

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God's love as she helps women make clothes for their families.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for the WDC Listening Process, as congregations host listening teams from WDC to reflect on congregational ministry and hopes for the future, and ways that WDC resources can support their mission.

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 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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Bethel College Mennonite Church

September 17, 2023

Peace Sunday



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

September 17, 2023

Peace Sunday: Climate Action for Peace

Prelude	<i>There is no Shadow</i> (Brenda Portman)	Will Wiebe-Friesen
Christ Candle Lighting		
Call to Worship and Prayer		Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>All Thing Bright and Beautiful</i>	VT 177
Kin-dom Report		Vernon Goering
Children's Conversation		High School Youth Group
Scripture Reading	Psalms 36:5-9; Psalm 65:5-8	Roger Juhnke
A Joyful Vision		Darlene Dick
*Hymn	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	VT 145
Anthem	<i>Love the Lord Your God</i> (Patty Shelly) Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:25-34; Isaiah 24:4-7	Zona Galle
Lamenting and Reflecting		Keith Harder
*Hymn	<i>The Garden Needs Our Tending Now</i>	VT 788
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>There's a Wild Hope In the Wind</i>	VT 828
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i> (David German)	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.

We give thanks and credit to the Mennonite Central Committee's worship resources for this Peace Sunday service. Many of the readings, images, and ideas for this service were provided by the 2023 MCC Peace Sunday Packet: Climate Action for Peace.

Roger's Whereabouts : Roger will be back in Newton on Wednesday, September 27. Roger will be checking his email and phone almost every day. So feel free to email, text or call 785-220-1968.

BCMC Offering for September 10, 2023: General Fund \$6,117; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$500; Kitchen Fund \$7; Women's Fellowship \$50; Sr Hi Youth \$3,322.

Please accept my deepest appreciation for the joyous celebration of my licensing for specific ministry at Bethel College Mennonite Church! The "American Avocets" print by Bob Regier evokes the Creator's care for birds of the air, and the ever-present refuge in the shadow of God's wings. The flaming celosia and nandina shrub provide vivid reminders that the burning bush still burns! Thank you all!
Elizabeth Schmidt, Congregational Care Coordinator

The Senior High Youth Group thanks you for your generous support last Sunday. The meal raised \$2,952! Furthermore, the interactions, conversations, and connections made via the Youth Group Fun Facts activity were priceless. Thank you for both your financial support and your interest in learning to know our youth.

P.S.: Save the date, January 28, 2024 Soup Luncheon prior to the congregational meeting and the next fun-filled congregation and youth activity!

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

• Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Event

The Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off event is **September 24** at Camp! The day will be filled with Fun Family Activities; Camp Corporation Annual Meeting; Spike Ball Tournament; Storytelling; Music and, for the first time ever - The Camp Mennoscah Talent/No Talent Show. An evening of live entertainment on the banks of the Ninnescah. Enter your talent or your "talent," wow the audience, and win prizes. All ages welcome. Or....Bring your cash or checkbook to "vote" for your favorite acts. The act that generates the most money wins. All money collected will be considered a donation to Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project.

Be sure to let us know if you plan to attend and if you have an act to enter - remember, all ages and talent levels welcome. Check Camp Mennoscah's website at www.campmennoscah.org or Camp's Facebook page for more information. **Sun., Sept. 24 at Camp Mennoscah, 1-5 p.m.**

4 p.m. Music and **5 p.m.** Dinner - Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs on the grill

6 p.m. is the Annual Meeting and **7 p.m.** Talent/No Talent Show

• **Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats is open.** The retreats are scheduled for Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12. All retreat activities will happen at the Main Camp facilities with cropping and crafts in the dining hall and lodging in the bunkhouses. You are welcome to bring a camper/RV and use a gas generator (no hookups available). The Retreat Center will be undergoing HVAC renovations. Single rooms are not available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions or issues. We'll see you in the fall!

