

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: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the surge of interest in Christian service programs that has led to all openings for the coming year being filled. Pray for the new participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure units as they begin their time together.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for God’s joy and energy to be with students, teachers and their families in WDC congregations, as they anticipate the beginning of a new school year.

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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: Verlene Garber and Will Wiebe-Friesen
- Chancel Choir Director: Joel Garber
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 11, 2024



**Welcome Bethel College Students,
Pastor Joanna Harader,
and
Everyone!**

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

August 11, 2024

**Welcome Pastor Joanna Harader
and New Students from Bethel College**

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Praeludium in F#* (Johann L. Krebs) Cynthia Neufeld Smith

Welcome Brad Kohlman
Welcome New Students from Bethel College
Welcome Pastor Joanna Harader

Opening Prayer Tobin Wise

*Hymn *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1
(sing unison on verse 5)

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Lilith Jackson
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:37-40 Emma Graber

Children's Conversation Roger Neufeld Smith

Worship Music *When the Morning Stars Together* Insert
Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and Congregation
Joel Garber, Chancel Choir director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist;
Verlene Garber, Chancel Bells director

New Testament Reading Corinthians 3:6-11 Taryn Paulino

Sermon *When the Ground is Shifting* Joanna Harader

*Hymn of Response *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

Farewell for Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith Brad Kohlman

Prayers of God's People Brad Kohlman

*Hymn *Guide My Feet* VT 816
(Joel Garber, leader)

Benediction

Blessing *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Postlude *Toccata on Laast Uns Erfreuen* (Aaron David Miller)
Cynthia Neufeld Smith

*You are invited to stand

▪ VT—*Voices Together* ▪ Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Welcome Bethel College students! The Bethel College Relations Team and Hospitality Commission are giving each new Bethel student a “goodie” bag. Included are a BC sticker, a bookmark, a cookie coupon from the 1887 Cafe, and a small treat. We hope we will see you again!

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.

Everyone is invited to meet in the Gathering Place after the worship service to say farewell to Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith and to welcome Pastor Joanna Harader!

Pastor Joanna will have office hours at the 1887 Cafe in the Schultz Student Center every Thursday morning from ten to noon. She would love for you to stop by for a chat!

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 Department of 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>).

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Sun., Aug. 18 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, 3 p.m., with Lorna Harder**, professor emeritus of biology at Hesston College and former curator of natural history at Kauffman Museum, on the 40th anniversary of the museum's tall-grass prairie reconstruction; museum auditorium (corner of Main & 27th streets, North Newton).
- **The 2024 issue of Bethel College's online journal Mennonite Life can now be viewed at ml.bethelks.edu** The issue includes articles by Rod Ratzlaff, Mark Jantzen and Rachel Pannabecker related to the 150th anniversary of Mennonite immigration to North America from the Russian Empire, as well as the text from last spring's Bible Lectures by César García and Sandra Báez, several other articles, and book reviews.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Sept. 15**, Forum on Democracy and Christianity with David Gushee, Bethel College Mennonite Church and Bethel campus

We're just a few weeks away from the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls' Retreat on September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah with our theme of Peaceful Practices. Registrations are due by August 30. The retreat brochure and registration form are on our website at this link:

<https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events>

If you plan to come Saturday morning to tie comforters, please remember that lunch is not provided, so bring a sack lunch. Questions? Send an e-mail to westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Saturday, Aug. 24, will be the final Schweitzers & Friends 150th celebration Pioneer Event with a demonstration of threshing and milling of Turkey Red Hard Winter Wheat which was raised using horse drawn and vintage equipment, just west of the Moundridge Museum complex. We will be using a McCormick-Deering threshing machine powered by an antique tractor to thresh the bundles of Turkey Red we bound and shocked back on June first. There will also be an 1874 grist mill, milling demonstration providing a unique opportunity to have Turkey Red wheat flour available for purchase. Along with the threshing and milling events, Vintage Farm Equipment, with some of the great machines of the past, will be on display all day. These events will start with the farm equipment display beginning at 9 a.m., just west of the Moundridge Museum Complex. We will be setting up the threshing and milling demonstration all morning with our official start at 3 p.m. There will be limited bleacher seating and concessions (including K3 Creamery) available to help you enjoy these unique pioneer events and celebrate the 150th Schweitzers & Friends anniversary celebration. The whole community is invited to join us! --Glen Goering

Commissioned by Warren and Jo Hartness Guinn for the dedication of the C. B. Fisk organ, Opus 121, Charles E. Daniel Chapel, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, in honor of Tom and Edna Hartness

When the Morning Stars Together

John Ferguson

Based on *WEISSE FLAGGEN*

From *Tochter Zion*, Cologne, 1741

Albert F. Bayly, 1901-84



Choir: 1. When the morn-ing stars to - geth - er Their Cre - a - tor's
All: 2. When in syn - a - gogue and tem - ple Voic - es raised the
Choir: 3. Voice and in - stru - ment in un - ion Through the a - ges
All: 4. Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; Touch our lips and



glo - ry sang, And the an - gel host all shout - ed
psalm - ists' songs, Of - fer - ing the ad - o - ra - tion
spoke your praise, Plain - song, tune - ful hymns, and an - thems
fire our hearts, Teach our minds and train our sens - es,



