

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Pray for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge en route to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for pastors beginning ministry assignments in WDC congregations, as they offer leadership and get to know new faith communities.

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 a.m.–12 p.m. Mon–Fri; 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Mon–Thur

Church office is closed Friday afternoons

Building is locked weekdays at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked

Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m. unless afternoon/evening activities are scheduled

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

Bethel College Mennonite Church

October 1, 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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World Communion Sunday

Prelude	<i>Sonata No. 6 “Vater unser”</i> (F. Mendelssohn) II. Fugue III. Finale: Andante	Will Wiebe-Friesen
Christ Candle Lighting		
Call to Worship and Prayer		Elizabeth Schmidt
Land Acknowledgement		Dale Schrag
*Hymn	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
Children’s Conversation		Judy Harder
Anthem	<i>At the Supper of the Lamb</i> (Lee Dengler) Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist	
Scripture Reading	John 6:30-35	Brad Born
Sermon	<i>What Is This Bread?</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	VT 478
Communion		VT 943, 944
Hymn	<i>Eat This Bread</i>	VT 476
Prayers of God’s People		
*Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God’s Blessing</i>	VT 812
Choral Benediction	<i>God Be in My Head</i> (John Rutter)	Chancel Choir
Postlude	<i>Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten</i> (J.S. Bach) Will Wiebe-Friesen	

* You are invited to stand
VT—*Voices Together*
Audio visual— Ken Lamp

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.

Roger's Whereabouts : Roger is in Newton the remainder of this week. He will be driving back to Topeka on Monday (10/2) but will return to Newton Thursday morning (10/5), staying until Sunday afternoon (10/8). Whether he's in Newton or Topeka, Roger checks his email and phone regularly, so feel free to contact him via email, text or phone call (785-220-1968).

Caring Fund Contribution Opportunity Sunday October 1. The Caring Fund is an above budget benevolent fund administered by the Deacon Commission for the purpose of assisting our congregation’s members and community persons in need. The fund is generated by above budget offerings made payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church and designated “caring fund.” Everence also provides some matching funds each year. Besides the financial help that can and has been provided to our own members, in the past year contributions from the Caring Fund have been made to our local Salvation Army, New Hope Shelter, Safe Hope, Harvest of Love, the Community Play-school, Peace Connections Circle of Hope, Newton Community Foundation, USD 373 student meals for low income, and several individuals to help with housing rent and utilities. Thank you for your continued support and contributions.

Thanks and Blessings to Valetta

We want to thank Valetta Seymour for her many years of volunteering at BCMC. She has served on numerous commissions and committees. She was the volunteer coordinator for our church at New Hope Shelter for about 10 years. She accompanied the Cherub Choir, was a youth mentor and helped in the nursery. Her passion for helping out wherever needed will be missed. She is moving to Nashville, TN to be with her daughter and her family. Her address will be 139 37th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209. We pray that she will continue to be a blessing in her new community.

Creation Care Challenge

Most of us are aware of the dangers that plastic bags are doing to our environment. So, let's take a challenge to address that issue. We are encouraging everyone to participate in collecting clean plastic bags for recycling. These bags can be delivered to BCMC and placed in a receptacle in the south entrance. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds in one year with a reward of a composite bench made from plastic. Please combine smaller bags into a larger bag rather than dropping in separate bags.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

M&M Project Update: The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Ministry Project (M&M) now total more than \$80,000! Gifts, small and large, continue to be given to the fund drive, and we are getting closer weekly to our goal of matching the generous gift of \$100,000 that started this matching drive. Thank you all so much! One such gift was given to Camp last Sunday during the 75th Anniversary Kick-Off. Members of the Primetime Sunday School Class, a class for ages 70-90, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, presented Camp with a check for \$1000, making them the latest of a long list of Fire Keepers. There are several events coming up, the income from which will go to support M&M. Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, is holding its annual Mission Supper Oct. 21 with proceeds to go to the M&M Project, and First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE, is planning to host a breakfast event to raise funds on Oct. 29. Now is the time to make your donation and become part of the M&M Project and the promise it represents. . Checks can be made to Camp with "M&M" in the memo line, or you can give your gifts online. Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah; tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org 316-207-3472 or Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111, 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Central Committee is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator. The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by October 16.

This Week at BCMC: October 1—8, 2023

Sun., October 1, 2023—World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship

YouTube Link for this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/IS9Ba5cekas?feature=share>

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School

10:45 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., October 2, 2023

10 a.m. Staff Meeting in Room 14

Tues., October 3, 2023

5-9 p.m. Outside event meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., October 4, 2023

7 p.m. Youth Group meeting

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Chancel area

Thurs., October 5, 2023

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

4 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee meeting in Room 14

7 p.m. Church Board meeting in Room 14

Sat., October 7, 2023

9-11:30 a.m. Leadership Retreat at Dyck Arboretum

Sun., October 8, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; Child dedication of Eliza Tschetter (Rebecca and Aaron Tschetter's daughter and Theodore's sister); Music by the Chancel Bells

The BCMC Congregation is invited to a Baby Sprinkle for Adam and Jill Robb, **today, 2-4 p.m.**, BCMC Fellowship Hall. Registry is: www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/surpriserobb Kathy Stucky (316-772-2479) & Elaine Prouty (316-772-2572)

For Your Calendars: Wednesday night suppers begin October 11.

