

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mennonite Mission Network, one of these partners, asks you to join in prayer for God's Spirit to guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment and decision making for the coming year.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC staff as they help to carry out WDC's work of supporting ministers and other leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing emerging communities of faith.

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 22, 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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Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (arr. Payne)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Christ Candle Lighting Dianne Epp

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Hymn *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting* VT 619

Children's Conversation David Kreider

Anthem *Fairest Lord Jesus* (Derek Hakes)
Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading Exodus 33:12-23 Mara Oswald

*Hymn *We Long to Know Her* VT 44

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:14-22 Mara Oswald

Sermon *Our God?* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *Ask the Complicated Questions* VT 440

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VT 98

Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare on "Mit freuden zart"* (arr. Portman)
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 will be driving back to Topeka Sunday afternoon (10/22). He will be back in Newton on November 1. 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).

Congratulations to Verlene and Ron Garber on the marriage of their grandson Nathan Garber to Charlie Gibson, **today, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m.** in the BCMC Sanctuary.

BCMC Offering for October 15, 2023: General Fund \$380.33; Wed. supper \$641; MCC Meat Canning \$150; Plant Fund \$58.33; Library Reserve Fund \$5; Patty Shelly Memorial \$150.

Congratulations! We are moving into the final quarter of 2023 in one of the strongest financial positions since 2016. We were about \$850 short last month and we are down about \$10,000 for the year, but with the intents/pledges that remain to be filled we should make it. With a bit of extra effort we could bring in dollars above budget which would go to support the churches list of benevolences. This seems like a laudable goal. -- *Finance Committee*

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.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall banquet will be at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave., Thurs., Oct. 26, 6 p.m. Speaker will be Jerry Juhnke who has been researching Swiss Volhynian Mennonite genealogy and history, with a program entitled “Interesting Happenings Over Our Last 500 Years”. An ethnic German meal will be catered by the Breadbasket. Bohne beroggi will be made by authentic Schweitzer cooks. Cost to attend is \$25 per person payable at the door. **RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 23.**

Everence will hold an informative Medicaid and long-term care workshop Mon., Nov. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics include, what benefits are provided by Medicaid and who is eligible, how the Division of Assets process works, when long-term care insurance is a good fit, and how long-term care insurance can protect your heirs. There will also be time for your questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by guest speaker, Cynthia A. Wiens, attorney from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

QUILTOBER AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN - The window for October quilt retreats is closing fast with only UFO III, October 22-27 and Fall Mennonite Quilters Retreat, October 31-Nov. 3. Come enjoy good food, accommodations and fellowship as part of working on a variety of projects. Sharing projects, ideas, tips, techniques, walks and snacks are all part of the time shared together in retreat. To register, please visit the camp website at www.rmnc.org.

GriefShare offers a safe, welcoming support group to help you discover relief, comfort, and peace of mind in loss. Manhattan Mennonite Church will host an online GriefShare group beginning November 1, 6:30-8 p.m., and continuing every Wednesday night through January 31. This group meets intentionally through the holidays because grief can be especially difficult in these seasons. A zoom link and a workbook will be available to those who register. More information here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/175924>

Our Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Meat Canning dates are October 24 and 25 (Tuesday and Wednesday.) Make checks out to BCMC with “MCC Meat Canning” in the memo line. We also need volunteers to help with the canning. The link for work signup is: <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2023>
If this doesn't work, just show up—they'll probably need you. Let's help feed the hungry people in our world!
—Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning Representative

This Week at BCMC: October 8—15, 2023

Sun., October 22, 2023

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

<https://youtube.com/live/I4DjeiW3ERY?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)

Tues., October 24, 2023

11 a.m. Staff meeting

Wed., October 25, 2023—Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—Menu is: Chicken Cordon Bleu, green beans, wild rice, banana pudding dessert—**Please sign up—see next page**

7 p.m. Youth Group meeting

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

Thurs., October 26, 2023

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

7 p.m. Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

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

Sun., October 29, 2023—Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sermon by Lois Barrett

10:45 a.m. Sunday school elective in the Sanctuary

Reformation Sunday (always the last Sunday in October) is marked in Protestant churches for the reformers like Zwingli, Luther, Calvin, etc. However, the Anabaptists did not want to reform the church but declared that believer's baptism, separation of church and state, and holy living were the true marks of the church, hence called the "Radical Reformation". Lois Barrett, ordained pastor and retired professor of theology and Anabaptist studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN) will preach on October 29. She and Dorothy Nickel Friesen will lead the elective Sunday School with a presentation and discussion of the book they co-edited, *Proclaiming the Good News: Mennonite Women's Voices 1972-2006*, recently published by AMBS/Institute of Mennonite Studies.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, today Oct. 22 @ 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

