

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: On this Father’s Day, join Mennonite Mission Network personnel in praying for fathers around the world, especially those who lack the support needed to provide life’s necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God’s one family.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC congregations recovering from damage from storms, that they would experience God’s presence and strength and also be a witness of caring and compassion in their community.

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 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

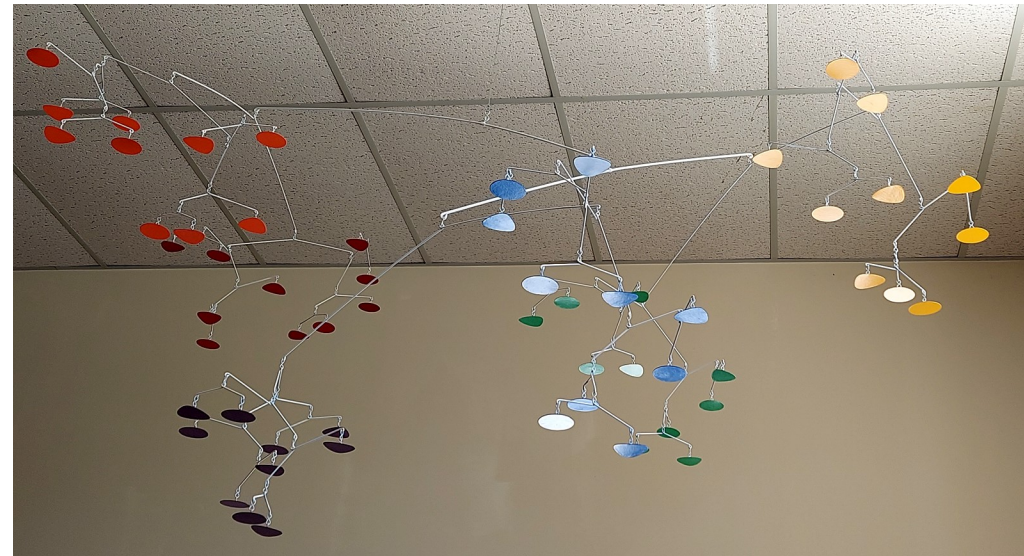
Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m. unless afternoon/evening activities are scheduled

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- Music Coordinators: Verlene Garber and Will Wiebe-Friesen
- Chancel Choir Director: Joel Garber (starting in August)
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



“Pride” a mobile by John Waltner

From the hymn *We Are One in the Spirit*

“...and we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's
pride”

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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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *For the Beauty of the Earth* (arr. Rice) Meghann Rogers

Welcome & Prayer Jim Robb

*Hymn *Summoned By the God Who Made Us* VT 1

Children's Conversation Jill Robb, Emma Gering

Kin-dom Report Jill Robb

Worship Music *Shooting Stars* (Naoko Ikeda) Abby Koontz, piano

*Hymn *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

Scripture Reading *Genesis 1:26-28, 31a; Luke 4:16-21*
Jeanette & George Leary

Sermon *Given Color, Given Balance* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *We Are One in the Spirit* VT 387

Welcome of New Members VT 961
Hennie & Mark Janzen, Pauletta & Stan Brodhagen

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Sing a New World Into Being* VT 809

*Benediction

Postlude *Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum* (Debussy) Meghann Rogers

* You are invited to stand

▪ VT—*Voices Together* ▪ 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.

Roger Neufeld Smith will be back in Newton on June 19. Roger checks his email and phone regularly. Feel free to contact him via email, text or phone (785-220-1968.)

