

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Praise God for the fruit that has grown from Mennonite Mission Network's five-year commitment to partner with Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program in Belgium. Pray for Jean-Bosco Turahirwa, who developed the program for his congregation, which has members from more than 45 countries.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: As the New Year begins, we pray for God's guidance and blessings for the mission of the church. We ask for wisdom to spread His love, the strength to serve others selflessly, and the courage to share the message of hope. May our works reflect God's grace, uniting hearts in faith and compassion. Amen. -WDC Church Planting Commission

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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Phone: 316-283-3667—Fax: 316-283-2079 Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Website: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org Notary public service is available in the church office
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

- Pastor Nathan Koontz, Day off: Wednesday
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- Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber
- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber
- Menno Ringers Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church

January 28, 2024



Knowledge Puffs Up, Love Builds Up

1 Corinthians 8:1

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

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Prélude, Op. 18* (Cesar Franck) Karen Schlabaugh

Welcome and Prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen

*Hymn *All Creatures, Worship God Most High* VT 81
Verses 1, 4, 5, 7

Children's Conversation Jeanette Stucky

Anthem *Somebody's Knocking at your Door* (arr. A.L. Page)
Chancel Bells, Verlene Garber, director

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13* Doug Penner

Sermon *Knowledge Puffs Up, Love Builds Up* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *Beloved, God's Chosen* VT 164

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810
People with *January* birthdays come forward for a blessing,
please bring a hymnal

Birthday Blessing & Benediction

Postlude *Psalms 19 - N* (Benedetto Marcello) Karen Schlabaugh

* You are invited to stand

VT = *Voices Together*

Keyboard- Karen Schlabaugh

Audio visual—John Thiesen

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.

Preparing for Worship

As we gather for worship each Sunday in the sanctuary, the Worship Commission invites and encourages us to become quiet as we light the Christ Candle. Prelude music has now been changed to Centering Music. The Worship Commission invites your feedback as we experiment with a new order of worship.

After the worship service Feb. 11, the Junior High Youth will be selling an assortment of Super Bowl snacks. Snacks will be sold by donation. Donations go toward the Junior High Fund which is used to support activities like Snow Camp. Come prepared to support the Junior High Youth!

Interested in becoming a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church?

If you are interested in becoming a member, or transferring membership, or learning more about membership at BCMC, please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor of Congregational Care. She will be happy to visit with you!

Roger's Whereabouts : Roger will be driving back to Topeka this Sun. after the congregational meeting. He will return to Newton this coming Wed. morning Jan. 31. On the following Sat., Roger will give the meditation for a family friend at First Mennonite, Newton. He will preach at BCMC on Sun., Feb. 4. Whether he's in Newton or Topeka, Roger checks his email and cell phone regularly, so feel free to contact him via email, text or phone (785-220-1968).

Address Updates for your BCMC Directories

- Marion Deckert's new address: 3054 Ivy Court, Room 43-S, North Newton, KS, 67117
- Donna Friesen's new address: 3056 Ivy Court, Room 12, North Newton, KS, 67117
- Jim Juhnke's email in the directory should be: juhnke38@gmail.com
- Myrna Krehbiel's new email: myrnakrehbiel@gmail.com
- Elizabeth Raid's new email: RaidBasha123@gmail.com
- Ilene Schmidt's new address: 3054 Ivy Court, Room 19-S, North Newton, KS, 67117

Bethel College Announcements

- **Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts is looking for flutists** to join the BCAPA Flute Choir! Open to flutists age 12 or older at any level; Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. with the first session starting Jan. 30, through Feb. 27 (2nd session April 30-May 21); \$50 fee. Email: bcapa@bethelks.edu to register or for more information.
- **Sat., Feb. 3 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m.** start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.
- **Sat., Feb. 3 – Bethel College Faculty Recital:** Dr. Christina Liu, piano, 2 p.m. [note time change], Administration Building chapel
- **Sun., Feb. 11 – KIPCOR Film Series presents Eroding History, 2** p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Audience talkback follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.
- **Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center** —“Forest Listening,” a sound art installation by Liz K. Miller, through Feb. 9. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATES: Fri., March 1, 7 p.m., KIPCOR Peace Lecture** with Christina Swarns, executive director of the Innocence Project; also Sat., March 2, Justice Symposium at Bethel College

On Tue., Jan. 30, 7 p.m., the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will kick off a season of educational events, first featuring as part of our Winter Lecture Series, "Prairie Fire: A Great Plains History", presented by Julie Courtwright, associate professor of history at Iowa State University. The lecture will take place via Zoom and participants can register for \$5 at dyckarboretum.square.site/upcoming-events. Join historian, author and teacher Julie Courtwright as she discusses the role of fire – human-caused and natural – in shaping the Great Plains and the lives of its residents. Using newspaper accounts, diary entries and pop culture artifacts, she explores how fire has benefitted and sometimes terrorized humans, and will give special attention to prairie fires in Central Kansas. Courtwright grew up in the Flint Hills of Kansas.