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop Thurs., Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, 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. 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: September 17—24, 2023

Sun., September 17, 2023—Peace Sunday

9:30 a.m. Service planned by the Witness Commission

YouTube Link for this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/phRZa-EQgZ0?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)

2-4 p.m. **Mentor/mentee event in Fellowship Hall with pizza and games**

6:30 p.m. **BCMC/Bethel College Ice Cream Social September 17, 6:30 p.m.** on the BCMC front lawn. Come to enjoy ice cream with Bethel students and faculty. The Bethel College Relations Team (Darlene Dick, Ron Flickinger, Tim Hodge, Matt Koontz) ask that you bring a dessert or toppings to go with the ice cream.

Mon., September 18, 2023

3:45 p.m. Worship Commission

Tues., September 19, 2023

7 p.m. Women's Fellowship Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., September 20, 2023

7 p.m. Youth Group meeting

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

Thurs., September 21, 2023

4 p.m. Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

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

7 p.m. Bethel College Women's Association meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sun., September 24, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz

10:45 a.m. Solar Panel Project Task Group—Sun. school elective--Fellowship Hall

For Your Calendars:

- **BCMC Women's Fellowship meets Tues., Sept. 19, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** We will affirm leadership for 2024 and reflect on the impact and gifts of one's family of origin. Bring an artifact that represents what has shaped you such as a book, story, tradition etc. Use the south-east door.
- **The BCMC Congregation is invited to a Baby Sprinkle** for Adam and Jill Robb, **October 1, 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)
- **The memorial service for Patty Shelly will be Saturday, September 30** at 11 a.m. at BCMC. The service will be live-streamed. The link is: https://youtube.com/live/IX0_1OnzWQs?feature=share

The Solar Panel Project task group would like to thank you for listening to our presentation at last Sunday's congregational meeting. We look forward to input from the congregation about this possible initiative for BCMC. **Sunday, September 24, in Fellowship Hall, during the Sunday School hour** will be the next opportunity to visit together but if you have questions or comments before then please ask any committee member. - Dwight Krehbiel, Lorna Harder, Hugo Boschmann, Margaret Toews

We offer sympathy to Ann Preheim Regier, on the death of her husband, Ivan G. Regier, Aug. 31, 2023, Grant Nebraska. Ivan was a wider fellowship member of BCMC and Ann will remain as a wider fellowship member.

We offer sympathy to George and Jeanette Leary, Megan Leary, and Kevin and Naomi Leary and their children Magdalena and Silas Leary on the death of George's father, George Isaac Leary, Sr. George Isaac Leary, Sr., 86, of Barberville, Florida, passed away peacefully Sept 12.

The August/September Library theme is called "What's For Dinner?" 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 comfort of your own home. We'd love to help you find your next read.

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. Beginning Oct. 1 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.

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. Friday, Oct. 13 or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Questions? Email bcwa@bethelks.edu. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Life Enrichment, Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium, September 20:**
9:30 a.m. "Glimpses of Prairie View's Beginnings," George Dyck M.D., North Newton, and Justina D. Neufeld, R.N., M.A. gerontology North Newton.
10:35 a.m. "What Seniors Need to Know and How to Speak Up When Needed," Donna M Lehane (PSA 2, Sedgwick Co.), Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (KSHL) chair, "How the Silver Haired Legislature Advocates to the Kansas Legislature," Chuck Schmidt, former state representative and former KSHL Speaker of the House, Wichita
11:30 a.m. Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, Russell Adrian, D.M.A., conductor and Ken Rodgers, piano
- **Mon., Sept. 18 – Visiting Writer Series at Bethel College: Jesse Nathan will read from his debut poetry collection, Eggtooth,** 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Nathan is a Bethel graduate who grew up in rural McPherson County and now lives and teaches in the Bay Area in California.
- **Thurs., Sept. 21 – Artist reception for Tom and Pam Voth and "Drinking from a New Well,"** 6-8 p.m., Regier Gallery, Bethel College. Exhibit closes the same evening. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.
- **Thurs., Sept. 21 – Bethel College Orchestra,** directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **Thurs., Sept. 28 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble,** directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.
- **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>

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.