Till with joy the heav - ens rang, Then your wis - dom
Which a - lone to you be - longs, When the sing - ers
Told your faith - ful, gra - cious ways. Choir and or - ches -
Fit us for these sa - cred arts. Then with skill and



and your great - ness Their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told,
and the cym - bals With the trum - pet made ac - cord,
tra and or - gan Each a sa - cred of - f'ring brought,
con - se - cra - tion We would serve you, Lord, and give



All the beau - ty and the splen - dor
Glo - ry filled the house of wor - ship,
While, in - spired by your own Spir - it,
All our pow'rs to glo - ri - fy you,



Which your might - y works un - fold.
And all knew your pres - ence, Lord.
Po - et and com - pos - er wrought.
And in serv - ing ful - ly live.

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It's School Kit Challenge Time!

Lincoln and Lawrence Kohlman and Gabby and Jake Robb are participating in the Mennonite Central Committee School Kit Challenge again this year. You can help with donations of money, school kit supplies, or school kit bags. Please give monetary donations to Lincoln, Lawrence, Gabby, or Jake by Wed., Aug. 7. School kit supplies and bags can be left on the tables on the Fellowship Hall stage. A list of school kit supplies and directions for sewing bags can be found on the MCC website. Last year we packed 311 school kits. Can you help us beat our record?! We will pack school kits on Sun., Aug. 11, after Fellowship Time. Please join us!

If you've been a nursery volunteer in the past or would like to become a new nursery volunteer, please notify Sara Dick, new nursery schedule coordinator, at saradick1@gmail.com. The schedule is posted in the nursery and will be updated as folks volunteer. Please notify Sara rather than sign yourself up for shifts directly on the schedule, so she knows where we need helpers and where we're all set. Thank you for caring for our youngest attenders and their families!

Volunteer opportunity: The next volunteer training session for New Hope Shelter is on Monday, August 19th at 7:30 pm. BCMC is one of 24 area congregations regularly providing volunteers to New Hope, and about five times a year we fill a week's worth of evening slots in coordination with Faith Mennonite Church. Volunteers provide food for an evening meal or spend time at the shelter with the residents, along with an on-site staff supervisor. More help is always welcomed, and can be regular or occasional. If you'd like to learn about the work of New Hope or consider volunteering, please plan to attend the August 19 session at 308 South Meridian Road, Newton, KS. New Hope serves homeless men, women, and children from Harvey, Butler, Marion, and McPherson counties. -Cynthia Linscheid

A reminder that the next Women's Fellowship Executive Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, at 9 a.m. in Room 14 for a planning meeting.

FreedUp: Everence® is offering a new stewardship training program. The FreedUp program is a way for everyone to get their finances in order – and gain a deeper faith perspective on your money. Everence facilitators will lead the group sessions, including the first get-acquainted session. There are two upcoming options for participants to choose from:

- Tuesdays at 2 p.m. ET beginning Aug. 20; ending Oct. 1 or
- Mondays at 8 p.m. ET beginning Oct. 7; ending Nov. 18.

Register at everence.com/partners.

The Next Week at BCMC: August 11—18, 2024

Sunday, August 11, 2024

10 a.m. Worship

YouTube Link for this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/-gAYqNYB6V4?feature=share>

Come to the Gathering Place after the worship service for cake to say farewell to Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith and to welcome Pastor Joanna Harader!

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

Thursday, August 15, 2024

9:30 a.m. Solar Panel Project Group meeting in Room 14

Friday, August 16, 2024

11 a.m. Inurnment Service for Phyllis Carlson in the BCMC Columbarium

Sunday, August 18, 2024—Welcome to Pastor Joanna Harader

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Pastor Joanna Harader; music by the Chancel Choir

The memorial service for Marilyn Stucky (Marilyn died June 20) will be Sat., Aug. 31, 11 a.m. at BCMC, with a lunch in fellowship hall following the service.

BCMC Offering for Aug. 4, 2024 General Fund \$8,981; Mennonite Central Committee \$100; Caring Fund \$100; Kitchen Fund \$27; Mission Quilters \$130.80; Solar Fund \$1,050.

A new book, *THE CHURCH BY THE PLAYGROUND: THE STORY OF THE SHARING COMMUNITY IN ROSEDALE*, by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, has been published by Rainbow Mennonite Church. The book will be launched at Rainbow Aug. 10 and 11 and at Kidron Bethel/Kidron Hall on Thurs., Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. (Faith and Life Bookstore will sell books.) The public is invited to hear Dorothy share, sign books, and tell this unique urban ecumenical ministry history.

For those who subscribe to the devotional *Rejoice* through the BCMC group subscription, the last issue of *Rejoice* (Sept.-Oct.-Nov.) will be coming soon. Therefore, it is time to renew for the coming year. The bulk subscription price is \$35.93. The devotional is mailed to BCMC and your copy will be either placed in your mailbox here at church, or mailed to you. If you wish to subscribe (even if you have not subscribed before) place your check in the offering plate or bring or mail to the office with "*Rejoice* subscription" in the memo line.