

Bethel College Mennonite Church is an open and affirming congregation centered in the life and teachings of Jesus. Embracing the divine within each person, we warmly welcome any and all into fellowship without regard to race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, marital status, or age.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: JCS International, a MMN partner in Mongolia, requests continued prayer for herder families, as they struggle to survive this year's dzud (winter disaster), which has caused suffering across 90% of the country, with more than two million animal deaths. Pray that transportation routes will open, so aid can be delivered to remote areas.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC ministers gathering this week for a retreat sponsored by the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission.

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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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- Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber
- Chancel Choir Director: Riley King
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church April 14, 2024



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

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Here I am Lord* (Shutte/Tucker)
Chancel Bells, Verlene Garber, director

Welcome and Prayer Wynn Goering

*Hymn *Listen, God is Calling* VT 765
Ron Garber, song leader

Children's Conversation Kathy Stucky

Kin_dom Report *Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale* Jim Robb

Anthem *I Got Shoes* (Arnold) Chancel Bells

Scripture Reading *Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13* Sandra Zerger

Sermon *Live Worthy of Your Calling* Roger Neufeld Smith

*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* VT 549

Benediction

Postlude

*You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Keyboard—Karen Unruh

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 Neufeld Smith will be in Newton until Sunday afternoon, April 14, when he will drive back to Topeka. He will be back in Newton on Wednesday morning, April 17 and stay in Newton until Sunday afternoon, April 21. Roger checks his email and phone regularly. Feel free to contact him via email, text or phone (785-220-1968.)

Candidating weekend for our pastoral candidate, Joanna Harader, will be May 3-5, 2024. Please be on the lookout soon for details of the schedule of events for the weekend. We encourage all to participate in the opportunities to get to know Joanna and her husband, Ryan Ellett. The congregational vote on whether to call Joanna as our Co-Pastor will take place on May 19, 2024 during the congregational meeting. The vote has been scheduled for two weeks following Joanna's candidating weekend because Sunday, May 12 is Bethel College Baccalaureate at BCMC. *BCMC Pastor Search Committee*

Thank you for all of your birthday cards and well wishes for my 100th birthday. I so much appreciated your thoughtfulness! *Monica Gross*

Bethel College Women's Association Task Group will host a 4-session reading/discussion of *So We and Our Children May Live* by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler in the upcoming months before Sarah Augustine visits our area during Fall Festival at Bethel College. Watch for time and place. Anyone interested in reading and thinking together is invited.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp's first quilters retreat for 2024 is April 25-28, a great opportunity to get away and get those projects done that have been waiting. There will be some short, fun breaks but the main focus of the weekend will be for participants to have plenty of time to sew. Bring lots of projects, or that one big project you've been waiting to start. Sharing ideas, tips and techniques are part of the weekend along with bringing any show and tell items to share with the group. To register, visit the camp website at www.rmmc.org.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Sun., April 14– Bethel College Heritage Roll of Honor Memorial Service, 2 p.m.**, Administration Building chapel or online at <https://youtube.com/live/iZJ0fdOHc8M?feature=share> Reception following in the Mantz Library lounge.
- **Sun., April 14 – Junior recital by Bethel College student Peter Buller**, piano and oboe, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel
- **Weds., April 17 – Bethel College Orchestra**, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **You're invited to a virtual estate planning webinar**, hosted by Bethel College Advancement and led by experts from Everence and Adrian & Pankratz LLC of Newton. **Thurs., April 18, 6-7 p.m.** – Cindy Wiens & Randy Pankratz, Adrian & Pankratz; Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82173808179> This webinar is free, with no pre-registration required – just show up using the Zoom link. Questions? Contact George Leary, Director of Development, 316-284-5226 or gleary@bethelks.edu
- **Fri., April 19 – Bethel College's Faculty Lecture Series concludes with Siobhán Scarry, professor of English**, "To Wander or to Dwell": Contending with Gendered Constructions of the Citizen/Subject in Poems about Nature," 11 a.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village
- **Sat., April 20 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Phillip Balzer**, piano, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Sun., April 21 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Josie Epp**, piano, 4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Sun., April 21 – Sunday-Evening-at-the-Museum** with Dr. Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. Perez's topic is the role and impact of pioneering women in ornithology, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Perez will also speak in convocation at Bethel College Mon., April 22, 11 a.m., in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. These lectures are supported by the Bethel College Women's Association Carolyn Schultz Lectureship.
- **Weds., April 24 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble**, directed by Chris Miertschin, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Sat., April 27 – "Walking the Talk: Listening Relationships in a Changing Climate,"** symposium at Bethel College, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Free and open to the public. Keynote speaker is Dr. Sheena Wilson, University of Alberta, along with others from across Kansas; see <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation/walking-the-talk/walking-the-talk-listening-relationships-in-a-changing-climate/>
- **Sun., April 28 – Masterworks concert at Bethel College, 4 p.m.**, featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, with Dr. Henry S. Waters conducting; Memorial Hall

