

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: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the Mennonite churches in Ecuador, as they unite in living out Jesus’ message of peace, in response to the increasing violence in their country. Pray for protection and courage, as regular peace-building gatherings move Jesus’ followers toward Spirit-led action.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for children, youth and their families in WDC congregations, as they approach the end of the school term, and make plans for summer.

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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 Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church

May 19, 2024

Pentecost



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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Pentecost

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Prelude on Beach Spring* (Charles Callahan)
Karen Schlabaugh

Welcome & Prayer Dorothy Nickel Friesen

*Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

Children's Conversation Mara Oswald

High School Graduation Recognition Jill Robb
Justin Zerger & Abby Koontz

Anthem *Some o' These Days* (Negro Folk Song; arr. Florence B. Price)
Matt Schloneger, tenor; Karen Schlabaugh, accompanist

Scripture Reading *John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15; Acts 2:1-21*
Justin Zerger & Lucy Burch

Sermon *Made Whole and Set Free* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* VT 390

Communion VT 939, 941
Let Us Break Bread Together
(Trad. African-American Spiritual, arr. Gwyneth Walker)
Matt Schloneger

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VT 812

*Benediction

Postlude *Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God* (Andreas Armsdorf)

*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 Neufeld Smith will be back in Newton on Wednesday, May 22 Roger checks his email and phone regularly. Feel free to contact him via email, text or phone (785-220-1968.)

The next Women's Fellowship Executive Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, at 9 a.m. in Room 14 for a planning meeting. There will be no meetings this summer.

The Pastoral Search Committee would like to thank all the people who helped make Joanna Harader's candidating weekend happen. So many of you contributed in so many ways, from hosting and organizing events at church and in your homes, facilitating and participating in discussion times, making coffee and providing snacks, making meals, asking thoughtful questions, setting up and cleaning up, and generally making Joanna and Ryan feel welcome. Thank you! You are what makes BCMC such a wonderful community.

We offer sympathy to Ken, Annette, Katherine, and Elizabeth Lamp on the death of Ken's brother, Doug Lamp, Texas City, Texas. Doug passed away May 10, 2024 after a brief hospitalization.

BCMC Prayer Network: The Prayer Network is an email-based prayer network comprised of Deacon Commission members and BCMC congregants. Participants make a one-year commitment to this prayer ministry which is coordinated by Pastors and the Office and Facilities Manager. Pastors respond to prayer requests and determine when and how these requests are distributed. Specific prayer requests are shared only with the permission of the person(s) involved. If you would like to join the BCMC prayer network, please email your interest to office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Thanks to all who serve BCMC in the Prayer Network.

BCMC Offering for May 12, 2024 General Fund \$4,410; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$1; Solar Fund \$1,500; Donald Kaufman Memorial \$25.

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You are invited to attend the dedication and celebration of the new Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Cabinet Shop and Warehouse, Sun., June 9 at 604 E. Main St., Goessel, KS from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free. During the celebration, we will offer tours of the cabinet shop and warehouse, and an opportunity to learn more about this innovative MDS initiative to draft and distribute kitchen cabinets to be installed in MDS volunteer-built homes across the U.S. We have already distributed cabinets to more than 75 homes. Also featured will be a fundraising concert at 5:30 p.m. by September River, a family band featuring Jude and Doug Krehbiel and daughter Stefanie (Krehbiel) Giffin. The band incorporates elements of bluegrass, gospel, blues, acoustic rock, Irish, and folk music. The MDS Storm Encounter will also be on hand for those who want to experience a simulated tornado—then see how MDS volunteers respond to bring hope to communities impacted by disaster.

Hesston College Announcements

- **May 23 - Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Summer Music Nights: Kilometer 81**
Bring your friends and family, lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for Summer Music Nights at Dyck Arboretum! This event is free to the public – donations are welcome. Water and lemonade will be provided. Bring your own picnic, if you like. Everyone is welcome to walk the arboretum grounds and enjoy the summer evening. Music will begin at 7 p.m. Performers will be located on the covered patio on the west side of the Prairie Pavilion and the public is invited to gather on the lawn areas nearby. Kilometer 81 is a local bluegrass band composed of three siblings, Eli (mandolin), Addie (guitar), and Austin (banjo), and their parents, Ken (bass) and Amy (vocals). They build elements of jazz, folk and barbershop music onto a traditional bluegrass foundation.
- **June 16 to 22 - Summer Theatre Camp** Student actors ages 11 to 18 are invited to stage a live theatre performance at Hesston College's annual summer theatre camp June 16 to 22. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of the musical "Mean Girls" at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 22, in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary on the Hesston College campus. Theatre camp registration is \$335 per person and includes lodging and meals for seven days and six nights, or \$285 for day camp only. A discount is available for families registering more than one student. Participants can visit hesston.edu/theatrecamp to register online. Registration is due June 10.

Nurses and kitchen helpers are needed for the Camp Mennoscah Summer Youth Camps. If you are an RN and can fill part or all of the July 7-12 or July 14-19, email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or text 316-293-7313. Kitchen helpers are especially needed for July 7-12. No great skill needed, just the ability to follow directions. Up to a full camper discount can be received by kitchen staff or nurses. Nurses can choose to receive a stipend instead.