John Waltner's mobile "Pride" has been installed in the south entrance. Inspiration for this metal sculpture comes from a phrase in the hymn, *We Are One in the Spirit*, "...and we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride" — BCMC Visual Arts Committee

Future Events at BCMC:

- June 22: Memorial service for Charlotte Siemens, 11 a.m. with a lunch to follow. Live-stream link:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/nrslasteGP8?si=cLVEbHtEyaJ76RPa>
- June 29: Memorial service for Evelyn Lehman, 11 a.m. with a lunch to follow.
Live-stream link:
https://www.youtube.com/live/X-yJvwA80e0?si=_yaKcJkZNGssl6Hb

We offer sympathy to the family of Elvera Katharine Voth. Elvera died June 9 at Kidron Bethel Village. She was 100 years old. She was the aunt of Margaret Hiebert. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Orientation for New Board, Commission, and Committee Members— June 30: If you are a new member of the Board or a commission or committee at BCMC, you are invited to an orientation to our work together on Sunday, June 30, at 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll talk together about new directions for our work following a brief introduction to the structure and function of committees and the Board. There will also be a chance to get acquainted with others; bring your coffee and come a few minutes early for refreshments.

Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement

- **Kaw Nation Intertribal Powwow at Allegawaho Park and Performance Pavilion**, Council Grove, Kansas June 21 and 22, 7:30 p.m.
- **June 22 REMATRIATION CELEBRATION AT COUNCIL GROVE:** Kaw Nation invites you to join the Rematriation Celebration commemorating the return of I'zhúje'waxóbe to the people of the Kaw Nation. The event will take place Sat., June 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park just outside of Council Grove, KS. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested. If you have questions concerning the project, or return of I'zhúje'waxóbe to Kaw Nation, please refer to the project's website, <http://www.sacredrock.com> Respectfully, The I'zhúje'waxóbe Leadership Team
- **BCMC has joined in supporting Oak Flat's attempt to save Apache Stronghold** by signing onto an amicus brief in support of religious freedom.
- **BCMC youth plan a visit to the First Americans Museum** in OKC in July
- **A recording of the Mennonite Action event on May 24:** Land, Palestine, and Indigenous Solidarity. Sarah Augustine, co-founder and Executive Director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, Samiha Hureini, co-founder of the Youth of Sumud movement, and activist Ali Awad explored how land and body are deeply entwined—and how one can not simply “leave” for another home. A YouTube link to the recording is: <https://youtu.be/tMX4MWObCz8?si=Coh7hBsqn8q2tpmH>

Mini Blitz at Mennonite Central Committee! Come tie, trim, or bind comforters at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton Fri., July 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat., July 13 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring a snack to share and a sack lunch/supper. Drinks will be provided. Beginners are welcome!

Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); hand towels (dark colored); bar soap; bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide toothed combs (6-8 inches long); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); and shampoo (20 oz min). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome: phone 316-836-5045 or email brociamueller@mcc.org A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

The Next Week at BCMC: June 16-23, 2024

Sunday, June 16, 2024—Happy Father's Day!

9:30 a.m. Worship Service—YouTube Link for this Sunday:
<https://youtube.com/live/xd7zlx2WRzM?feature=share>

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

4:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission meeting by Zoom

Wednesday, June 19, 2024—Juneteenth

Church office will be closed; church building will be locked in honor of the federal holiday Juneteenth

Thursday, June 20, 2024

7 p.m. Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

Saturday, June 22, 2024

11 a.m. Memorial service for Charlotte Siemens; lunch follows in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Elizabeth Schmidt; music by Lucy Burch

BCMC Offering for June 9, 2024 General Fund \$15,956; Columbarium Fund \$2,000; Library Reserve Fund \$16; Kitchen Fund \$13; Women's Fellowship \$50; Mission Quilters \$200; Solar Fund \$1,080.

Abuse Prevention and Response Committee (APRC) will be hosting an education time to discuss how we can continue the journey of being a survivor centered congregation. This education opportunity will be held during the Sunday School hour today, June 16, and July 21 in Fellowship Hall.

June 16: Overview of the YouTube video *How Trauma Survivors Envision Justice* with Judith Herman

July 21: Chapter discussion of Judith Herman's book *Truth and Repair* Discussion will be led by members of the APRC committee.