Mark your calendar now for the 16th annual MCC Comforter Blitz, March 4-6 near Yoder. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference. Check mcc.org/comforter-blitz or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz will be Mon., March 4 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues., March 5 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Wed., March 6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 3605 East Longview Rd., Haven. Contact brociamueller@mcc.org with questions.

This Week at BCMC: January 28—February 4, 2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

<https://youtube.com/live/JYw7HApCzul?feature=share>

11:45 a.m. Fundraiser Soup Lunch served by the Senior High Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall—Everyone is invited!

12:45 a.m. Congregational meeting in the sanctuary

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)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

10 a.m. Staff meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Thursday, February 1, 2024

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells Rehearsal in Room B-7

7 p.m. Church Board meeting in Room 14

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; music by Chancel Choir; report from Junior High Youth on Rocky Mountain Menonite Camp Snow Camp

10:45 a.m. Faith Formation

The congregational meeting is today at 12:45 in the sanctuary. It can be viewed on YouTube at the time of the meeting only; it will not be recorded for later viewing. Although there will not be a way to participate in discussion, those watching online may vote on an item during the meeting by texting "yes" or "no" to the following number: 316 308-5501. If there are several people in the household, they will be able to send a vote for each person represented by the text. YouTube Link for the congregational meeting is: <https://youtube.com/live/P6-l3BYtS7c?feature=share>

BCMC Offering for January 21, 2024: General \$4,260; Library Reserve Fund \$5; Kitchen Fund \$12; Solar Fund \$30; Nancy Hilty Mem. \$203.

February 25 has been designated as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Sunday! "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" is a way for BCMC folks to get acquainted with other BCMC folks that they might not know very well. The Hospitality Commission will match people who sign up as hosts with people who sign up as guests. Today there are sign up sheets at the back of the church, for being either a host or a guest for a dinner.

The memorial service for Nancy Hilty has been re-scheduled to Saturday March 9, 11 a.m. followed by a light lunch in fellowship hall.

The memorial service for Don Kaufman will be Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. at BCMC followed by a light lunch in fellowship hall.

February 10, Saturday Library Book Sale & Open House: Stop by the Western District Conference Resource Library on Saturday, February 10 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Browse the book sale, check out what's new for individuals, families, children and more for home and congregational use. Enjoy a hot drink and stories with Bethel College Students.

Registration is now open for the annual Bluestem PACE Race 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 6, in McPherson. Registration by March 20 is \$30 and includes a race shirt. Complete registration online at bluestempace.org/events. Bluestem PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), is a nonprofit that is part of Bluestem Communities and is dedicated to helping seniors with complex medical needs live well at home by providing comprehensive care from one source.

Buhler Mennonite Church's ANNUAL CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SUPPER is Wed., Feb. 14. It will be a carry-out featuring noodle soup, pie and bread. Orders will be accepted through Feb. 2. Call or text 620-664-7699 to let us know how many orders you want. Pick up will be at the north entrance of the church (220 W Ave B, Buhler) from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 14. Enter from the south side parking lot on B Street. This is a free will offering with all proceeds going to OUTREACH MEALS. Checks may be made out to Buhler Mennonite Church – cash donations will also be accepted that evening. Note the change in traffic direction!

WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- Two volunteers are needed daily to help with Retreat Center HVAC work Mon. through Fri. for the next 12 weeks. Construction skills are not a requirement. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, text 316-293-7313 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Half days are fine.
- The phone system for Camp Mennoscah is changing. The 3014 number will no longer be a camp phone number. The main camp number of 620-297-3290 is the best number to use. The new system will not go in until after the Retreat Center HVAC project is complete. While offices are in the temporary spaces, there will be more limited access to staff by phone. Please leave a message at 620-297-3290 and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Staff hours will be changing and offices have moved from the Retreat Center. These changes are happening with the start of the Retreat Center HVAC Project. Olivia may be pulled to help with the HVAC project, meaning that her office work hours may move to the evening. Some staff will also be working off-site, which changes the frequency of certain office tasks. Thank you for your understanding!
- Interviews for the 2024 Summer Staff are underway! Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Get your application in soon, but applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins with orientation for summer-long positions on June 2 and ends Aug. 4.
- Summer camp registration will open soon and Camp Mennoscah will be looking for weekly nurses and cooks. Sign up for a week or more of fun!

First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their annual Verenike Supper on Sat., Feb.17 from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at the church, 427 W 4th. There will be a dine-in option and a carryout option (west side of the church on Santa Fe). The menu will be verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, pie and assorted relishes. Proceeds will go to Halstead USD 440 school lunches and Halstead community utility bill assistance.