

**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.

# Bethel College Mennonite Church

## September 8, 2024

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:** Andi Santoso, Mennonite Mission Network’s regional director for Asia and the Middle East, and Joe Sawatzky, Mission Network’s mission education specialist, along with David Boshart, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, began two weeks of teaching in Indonesia yesterday. Pray that God’s love, truth and light may be revealed through this time of learning together.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for youth sponsors in WDC congregations, and for meaningful conversation and fellowship at this afternoon’s youth worker resourcing and appreciation event sponsored by WDC on the theme of Building Community.

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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 Joanna Harader, Day off: Monday  
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- Youth Coordinator: George Leary—Email: george@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
- Music Coordinators: Verlene Garber and Will Wiebe-Friesen
- Chancel Choir Director: Joel Garber
- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber



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  
September 8, 2024  
Installation Service for Pastor Joanna Harader

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music     *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (arr. R. Haan)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Prayer     John Waltner

\*Hymn     *Santo, santo, santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)*     VT 102

Children's Conversation     Megan Kohlman

Worship Music     *Ave Verum (Saint-Seans)*  
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will-Wiebe Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading     Philippians 3:12-16     Cheryl Harader

Sermon     *Vibrant Guide*     Kathy Neufeld Dunn

\*Hymn     *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*     VT 534  
(Please sing the alternate tune: HYFRYDOL VT 218,  
*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*)

Installation for Pastor Joanna Harader     Kathy Neufeld Dunn  
Receiving a New Pastor     VT 967  
Prayer Shawl Blessing     Elizabeth Schmidt  
Blessing for Leaders     VT 968

Prayers of God's People

\*Hymn     The Lord Bless You and Keep You     VT 846  
(Please sing the alternate text printed in italics)

Sung Benediction     *God Be In My Head* (Rutter)     Chancel Choir

Postlude     *Prelude in G Maj.* BWV 550 (J.S. Bach)     Will Wiebe-Friesen

\* You are invited to stand

▪ VT—*Voices Together*    ▪ Audio visual—Ken Lamp

**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. Volunteers in the nursery today are Jeanette Leary and Margaret Toews.

**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.**

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**Today we welcome Joanna Harader as installed co-pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church, as well as new member! BCMC accepted Joanna's membership transfer from Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence on August 29, 2024.**

**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!

**Thanks to you for your prayers, food and well wishes that you have offered to us** during these recent weeks. It certainly made our load much lighter and validated for us that Marilyn was truly special. Thanks to the pastors and others for the visits to me and to Marilyn during the hospital/rehab period and also during the post death period. Thank you so much. *LaVern Stucky and family*

**We offer sympathy to the family of Shirley Sprunger King.** Shirley died August 31 in Goshen, IN. She was a professor of music (organ) at Bethel College 1977-1998, and then was Dean of Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions until 2002. She was also the organist at Bethel College Mennonite Church for 26 years. A visitation will be held at Eighth Street Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN, Fri., Sept. 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Memorial Service will be at Eighth Street Mennonite Church Sat., Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. Pre-service music will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please remember Shirley's husband, Vernon, in your prayers. Memorials in Shirley's name may be made to Mennonite Central Committee. (Make checks directly to MCC and mail to MCC, 21 South 12th Street, PO Box 500. Akron, PA 17501– 0500.) The live-stream link for the memorial service is:  
<https://vimeo.com/event/3663844/92b2ec50a8>

**BCMC Offering for Sept. 1, 2024:** General Fund \$2,562; Plant Fund \$50; Library Reserve Fund \$4; Solar Fund \$50; Monica Gross Mem. \$675; Marilyn Stucky Mem. \$50.

## Bethel College Announcements:

- **Sat., Sept. 14 – Duo piano recital:** Dr. Christina Liu (Bethel College) and Dr. Brett Janssen (Central Christian College), 4 p.m., Ad Building chapel
- **Sun., Sept. 15 – Forum on Democracy and Christianity with David Gushee,** 3 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College; sponsored by Bethel College Mennonite Church and the Bethel Department of Bible and Religion. The afternoon's events will include a keynote by Dr. Gushee and discussion around tables. Gushee will also speak in convocation Mon., Sept. 16, 11 a.m., in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.
- **Tues., Sept. 17 – Bethel College Orchestra,** directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall
- **Thurs., Sept. 19 – Guest piano recital: Dr. Brian Hsu,** 7 p.m., Bethel College Ad Building chapel
- **Now in the Regier Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “The Rose Aesthetic,” works by Gwen and Victor Rose, through Sept. 19. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **Sat., Oct. 5 – Sarah Augustine will give a keynote address for the 50th anniversary of Bethel College social work,** 2 p.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. She will also speak Sun., Oct. 6, 9:30 a.m., at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and Mon., Oct. 7, for convocation in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The public is invited to any and all events. Augustine is the founder and co-chair of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, author of *The Land is Not Empty* (2021) and co-author of *So We and Our Children May Live* (2023).
- **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College** for Wednesday, Sept. 11. Life Enrichment is for people age 60 and above and is an excellent way to continue learning and meet people from the surrounding area in a relaxed setting.  
**Sept. 11—9:30 a.m.** “Thrifting for the Community and the World,” James Wilson, general manager, Newton Et Cetera Shop  
**Sept. 11—10:50 a.m.** “Exploring the Changing Distribution of Kansas Mammals,” Matt Peek, wildlife research biologist, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Emporia

**Bethel College Women's Association needs your donations of baked goods and craft items!** Home-made pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, other baked goods and treats for Market-in-the-Round at Fall Festival are welcome. In addition, home-made jams/jellies and craft items are needed. All of these items can be delivered to the Music Library in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 1 - 5 p.m., Fri., Oct. 4. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College. If questions email: [bcwa@belhelks.edu](mailto:bcwa@belhelks.edu) Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall/102465998#/>

## The Next Week at BCMC: September 8-15, 2024

### Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation for Junior and Youth

YouTube Link for this Sunday:

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

### Monday, September 9, 2024—Pastor's Retreat Day

### Tuesday, September 10, 2024—Community Playschool First Day of School

### Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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

### Sunday, September 15, 2024—Peace Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by David P. Gushee

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation—David Gushee will look at some of the key biblical texts on government and Christianity.

