

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Tomorrow is Indigenous People's Day. Pray for Mennonite congregations as they acknowledge that many Mennonites of European descent were among the first to move onto land from which Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed. Mennonite Mission Network encourages congregations to find ways, in conversation with their Indigenous neighbors, to repair the harm done.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for Bethel College as it celebrates its annual Fall Festival next weekend, and pray for WDC members who are students, faculty and staff at the college.

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

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October 8, 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.

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Prelude	Karen Unruh, Keyboard	
	<i>A Gift to be Simple</i> (Emilin) Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director	
Christ Candle Lighting		
Welcome and Prayer	Doug Siemens	
*Hymn	<i>Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us</i> verses 1,2,4	VT 518
Child Dedication	Eliza Sarah Tschetter daughter of Rebecca and Aaron Tschetter and sister of Theodore Alden Tschetter	VT 971
Children's Conversation	Carol Flickinger	
Worship Music	<i>Take it to the Lord</i> (Eithun)	Chancel Bells
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; Mark 2:13-22 Bill Swartley and Naomi Krause	
Sermon	<i>A Curious People</i>	Roger Neufeld Smith
*Hymn	<i>Renew Your Church</i>	VT 717
Prayers of God's People		
*Hymn	<i>Siyahamba (We Are Marching)</i>	VT 793
Benediction		
Postlude	Karen Unruh, Keyboard	

* You are invited to stand
VT—*Voices Together*
Audio visual—Francis Toews
Keyboard—Karen Unruh

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 Newton on Sunday (10/8). He will be back in Newton on Thursday, October 19. 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).

BCMC Offering for October 1, 2023: General Fund \$5,137; Plant Fund \$100; Caring Fund \$40; Kitchen Fund \$8.25; Patty Shelly Memorial \$250.

We offer sympathy to RuthAnn Hiebert on the death of RuthAnn's sister, Elsie Louise Dickerson, Malad, Idaho, Sept. 28. The memorial service for Elsie was Oct. 9 in Malad.

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.

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 Meating Canning Representative

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 29-30, Dr. Aileen Friesen from the University of Winnipeg will give the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College.

SAVE THE DATE: Award-winning poet Julia Spicher Kasdorf will be at Bethel College Nov. 6-7, with presentations Monday during convocation and Monday evening.

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.

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.**

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church, 43 13th Avenue, Inman, will hold its annual Sausage Mission Supper Sat., Oct., 21, 5– 6:30 p.m. This is a curbside pick up meal featuring our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. This year we will have picnic tables out for anyone wanting to stay and eat their meal. Cost will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to support Camp Mennoscah M & M project. Call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Eric (620-899-6972) to order meals.

Anabaptism and US Gun Culture MC USA Webinar - On Oct 12 at 7 p.m. (eastern time) join us as we explore the issues that drive today's violent gun culture in the U.S. and examine how our Anabaptist faith informs our response. Host Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister for Peace & Justice, will lead a conversation with theologians Malinda Berry, Ph.D., of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and Andrew Suderman, Ph.D., of Eastern Mennonite University. Part of our upcoming "Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence" initiative. To learn more about this initiative visit: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-seeks-to-educate-on-topic-of-ending-gun-violence/>

This Week at BCMC: October 8—15, 2023

Sun., October 8, 2023

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

<https://youtube.com/live/eYXvKvqVEtA?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 10, 2023

9 a.m. Women's Fellowship Executive meeting in Room 14

12 p.m. Mid-Kansas Investment Club meeting in Fellowship Hall

5 p.m. Faith Formation Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., October 11, 2023—Wednesday Night Suppers Start

10:30 a.m. New member orientation in Room 14

5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—Menu is: Chicken & Noodles, peas, Cherry crunch dessert—**Please sign up—see below**

6:30 p.m. Program in Fellowship Hall by the BCMC Task Group for Indigenous Justice Discussion on "Land Stewardship"

7 p.m. Youth Group meeting

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

Thurs., October 12, 2023

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

Sun., October 15, 2023—Fall Fest Sunday

10 a.m. Note the change of time for worship this Fall Fest Sunday; **You are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service with coffee, water, and cookies.** There is no Sunday School October 15.

At 6:30 on Wednesday evening, October 11 after the first fall supper at 5:30 the Task Group for Indigenous Justice will host a discussion on **land stewardship, options that address inherited agricultural land, ideas for ways inherited land might serve restorative justice projects.** We have asked several people to present brief lead-off ideas or models, but we envision our time together as a discussion to stimulate our thinking and ask questions. Come join our discussion.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Oct. 11, 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. 9. Cost is \$6/person or \$18/family per meal. **To facilitate the clean-up, please bring your own table service.** Menu for Oct. 11 is Chicken & Noodles, Peas, and Cherry Crunch Dessert
Number attending meal _____

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

No Life Enrichment October 11 due to Fall Festival.

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Country Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 14, in Kidron Hall (3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton). Enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and orange juice by donation. Proceeds benefit the Health Care Benevolent Fund, a ministry of Kidron Bethel Village, assisting residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

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.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- **The dam will be taken out today, Oct. 8, 2:30 p.m., whatever the weather.** Meet down by the shelter. Helpers and spectators are welcome. Helping is not for the youngest ages due to the heavy planks and rushing water, but all are welcome to watch the activities. Planks will need to be scraped and pressure-washed once removed. Many hands are welcome!
- **All activities and lodging for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will be moving to the Retreat Center.** HVAC renovations have not taken place, so space heaters will still be used. Cropping and crafting will be downstairs and meals will be upstairs, so attendees need to be prepared to go up and down stairs. If you have already registered and this does not work for you, contact us at 620-297-3290. Register now and bring your friends!

Bethel College Announcements

- **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. The Sunday evening lecture will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/dp1S-nsXXAw?feature=share>
- **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.
- **Thurs., Oct. 12 – Bethel College Jazz, directed by Joel Boettger**, 6 p.m. at Taste of Newton, downtown Newton.
- **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.
- **Fri., Oct. 13 – Artist reception for “Bold Color: Acrylic Paintings” and Virgil Penner, 6-8 p.m. in the Regier Art Gallery.** The exhibit is open through Fri., Oct. 20. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. (extended hours: Sat., Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.).
- **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 with 7 organ alumni and Shirley Sprunger King, 2:30 p.m., Administration Building chapel (part of Fall Festival).** Organists are Donna Hetrick, Greta Hiebert, Rosi Penner Kaufman, Heidi Regier Kreider, Christopher Shaw, Karen Schmidt Unruh and Chelsea Vaught.