The Next Week at BCMC: May 19-26, 2024

Sunday, May 19, 2024—Pentecost Sunday

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

<https://youtube.com/live/xJrsHf4-nC4?feature=share>

10:45 a.m. Congregational meeting in the sanctuary—YouTube Link for the congregational meeting:

https://youtube.com/live/_v01p6FxlK0?feature=share

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

Monday, May 20, 2024

4:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

11 a.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Women's Fellowship meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 23, 2024

4 p.m. Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

7:30 p.m. Hospitality Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 26, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Roger Neufeld Smith; music by Joan Griffing (Academic Dean at Hesston College)

Bethel College Women's Fellowship meets at 7 p.m., Tues., May 21, in Fellowship Hall. Program: Rose Haury, and her sister Margaret Wiebe, will present a slide show of their volunteer service work in the Dominican Republic earlier this year. All women invited.

Congratulations to BCMC 8th Grade Graduates!

Addie Zerger (daughter of Heather and Jonathan Zerger) **and Alli and Madey Zerger** (daughters of Brian and Kristin Zerger)

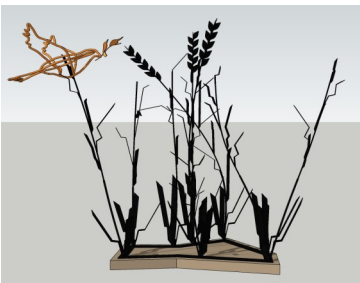
Congratulations to Ben Ewert, grandson of BCMC member Ron Ewert (Des Moines, Washington), who graduated from Middle Park High School, Granby Colorado, on Saturday May 18.

VBS is coming up! Newton Mennonite Vacation Bible School will meet at Shalom Mennonite Church, 5:30-7:30 p.m., May 28-31. On Sunday Morning, June 2, all our congregations will worship together on the Bethel College Green. VBS is open to all students from age 4 to grade 4, and we also need adult, high school, and junior high volunteers! To register students, visit bit.ly/newtonvbsskids and to register as a volunteer, please visit bit.ly/newtonvbssvols. Our congregation's contact people for VBS are Jill Robb and Mary Ellen Hodge.

Congregational Meeting and New Co-Pastor Vote:

Today's congregational meeting will be at 10:45 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and made available live on YouTube only while the meeting is in progress; it will not be recorded. Remote viewers can text their votes to a number and announced at the beginning of the meeting. Agenda items will include a vote for acceptance of the Search Committee's and Board's recommendation to approve Joanna Harader as our new full-time co-pastor; approval of new board members and officers; and reports from several committees and commissions. The youth will host a fundraising luncheon following the meeting. Annual Report booklets are available on the ledge in the Gathering Place.

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*



A stunning sculpture acknowledging 150 years of Mennonite history designed by Ann Zerger and Chip Parker will be unveiled at Black Kettle Festival Fri., May 31, 5 p.m. The sculpture will be built at the corner of Redbud and Christian in Moundridge, KS with a plaque nearby explaining the reason for designing this beautiful remembrance at this 150th celebration occasion. "150 years ago, Volhynian Mennonite immigrants

settled here, bringing Turkey Red Wheat, a commitment to peace, social justice, and a love of land and community. As we commemorate this, let us not forget the sacrifices—the vast prairies that once stretched endlessly and the Indigenous 1st Peoples who thrived here for generations." You will see the Symbols and Ann will share the meaning of the Peace Dove, Stalks of Wheat, and Grass Stalks. *Kathy Goering, publicity for the 150th Celebration*

The next Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association, "Schweitzers and Friends" Pioneer Demonstration will be binding and setting up shocks of the Turkey Red Hard Winter Wheat planted last fall. This event will start at 2 p.m. June 1st at the field just West of Moundridge Museum, weather permitting. Volunteers will set up shocks following the horse-drawn binder. The public is invited to share and view this unique Pioneer Event. Be sure to visit the Moundridge Museum while you're there and enjoy K3Creamery homemade ice cream too.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Sat., June 1 – An outdoor trifecta! 6 a.m.-8 p.m., the public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day®.** Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail. 7 a.m., Kauffman Museum monthly bird walk, led by experienced local birders; 9 a.m., Kauffman Museum-sponsored wildflower walk with Brad Guhr of Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. The bird walk begins at the kiosk in the museum parking lot at the corner of North Main and 27th streets in North Newton, the wildflower walk begins at the museum, and both walks will follow part of Sand Creek Trail.
- **Enrollment is open for Uncle Carl's Camp at Kauffman Museum at Bethel College.** Half-day camps are offered in art, history and nature for kids ages 4-18. New this year is Creative Writing Camp for students finishing grades 7-12, with instructor Lydia Chappell Deckert. The writing camp starts June 3, so sign up soon! Go to www.kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/ for more information about this and other camps with space still available, and to register online.

Western District Conference Annual Assembly: Want new ideas for how to engage all ages in how our faith stories connect with the Jesus story? Join us at the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Sarah Neher will lead an intergenerational faith formation track Saturday, August 3. Sarah is the Pastor of Faith Formation, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice. This is an in-person only event. There will also be an opportunity for virtual registrants to have a conversation together about creative faith formation ideas.

You are invited to attend the Mennonite Central Committee Sale Annual Meeting scheduled for Thurs., May 23, 6 p.m., at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$20/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves by May 19. 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com The meeting to review the Sale and present MCC with a check will be held after dinner at approximately 7 pm.

Everence® May workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step Everence will hold its Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton, 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, Tues., May 28, 6:30 p.m. Topics include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare 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. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.