

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, and for those who are considering a call to ministry, that they would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in times of change.

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 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

November 12, 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
November 12, 2023
Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Miller)
O God, Beyond All Praising (Callahan) Karen Unruh

Christ Candle Lighting

Welcome and Prayer Mary Ellen Hodge

*Hymn *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT 9

Children's Conversation Esther Koontz

Anthem *God Loves Me Dearly* (Behnke)
Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director; Lucy Burch, flute

Scripture Reading *Amos 5:18-24* Ani Koontz

*Hymn *Darkness Is Not Dark to You, God* VT 200

Scripture Reading *Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16*

Sermon *Righteousness, Justice, and Wisdom* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* VT 376

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT 759

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in Seven* (Rutter) Karen Unruh

* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together* Audio visual—Francis Toews

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 back in the church office on Monday morning, November 20, remaining in Newton until Thanksgiving Eve, November 22. 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).

Welcome to Lauren Friesen

We welcome Lauren to deliver the sermon at BCMC on November 19. Lauren and his partner Janet joined BCMC last May. Previously they had been active at Chicago Community Mennonite Church where Lauren often preached. Prior to their time in Chicago, Lauren was a professor at the University of Michigan. We are glad that he and Janet have wandered their way into this community!

The BCMC Board continues to discuss the solar project and hopes to have more details about next steps sometime in December. Thank you for your patience! *Margaret Toews and Jon Zerger for the board*

Save the date, January 28, 2024 for Congregational Meeting and Soup Luncheon prior to the congregational meeting and the next fun-filled congregation and youth activity!

BCMC Offering for November 5, 2023: General Fund \$7,899.33; Wed. Supper \$311; MCC Meat Canning \$25; Plant Fund \$250; Gen Fund 2024 \$1,826.59; Library Reserve Fund \$35; Kitchen Fund \$21.

bcmcXpress: You will be receiving a letter or an email shortly from the Finance Committee requesting your intent for giving to BCMC for the 2024 budget. Please give this careful and immediate consideration. This is very helpful in setting the budget for the coming year. Your generous contributions for 2023 are greatly appreciated. *The Finance Committee*

Everence will hold its Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thurs., Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. Topics include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what it covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. In-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, N. Newton. If interested in attending, contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Announcement

Scrapbook Retreat, Jan. 26-28 is your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Please come for retreat and community in God's creation here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Register online (www.rmmc.org) and save a space to join in.

We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring! Camp is still in need of money for maintenance. We need to make sure we have the facilities working well so we can continue to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves and their connection with God. Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on Giving Tuesday - this year on Nov. 28 - or as part of your end-of-the-year giving. We are thankful for all you've done - but there is a lot to be done at Camp. Let's not just finish the M&M Project strong - let's finish the year strong!

You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. BCMC will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, email the following to the office or fill it out and put it in the offering plate:

Donor's: name: _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____

Make a payment of \$10.00 (made out to BCMC and designated "Flower Fund") place in the offering plate or bring to church office by Nov. 21. There will be forms at a table in the back of the sanctuary this Sunday, if you wish to fill out a form in person.

This Week at BCMC: November 12—19, 2023

Sun., November 12, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship

Worship YouTube Link for this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/s6tSF2xQjNE?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., November 14, 2023

12 noon Mid-Kansas Investment Club meeting in Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wed., November 15, 2023—Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—

Menu: Potato soup, fruit, bread, pumpkin cheesecake snickerdoodle cookies

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Club

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

Thurs., November 16, 2023

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

Sun., November 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Lauren Friesen; music by the Chancel Choir; 10:45 a.m. Faith Formation

BCMC Women's Fellowship Executive Board meets Tuesday, November 14 at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6/person or \$18/family per meal. **To facilitate the clean-up, please bring your own table service.** Menu for Nov. 15 is Potato soup with toppings, (bacon, broccoli, cheese, green onion); fruit, bread, pumpkin cheesecake snickerdoodle cookies **For this supper please bring a soup bowl also.**

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck meal - If anyone is interested in a Thanksgiving day pot luck meal, please contact Naomi Krause, naomikrause@gmail.com or call/text 925-808-5620. You would be invited to bring your special dish. Two or more persons could volunteer to cook the turkey/ham. If coming, please RSVP. It's fun to join together!

The church board is calling a special brief congregational meeting following worship in the sanctuary November 19, 2023 to act on the following board recommendation:

“That Bethel College Mennonite Church join the Repair Network, a binational network of congregations engaged in efforts to repair damages done to indigenous groups over the last centuries. Joining the network entails, among other things, a commitment of funds within the witness commission budget to support the ongoing efforts of the organization. This commitment would involve a commitment of \$3,000 in the 2024 church budget, with the expectation that in 2025 the amount would be \$4,000 and 2026 and years following \$5,000, approximately 1% of the BCMC budget. It is understood that actions on budget beyond 2024 would follow normal budget development and action processes.”

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Announcements

- **An Evening of Service at MCC on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at MCC in North Newton.** Bring new dark colored hand towels to pack hygiene kits. MCC partner Offender Victim Ministries will be here with supplies to write holiday greetings to prisoners, we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy. A great way to give on Giving Tuesday.
- **If you are heading to South Texas any time soon, MCC Central States in North Newton** is looking for your help to transport 25 boxes of kits to a partner in McAllen, TX. Contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org with any questions or interest.
- **MCC Comforter update – thank you to all the hardworking MCC comforter makers who make beautiful, high-quality gifts to share with our partners around the world.** The MCC guidelines for comforters were recently updated after receiving feedback from those partners around the world. For complete MCC comforter information, including the updated guidelines, go to the Comforters page of our website (mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters). Contact Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast (katemast@mcc.org), with any comforter questions.
- **SAVE THE DATE – The MCC Comforter Blitz** will be March 4-6 in Yoder.
- **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.

Bethel College Announcements

- **TODAY (Sun., Nov. 12) – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Eroding History*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** The film follows the story of two Black communities on Deal Island, on Maryland's Eastern Shore, as they face climate disaster and a history of environmental racism. Audience talkback with Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science at McPherson College, follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.
- **TODAY (Sun., Nov. 12) – Senior recital by Bethel College student Halle Krehbiel, flute, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel**
- **Tues., Nov. 14 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents Donna Hetrick, organ, with Alan Wenger, trumpet, 7 p.m.,** featuring works by Martini, Clarke, Hovhaness, Schroeder, Persichetti and Eben; *Administration Building chapel*
- **Thurs., Nov. 16 – Artist reception for Eden Quispe and “Motherhood,” 6-8 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.** Exhibit closes Fri., Nov. 17. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.
- **Sat., Nov. 18 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Hayden Honomichl, voice, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel**
- **Sun., Nov. 19 – Joint junior recital by Bethel College students Emil Benavides and Dylan Yoder, voice, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel**
- **Mon., Nov. 20 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

Life Enrichment at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College—November 15

9:30 a.m. “Planting One Million Trees in Ten Years” Steve Thomas, U.S. coordinator for Mennonite Men, Goshen, IN

10:35 a.m. “The Story of The Kansas African American Museum,” Denise Sherman, executive director, Wichita

11:30 a.m. Bethel College choirs in performance: Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Open Road, and Woven, Henry S. Waters, D.M.A., director of choral music and associate professor of music

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas Sat., December 2, at Goerz House, Bethel College.

Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your home-baked cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle or fudge. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 1, from 1-4 p.m. or on Saturday from 9-10 a.m.