This Week at BCMC: April 14-21, 2024

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:45 a.m. Faith Formation
YouTube Link for this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/1piuKvFxRYs?feature=share>

Monday, April 15, 2024—Office will be closed

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7 p.m. Women and Girls Tea in Fellowship Hall sponsored by Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee meeting in Room 14

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7:00 p.m. Bethel College Women's Association meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 21, 2024—Creation Care Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; music by Chancel Choir 10:45 a.m. Faith Formation

3 p.m. Trip Report from Denny and Dori Loepf on their visit to Cambodia to see Max Ediger —in Fellowship Hall

All women and girls are invited to the Women's Fellowship Tea, Tues., April 16, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program: "And A Little Taste of Theater" with Judy Harder. All are invited—come join us!

BCMC Offering for April 7: General Fund \$26,596.16; MCC Meat Canning \$500; Caring Fund \$50; Kitchen Fund \$22; Solar Fund \$15,572.32

Save the Date! Western District Conference Annual Assembly, August 2-4, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Assembly is the primary resourcing and fellowship event of the year. Many workshops, onsite and virtual. Faith formation and Family Festival for all ages. Worshipping God together. Join us!

The current library theme is Poetry! We want to highlight our new "Mennonite Poetry" corner as well as the many other fine poetry books we have in the library. Those are found behind the check out desk as well as the south wall of the children's/youth room. Keep reading and keep puzzling! *Library Committee*

Future Events at BCMC:

- **Trip Report on a Visit to New BCMC Member Max Ediger on April 21:** Max Ediger joined the BCMC fellowship in the last year to become our most distant member, currently living in Cambodia. Max has spent his life in service in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand, much of it with MCC. Recently, his childhood friend, Dennis Loepp and wife Dori of Turpin, OK, traveled to visit Max and tour with him in Vietnam and Cambodia. They will give an informal report on Max's work, family and their travels together at BCMC Fellowship Hall on Sun. Apr.21, at 3 p.m. Max's cousins and friends in the area will join interested persons in our congregation to hear this report. You are welcome!
- **April 27-28 BCMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah!** It's nearly time for the annual BCMC retreat (no Halstead First Mennonite this year) at Camp Mennoscah! The retreat will feature meals and all kinds of fun activities. Come for Saturday, Sunday, or both! Sunday morning worship (there will be no live-stream) begins at 10 a.m. The registration form and schedule has been emailed. We look forward to seeing you again on the sandy soil of the Ninnescah! If you can't register online, call or email the church office.
- **May 19, congregational meeting** in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour

Volunteer at New Hope Shelter: BCMC is one of 24 local congregations providing regular volunteer support to New Hope Shelter in Newton. New Hope serves homeless men, women, and children from Harvey, Butler, Marion, and McPherson counties. About five times a year, BCMC and Faith Mennonite partner to cover one week of evening shifts. We provide a meal for 25-30 people and two volunteers who stay through the evening to support an evening staff person. We can always use more help to meet this commitment, and participation can be regular or occasional. Our next shift will be May 1-7. If you're interested or would like more details, email Cynthia Linscheid at cdlin319@gmail.com. Thank you to all who have volunteered for New Hope, either recently or in the past!

Two full scholarships are available from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment. The endowment was generously gifted to Camp Mennoscah to assist campers who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Applications need to be received by May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for the application form.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is now finished for 2024.

Donating...baking...sorting...volunteering...bidding...browsing...eating...bidding...cleaning up...praying... However you supported the sale before, during, or afterwards, THANK YOU! Your support of Mennonite Central Committee programs means life, health, and hope for a healthy, just future for so many affected by natural disasters, poverty, and conflict. All in the name of Christ. Thank you.

Please join Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at their concert on April 21, 4 p.m. at Tabor College. The concert will include the Newton Children's Community Choir, the Flannelbacks, and the Menno Brass.

Women & Girls Save the Date! Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Fri., April 19, 5-6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30—7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

Address/Phone Changes/Additions for your BCMC Directory

- Stan & Pauletta Brodhagen, 2019 N. Frederic, Wichita, KS 67206
- Donna Friesen, 3054 Ivy Court, Room 35-N, North Newton, KS 67117
- Eldine Harder's phone number is: 316-284-2900, extension number 4522
- Dwight & Bonnie Krehbiel, 3001 Ivy Drive, #409, North Newton, KS 67117; Land-line has been discontinued
Bonnie cell: 316-836-0498 Dwight cell: 316-288-9751
- Evelyn Lehman, 3056 Ivy Court, #18, North Newton, KS 67117
- Jim & Melanie Mueller, 3012 Ivy Drive, North Newton, KS 67117 (as of late April)
- Richard & Lois Reimer, 3001 Ivy Drive, # 411, North Newton, KS 67117
- Marvin Thieszen, 201 Meadowbrook Drive, #107, Newton, KS 67114