

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 Tuesday, participants will embark on Mennonite Mission Network’s first Just Peace Pilgrimage to South Africa. Pray for them as, for the next two-plus weeks, they will immerse themselves in the country’s struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church’s role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and the United States.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for WDC congregations that are hosting special events during this fall season, as they share food and fellowship with their wider community, and invite participation in ministry and mission projects.

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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 October 13, 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
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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *There is no shadow...* [VT 419] (Brenda Portman)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Prayer Payne Claassen and Mary Ellen Hodge
Mentee/Mentor VT 854

*Hymn *We Long to Know Her* VT 44

Children's Conversation Joanna Harader

Worship Music *Et in terra pax hominibus*
[excerpted from Vivaldi's *Gloria* (ca. 1715)]
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading Psalm 22:1-15 Hugo Boschmann

*Hymn *My God, My God* VT 696

Scripture Reading Job 23:1-9

Sermon *When God Goes Missing* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *Joyful Is the Dark* VT 281

Prayers of God's People Emma Gering and Jill Robb
Mentee/Mentor

*Hymn *God, Be the Love* VT 43

*Benediction

Postlude *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* [VT 347] (arr. Dale Wood)

* You are invited to stand

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

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.

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. Volunteer attendants in the Nursery today: Megan Kohlman and Margaret Toews



We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting Bethel College Mennonite this morning. Thank you for sharing in worship! If you would like us to keep in touch, please scan the QR code and fill out the visitor form.

Activity bags are now available for our littles during the church service! The 10 bags are filled with a coloring book/page, crayons, and a library book. After using the activity bag, please make sure all the supplies are in the bag and hang on the hook at the back of the sanctuary. Library books will be switched out on a monthly basis. *Jill, Faith Formation Coordinator*

Today's choral and instrumental music features some creative settings of familiar hymns as well as some unfamiliar languages. The anthem, *Et in terra pax hominibus*, is excerpted from Vivaldi's *Gloria* (ca. 1715), a component of the Latin mass. In English, its text reads: and on earth, peace to persons of good will. The organ setting *There is no shadow...* was written in 2021 by Brenda Portman and is built on the first verse of the hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. The postlude, an energetic Easter hymn from the Sacred Harp, continues the themes expressed in the anthem and Psalm reading.

Monica Lichti will be on vacation the week of October 14-20. The church office will be closed on Monday, and will be closed afternoons for the rest of the week.

Looking ahead to Advent:

This year as we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we will explore the stories of the women from Jesus' genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17). For our worship in Advent, we will use the book Pastor Joanna has written: *Expecting Emmanuel*. In addition to worship material, the book contains daily devotional readings and a Sunday School/small group guide. If you would like to order a copy of the book for yourself (at a steep author's discount) please let the church office know. We will place an order at the end of October

Faith Formation Commission is collecting donations for the Bethel College food pantry. Unopened food items can be placed on the table by the south entrance and will be delivered to the BC food pantry. FFC thanks the congregation for participating.

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Thurs., Oct. 24: Bethel College's 2nd biennial Senses & Aging Symposium**, with Tena M. Alonzo and Mollie Heiden, Beatitudes Campus, Phoenix, speaking on "Living with Dementia," 6-8:30 p.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village
- **Fri., Oct. 25: The Bethel College Department of Visual Arts and Design** and the Newton Chapter of the AAUW present Phyllis Pease, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.
- **Sun., Oct. 27 & Mon., Oct. 28: Annual Menno Simons Lectures, "Russian Mennonite Diasporas on Four Continents in the Age of Empires, Revolutions and Extremes Since the Late 18th Century,"** with Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 7 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon., Krehbiel Auditorium. *Lecture 1: "Pioneers in the East: Mennonite Migrations and Settlements in the Former Russian Empire and the Former USSR, 1786-Present"; Lecture 2: "Pioneers in the West: Russian Mennonite Diasporas to North America (Belize, Canada, Mexico and the United States), 1874-Present"; Lecture 3: "Pioneers in the South: Russian Mennonite Diasporas to South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), 1874-Present"*
- **Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center: "SMOL,"** art by Audra Miller, through Oct. 25. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. (closed Sun.-Tues., Oct. 13-15, for fall break).
- **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for Wed., Oct. 16.** 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.
9:30 a.m. "MCC Meat Canner and Other Stories," Jason Unruh, Peabody and Maynard Knepp, Hillsboro
10:50 a.m. "Bridging the Secular with the Sacred: Using Music to Navigate Life's Journeys," the Misguided Professors: Dr. Christine E. Crouse-Dick (Bethel College) and Dr. Christopher Dick (Tabor College)

Everence® will hold a Social Security and retirement income webinar Tues., Oct. 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics: Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will be time for questions. Information presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at central.kansas@everence.com or 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294. Once you have registered, information to access the webinar will be sent to you.