BCMC Offering for September 24, 2023: General Fund \$4,197; Plant Fund \$50; Caring Fund \$250; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$100; Bequest \$15,565.44; Kitchen Fund \$16; Women's Fellowship \$396.

You did it again, congratulations! August giving resulted in a surplus of income over expenses. Four out of five months 'ain't bad'! Thank you so much for your efforts to keep the church financially solvent.

—Finance Committee

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will present "Through the Ages Hymn Festival" today, October 1, 3 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. Concert admission is free.

Expanding the Call! – BCMC Board, Commission and Standing Committee members are meeting this Saturday, October 1, at the Dyck Arboretum Visitors Center, 9:00 – 11:30 am for their annual Leaders' Retreat. We know that there are many folks who give leadership to all sorts of other BCMC committees, classes, and task groups. So, we are expanding our usual invitation list to include ALL BCMC LEADERS of any BCMC group to attend this year's Leader's Retreat. We will talk about what is going well at BCMC and how we might simplify our work so we might find more joy and creativity in our ministries. Email Monica at office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org and she will reserve a place for you. (We'll also have great snacks!)

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE - Oct. 13-14, Fri. 9 -5 and Sat. 9-3, at Mennonite Central Committee, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

Life Enrichment, Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium, October 4:
9:30 a.m. "Camp David International: Serving Children of Prisoners," Ben Smith, director, Hesston
10:50 a.m. "Code Delta—This is not a drill!," Carol and Donley Duerksen, Hillsboro

Call for volunteers – The Bethel College Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival. Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu, or use the following online forms: verenike booth, Taste of Newton: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AFAF22A1FDCF8-verenike3>; burger booth, Fall Fest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AFAF22A1FDCF8-burger1>; verenike booth, Fall Fest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AFAF22A1FDCF8-verenike2>

Bethel College Women's Association welcomes donations of baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and pies for Pie-by-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Bring homemade fruit pies, poppyseed roll, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, or other treats to room 140 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 2-5 p.m. Fri., Oct. 13 or 7-9 a.m. Sat., Oct. 14. Questions? Email bcwa@bethelks.edu. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Sat., Oct. 7 – "Wild Words: Poetry & Prairie,"** with Aubrey Streit Krug, 9:30 a.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. Streit Krug lives in Lindsborg and works at The Land Institute in Salina. "Wild Words" is a chapbook published by Humanities Kansas, and free copies will be available at the reading.
- **Sun., Oct. 8, and Mon., Oct. 9** – Staley Lectures at Bethel College: Fernando Pérez and Rebeca González, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel, and 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. (English translation by Linda Shelly). Pérez and González are transition pastors of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania in Newton, and executive coordinators of the Comunidad de Instituciones Teológicas Anabautistas. The focus of the lectures is "The Responsibility of the Church Facing the Local Context: From a Pastoral Experience," drawing on pastoral experience in multiple local contexts, including working with asylum seekers and families of disappeared persons. Livestreaming will be available.
- **Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 12-15**, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 14, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the musical The Addams Family and two different organ performances. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.
- **Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 15, 2 p.m.** – Bethel College music and theater present the musical The Addams Family during Fall Festival, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Ticket purchase required, in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., online (<https://bethelks.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=3>) or at the door.
- **The Kauffman Museum October bird walk** will be on the second Saturday to coincide with Fall Festival (Sat., Oct. 14, 8 a.m. start time).
- **Sat., Oct. 14 – Kauffman Museum programs at Fall Festival, all in the museum auditorium: 10:30 a.m.,** "The Organ at Home," Rosi Penner Kaufman and Donna Hetrick will play the Teschemacher cabinet organ; 2 p.m., "Land Trusts Leave a Conservation Legacy," Jerry Jost, Kansas Land Trust; 4 p.m., "Hidden Connections: The Bethel Bell and Brown vs. Board of Education in the Supreme Court," Levi Goossen, Newton attorney.
- **Sat., Oct. 14 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series** presents a concert featuring 8 organ alumni and Shirley Sprunger King, 2:30 p.m., Administration Building chapel (part of Fall Festival).
- **Now in the Regier Gallery – "Bold Color," acrylic paintings** by Virgil Penner, through Fri., Oct. 20. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 29-30**, Dr. Aileen Friesen from the University of Winnipeg will give the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College.