“Learning about Climate Change with Online Simulation Software: Agriculture, Food, and Equity Issues,” by Dr. Dwight Krehbiel, professor emeritus of psychology, Bethel College. The presentation will provide a rapid overview of a free online tool called En-ROADS to promote learning and thinking about climate change. Dr. Krehbiel will explore how this tool can be employed to help understand the role of agriculture and of food production and consumption in climate change, as well as the countless ways in which climate change threatens health and wellbeing, especially for people who are already poor or in some way marginalized. Dr. Krehbiel developed an interest in climate change modeling over a number of years of teaching a course on computing in science. In early 2020, he completed a 6-week training course in the use of En-ROADS software for workshops with diverse audiences, becoming a Climate Ambassador for Climate Interactive, a non-profit climate think-tank that created En-ROADS. Dwight has been teaching at Bethel for the past 46 years in psychology, statistics, and neuroscience.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity’s major fundraiser is a pick-up or dine-in pork chop meal on November 16 from 4-7 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church. Call 316-283-0121 (before Nov. 2) and leave a message to reserve your meal(s). Bring your donation on Nov. 16, send to PO Box 1015, Newton KS 67117 or make on-line at harveycountyhabitat.org/donate.

Mennonite Central Committee responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict -

As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC’s work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

It’s Supper Time at BCMC! Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. The cooks would like an idea of how much food to make so we are asking you to make reservations for supper by completing this form and placing it in the offering plate or emailing the office by Mon., Oct. 23. Cost is \$6/person or \$18/family per meal. **To facilitate the clean-up, please bring your own table service.** Menu for Oct. 25 is Chicken Cordon Bleu, green beans, wild rice, banana pudding dessert
Number attending meal _____

Bethel College Announcements

- **TODAY (Sun., Oct. 22) – Guest lecture and performance: Dr. Jeffrey Savage, 4 p.m., Ad Building chapel.** Dr. Savage, a faculty member at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory, will discuss Beethoven’s “Sonata Op. 90” and then play it to conclude the program.
- **Mon., Oct. 23 – Brian Skinner, a teacher at Newton High School, will receive the 2023 Young Alumnus Award** and give a presentation at Bethel College, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.
- **Sun., Oct. 29 & Mon., Oct. 30 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures,** “The Mennonites in Revolutionary Ukraine,” with Dr. Aileen Friesen, professor of Mennonite studies at the University of Winnipeg, 7 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Krehbiel Auditorium. Lecture 1: “Violence Among Neighbors: Revolution and Tragedy in Southern Ukraine”; Lecture 2: “Beyond the Red Gate: Mennonites and Emigration from Soviet Ukraine”; Lecture 3: “In Love, We Remain: Family and Loss under Stalin.” Opportunity for discussion follows each lecture. <https://www.bethelks.edu/article/bethel-lecturer-will-look-historical-conflict-modern-war-zone>
- **Tues., Oct. 31 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra Halloween concert,** directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Sun., Nov. 5 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Henry Waters, director, 4 p.m.,** Bethel College Mennonite Church
- **Mon., Nov. 6 – Julia Spicher Kasdorf: “Thinking of Certain Mennonite Women:** Reading from her poems and those of others, with discussion,” 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. Sponsored by the Bethel College Women’s Association Carolyn Schultz Lecture Endowment. Kasdorf will also speak in convocation Mon., Nov. 6, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, on “Documentary Poetry,” and lead a reading and open mic at 1887 Café, Tues., Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Life Enrichment at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College—October 25

9:30 a.m. “Welcoming refugees in Kansas,” Galyna Golyshevskaya, community engagement coordinator, International Rescue Committee Kansas, Wichita
10:35 a.m. “Maxwell Wildlife Refuge—As Good as It Gets,” Trisha Smith, director, Canton
11:30 a.m. “Coast to Coast by Bicycle,” John and Mindy Long, Newton

You are invited to a Warkentin House Hymn Sing and Fasha, Sun., Oct. 29, 4 p.m., Warkentin House, 211 E. 1st St., Newton. Reservations are required with a suggested donation of \$10. Hymnals will be provided. Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, pianist, William Eash, song leader. To reserve your spot, email Merle Schlabaugh at mschlab@bethelks.edu.