Gather at the Warkentin House for a hymn sing and faspá on Oct. 27, 4 p.m. Hymn sing will be led by Andrew Voth and accompanied by Karen Bauman-Schlabaugh. Reserve a spot by emailing warkentinmuseum@gmail.com. Suggested donation of \$15.00

The Week at BCMC: October 13—20, 2024

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader **10:30 a.m.** Faith Formation Volunteer attendants in Nursery today: Megan Kohlman and Margaret Toews
YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:
<https://youtube.com/live/HSRbcx09B9M?feature=share>

Monday, October 14, 2024

11 a.m. Memorial service for Clara Koehn in the Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Community Playschool Board meets in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 16, 2024—Wednesday Night Suppers Begin

6 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLEWARE. Menu is Mexican Bar, Strawberry Margarita IceBox Pie. \$6 for individuals; \$18 for a family

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

Thursday, October 17, 2024

4 p.m. Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearse in Room B7

Saturday, October 19, 2024

4 p.m. Memorial for Donna Friesen in Kidron Bethel Village—Kidron Hall

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader; music by Chancel Bells
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

Dates for your calendars

- **Women's Fellowship meets the third Tues., Oct. 15, at 7p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Program by Mary Ellen Hodge, "Autism 101." Mary Ellen also teaches teachers about autism. Come and learn more.
- **Wednesday night suppers at 6 p.m.** will be Oct. 16 through Nov. 20. Be sure to read the announcement about the Wednesday programs on the next page.
- **Sat., Oct. 19, 4 p.m. Memorial service for Donna M. Friesen** at Kidron Bethel Village Kidron Hall
- **Faith Formation Commission is sponsoring a visit to the P & M Pumpkin Patch, Sat., Oct. 26, 3-7 p.m.** All are invited!

BCMC Offering for Oct. 6: Gen. Fund \$6,866; Kitchen Fund \$5; Solar Fund \$500.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! On October 20, stop by the table at the back of the sanctuary to pen a thank you note to our pastors. The notes will be delivered on October 27. And remember - Pastors happily receive words of appreciation all year long! *Staff Congregation Relations Committee*

The Visual Arts Committee has installed "The Migration Series" in the Gathering Space. In 1962 Bob Regier illustrated articles in *The Mennonite* with five wood block print illustrations. Four of the prints are on display and the fifth "The Mennonite Flight from Russia" is part of a special exhibit at Kauffman Museum through May 25, 2025.

Please plan to join us for supper and a program on Wednesday nights, October 16-November 20. The meal will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a program on "Exploring our Voices Together." We will use material from the *Voices Together* editorial team to explore a variety of themes in our new(ish) hymnals and beyond. There will be opportunities for discussion and plenty of singing!

Be sure to mark your calendar for October 23 when we will have a special Wednesday program—a concert from singer/songwriter Jon Troast. Jon is a folk musician who grew up and lives in the Midwest and gives house concerts across the country. A talented instrumentalist and singer/songwriter, his music is engaging, and his lyrics are deep. A treat for all ages, you won't want to miss this special concert.

From the Finance Committee on behalf of the Church Board:

As the third quarter of our church year ends, we reflect on the many things for which we are grateful. We give thanks for the gifts that have been given this year by those volunteering time to the church or our benevolences; caring for family, neighbors and friends; raising prayers on behalf of those who are hurting, grieving or fighting injustice; and donating monetary offerings toward our annual budget. Each of these gifts strengthens our community as we work together to be the church right where we are.

A six-week grief support group will be offered through Bethel College Mennonite Church for interested individuals. To indicate interest, or to learn more, please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care.

Interested in becoming a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church?

If you are interested in becoming a member, or transferring membership, or learning more about membership at BCMC, please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor of Congregational Care. She will be happy to visit with you!

The November 1-3 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be the only retreat for the Fall. There is still space at this retreat. Lodging and crafting will be held at Main Camp in the bunkhouses and dining hall. Register by going to the Camp Mennoscah website.

We offer sympathy to the family of Clara Koehn. Clara died Oct. 7 at the age of 99. She had been a resident of Presbyterian Manor in Newton. Her memorial service will be at BCMC on Mon., Oct. 14, 11 a.m. with a faspas immediately following.

The family of Elvera Voth would like to invite interested persons to a service of remembrance for Elvera on Nov. 2, 2 p.m., at Kidron Bethel—Kidron Hall. Her expanded life sketch is on the Petersen Funeral Home website.

Bulletin announcements have to be submitted to the church office no later than Thursday to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

Jill Robb and Megan Kohlman will be leading a book study of the book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller. If you don't have kids or your kids are grown up, come anyway! We will be discussing this book from the perspective of parents, a faith community that supports parents, and individuals who grew up in a faith community (maybe even one you had to heal from). We plan to begin the book study Oct. 13 and discuss chapters 1, 2, and 3. Meet us in the blue Sunday School room (Room 26) on the 2nd floor. You can purchase *Woven* from Faith and Life bookstore, Amazon, or your favorite independent bookstore. We look forward to the conversation!

Newton Area church's Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Meat Canning dates are October 29, 30, and 31. Make checks to BCMC with "MCC Meat Canning" in the memo line. We also need volunteers to help with the canning. The link for work signup is: <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2024> If this doesn't work, just show up—they'll probably need you. Let's help feed the hungry people in our world! —*Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning Representative*

Western District Conference (WDC) invites you to subscribe to their weekly Tuesday announcement email "WDC News & Updates" to receive announcements from WDC, WDC Congregations, and their institutional partners as well as weekly articles from WDC staff, credential updates, and upcoming events. To subscribe, visit the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hKcbDX> or contact the WDC Office at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. The grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. Mennonite Central Committee continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at mcc.org/palestine-israel