The video *How Trauma Survivors Envision Justice* can be found on YouTube. This is approximately a 40 minute video. Judith Herman's book *Truth and Repair* can be found at your favorite local bookstore or local library inter library loan. Any questions? Please contact Bethany Schrag at bethanyjoyschrag@gmail.com. We look forward to continuing learning more of how we can best support trauma survivors in our church with you! — APRC Committee

Save the Date: Peace Witness Event, Sept. 15-16

The BCMC Witness Commission is very pleased to announce plans for a peace witness event around Peace Sunday on September 15-16. Our church along with the Bible and Religion Dept. Bethel College and in collaboration with area churches invites you engage with Christianity and Democracy led by well known author, academic, and presenter, David P. Gushee (<https://davidpgushee.com>).

Pastor Nathan's Extended Summer Vacation

In the fall of 2023, Staff Congregation Relations Committee (SCRC) and Nathan began discussing Nathan's sabbatical plans. Nathan was eligible for a sabbatical in the summer of 2024, but with uncertainty around the possibility of pastoral transition during the summer of 2024, Nathan offered to postpone his sabbatical until the summer of 2025, given that he could take a long vacation in the summer of 2024. This plan was approved by SCRC in November and the Church Board in December of 2023. So Nathan will be on vacation this summer from July 8-August 10. He will start back up again on the day that Joanna Harader begins her term.

A number of different preachers are scheduled while Nathan is gone. July 14 worship and Sunday school will be led by the Western District Listening Group. Sara Dick will preach on July 21. Roger Neufeld Smith will preach on July 28 and August 11. August 4 will have guest preacher, Trent Voth, from Bethel College. Pastoral care will be provided under the leadership of Elizabeth Schmidt and Roger Neufeld Smith. If you have questions or concerns regarding Nathan's extended vacation, please contact Nathan or SCRC.

If you like coffee on Sunday mornings (and who doesn't), help ensure that the coffee keeps perking through the summer months. Sign up on the clipboard on the coffee table to make or serve coffee once or twice this summer, or call (316-283-3342), email (marlene.violet@gmail.com) or talk to Marlene Faul, chair of the Hospitality Commission. Instructions on how to use the coffee makers, etc., will be provided.

Western District Conference Annual Assembly: Assembly registration is now open. Register on-line on the WDC webpage. Join us at the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, rural Beatrice, NE. For more information about Assembly, visit the WDC Assembly webpage. If you are interested in being a delegate to the Assembly, contact Jeanette Stucky, Roger Neufeld-Smith or Monica Lichti in the BCMC office.

Save the Date! Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls' Retreat will be Sat./Sun. Sept. 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah. The keynote speaker will be Kristine Regehr on the topic of Peaceful Practices. More information and registration info will follow in July. Activities will be available for girls age 5th grade - high school and women of all ages! Come for a time of relaxation, peace, and friendship! Email questions to: westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop Tues., June 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Topics include, Social Security strategies, when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. The in-person workshop will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

CARE CONNECTIONS, sponsored by Deacon Commission, offers a variety of opportunities for extending care. Do you enjoy conversation? In-person visiting? Visiting by phone? Writing caring messages in cards, email or text? Preparing food or care packages? Delivering food or care packages? Individualized creative care possibilities? To learn more, express interest, or share ideas, please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care.

BCMC Prayer Network: 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.

You're invited! Support a new Mission Network family. On Wed., June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Mission Center office in downtown Newton, come hear about the work of a new Mennonite Mission Network family. Later this year, Laurel and Ben Woodward-Breckbill, from Newton, will move to Paris, France to be directors of the Paris Mennonite Center. You will hear about the work of the Center, enjoy snacks, and even offer your financial support. Make a giving pledge and you will be entered to win a pair of Kansas City Chiefs tickets! (Las Vegas at Kansas City, Nov. 29, 2024).

Summer Story Days are BACK! Stop by the Western District Conference Resource library, 2517 N. Main in North Newton, KS on **Saturdays June 29 and July 27 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.** for Read Alouds; self-guided, come-and-go activities; and opportunities to learn and grow together! Activities geared for ages 3-8 and their families, but open to all ages. Take advantage of these Saturday hours to tour the library and check out resources.