### **Peace Witness Event, Sept. 15-16**

The BCMC Witness Commission invites you to the 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 to engage with Christianity and Democracy led by well known author, academic, and presenter, David P. Gushee (<https://davidpgushee.com>).

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### **Hola! Women's Fellowship is starting their Fall programs with a trip to Spain.**

Plan to join Sarah Turner and her host sister Laura to learn more about this beautiful country. Tuesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Check the announcements next week for more details.

### **Save the Date for the Annual Dessert Reception for Bethel College students**

**September 22 at 6 p.m.** This year it will be held ON the Bethel College campus—on a sidewalk going to Haury Hall—just a few feet from the BCMC grounds. Please bring a dessert to share and be willing to engage with students. Chairs will be set up in circles.

**Dorothy Unruh turns 103 on September 12, 2024!** Send birthday messages and blessings to Dorothy at 1407 Hillcrest Road, Newton, KS 67114.

**Be aware of spam emails!** It has come to our attention that a spam email with a pastor's name has been circulating. The pastors or office of BCMC will never send an email with a “request for you to manage discreetly. I will appreciate a swift correspondence via email.” A quick check of where the email came from should tell you that it did not come from Bethel College Mennonite Church. Delete that email! If you are unsure, please feel free to contact the church office.

**The Schowalter Singers, a resident choir from Schowalter Villa**, will present its fall concert, “Our Journey to Heaven,” Sun., Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Dr., Hesston. The concert is free and open to the public. Another opportunity to see the concert will be 3 p.m., Wed., Sept. 11, at the Schowalter Villa chapel, 200 W. Hickory, St., Hesston.

**Community Playschool is gearing up for the start of another school year on September 10.** We have 15 children and 8 volunteers lined up to participate in two classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are offering a HUGE thank you to the youth group and their sponsors for clearing out debris from the perimeter of the playground. This happened on July 6 during their service/learning week. It was brutally hot that day, and they worked tirelessly to clear out several years of leaf clutter that gathers at the fence. We are so grateful to them for this effort! We hope you all can venture down the north hall in the lower level often after September 10 to see signs of our program at work right here at BCMC!  
— Jeanette Leary and Kasey Newell, co-directors

**Join Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour Oct. 9-13:** This tour provides an experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900’s. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC’s work to preserve Black history in the area and attend the Dismukes Gala featuring John Ellison. Learn more and register at [mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour](http://mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour). Tickets are also available separately for the Dismukes Gala on Oct. 12 at [mcc.org/dismukes-gala](http://mcc.org/dismukes-gala). Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project, including a video and podcast, at [mcc.org/dismukes](http://mcc.org/dismukes).

**A Mennonite Central Committee immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas will be Oct. 6-11**, a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. It will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, visiting migrant response shelters, and shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. Register for the trip by Sept. 20. Questions: contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at [beckyteiwes@mcc.org](mailto:beckyteiwes@mcc.org).

**Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar Tues., Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.** Topics to include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn’t) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information 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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com). Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

### **September and October Webinars from EVERENCE®**

**Finances and You** with topics that integrate your faith and finances! This is a free, four-part webinar series where you’ll hear how Everence® can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be time for your questions. **All webinars held on Wednesdays at 2 and 8 p.m. (Eastern Time)** For more information, visit [everence.com/national](http://everence.com/national). Or Email: [national@everence.com](mailto:national@everence.com) with any questions.

- **Sept. 11 Seminar: Why give now?** 12 strategies to maximize your generosity in 2024. No matter income or age, explore how you can make a difference in the world by stretching the impact of your giving to the missions, ministries and organizations you care about. Presented by: Lyle Miller, Stewardship Consultant & Phil Pratt, Charitable Consultant
- **Sept. 18 Seminar: Getting our lives together**, Giving our lives away, and Giving our deaths away. For those of us interested in integrating our faith with our finances, we often find ourselves focusing on different concerns throughout our lives. Intentionally embracing these unique periods of our lives can encourage growth in our stewardship journey and help form us into the image of Christ. Presented by: Colin Saxton, Stewardship Theologian and Director of Church Relations
- **Sept. 25 Seminar: Social Security: Understanding your benefits.** Come and learn the ins and outs of social security that will provide you clarity as you consider your social security future. Presented by: Steve Lane, AWMA®, CFP®, Financial Consultant
- **Oct. 2 Seminar: Investing 202.** Mutual funds, pensions, stocks, bonds, IRA’s, Roth IRA’s, 401k’s, Real estate. The list seems to go on and on for investment options. This presentation will help you sort through your investment options and other considerations as you explore what investments make sense for you. Presented by: Michael Burton, CFP®, CEPA®, Financial Consultant

**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 sessions. The upcoming option for participants is Mondays at 8 p.m. ET beginning Oct. 7; ending Nov. 18. Register at [everence.com/partners](http://everence.com/partners).