senior High Youth Group 23-24. As we begin a new year of youth group activities, our first task is to renovate our meeting space (room 24). Plans include painting the walls, increasing/improving the seating, and adding technology. We need your help. We are searching for good quality two person love seats. If you have a love seat to donate, please contact George at 316-587-6910 or george@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, or catch me in person. Thank you.

AUGUST 20/AUGUST 27 Repair Network Discussions:

The BCMC Task Group for Indigenous Justice, in its continuing work on dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery as a call for the Christian Church, invites the congregation to two post-worship discussions in the Fellowship Hall on August 20 and August 27. We will discuss the Repair Network, a coalition of 30 churches across the U.S. that supports church communities in education, solidarity and reparative action alongside Indigenous Peoples. We will share the seven steps recommended by the Repair Network to join and how BCMC has been working on those the past couple of years. We will also talk about what it would mean for BCMC to become a part of the Coalition. Please join our discussions with your ideas, comments, and questions.

The August/September Library theme is called "What's For Dinner?" In the doldrums of this extreme heat, come check out one of the library's books on food: either to find a new dish to prepare or sit back and enjoy a new read in the cool comfort of your own home. We'd love to help you find your next read.

Children and Youth of BCMC: Read a book. Earn a Book on or before August 27: Summer vacation is almost over, but you can still earn a book for the New Hope Shelter for each BCMC library book you check out, read, and return. And parents, grandparents, and friends of youth, you can help by checking out a book from the children's collection and reading it too, or with a child. The challenge is to fill a whole shelf of books for homeless children and youth. Visit the table outside the door to the children's room of the BCMC church library for more information.

On the advice of the Faith Formation Commission, the BCMC board renewed contracts for Jill Robb, our Faith Formation Coordinator (.2 FTE), and George Leary, our Youth Coordinator (.3 FTE), for an additional year. The contracts offer continuity through the summer as well as the coming program year. The church is so fortunate to have the inspired and dedicated work of each of these fine staff; please offer your appreciation to them!

Join us for the Western District Conference (WDC) Annual Assembly! It's for everybody on August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. We'll worship, work, eat great local food, enjoy local music, connect with new and old friends, experience faith formation for all ages, and have many choices of great workshops. We hope you'll agree Annual Assembly is a great place to learn about and grow in faith in Christ, care for the broader church, and worship our God of love and justice with God's people in Western District Conference!

BCMC still could use more delegates for the WDC Assembly. Delegates can also attend virtually. BCMC would be eligible to send 15 delegates to the Assembly. If you would like to be a delegate contact the BCMC office.

WDC Annual Assembly Delegate Session – Agenda for delegates will include an introduction to the conference-wide Listening Process, report on the Anti-Racism Audit, recognition of the closing of Trinity Mennonite Church and the introduction of two new church plants, update on conference facilities and finances, approval of the 2024 budget, highlights from the work of WDC commissions, election of new board, commission and committee leaders, and more! Delegate materials will be posted here as they are available: <https://mennowdc.org/2023-assembly-delegate-information/> ---- Register at <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-assembly-registration/> to join others from around the conference in our work together. Visit: <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-annual-assembly/> for more info on this summer's Assembly!

Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are supposed to be a good crop this year thanks to the moisture during the winter and spring. Please email patsydirksen@mcc.org to place your peach order from **July 24-August 5**. Two sizes are available: **10 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41**. Checks should be made payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line** and payment (cash/check only) is due by **August 5** to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on **Monday, August 21**. This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21.