

**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

## October 27, 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:** Today, Mennonite Mission Network’s Mennonite Voluntary Service participants from Arizona, California and Colorado are concluding their five-day fall retreat in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pray that they may return to their learning and service placements inspired and energized by the renewal they experienced in worshipping together and in sharing their experiences.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” It all comes down to God, and church planting is His work. We are partners in this work, but any growth we witness is due to God, Lets pray to God who gives the growth, to give us wisdom, let’s pray to keep planting churches and find those who plant, as well as those who water. Let’s pray for God to give us the spiritual growth essential to accomplish God’s work. 1 Corinthians 3:6 -7 -WDC Church Planting Commission

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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

- Pastor Joanna Harader, Day off: Monday; 1887 Café Hours: Thursday 10 a.m. to 12 noon  
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- 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  
October 27, 2024

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Morning Song* [VT 623] (arr. Joseph Martin) (piano)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Prayer Elaine Schurr

\*Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* VT 177

Children's Conversation Jim Robb

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-5 Janet Friesen

\*Hymn *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory* VT 504

Scripture Reading John 3:17-21 Janet Friesen

Worship Music *True Light* (Hampton)  
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Sermon *Connecting the Night and Day* Nathan Koontz

\*Hymn *Darkness Is Not Dark to You, God* VT 200

Prayers of God's People Dale Schrag, Mara Oswald

\*Hymn *Now, on Land and Sea Descending* VT 503  
(People with October birthdays come forward for a blessing,  
please bring a hymnal)

\*Birthday Blessing and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata from Suite Gothique* (L. Boëllmann) (organ)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen

You are invited to stand

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

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: Mary Ellen Hodge & Jeanette Leary.



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

This morning's choral anthem melds the energetic spiritual "This Little Light of Mine" with a 10th century text excerpted from Grigor Nerekatzi's Book of Mournful Chants: "Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind, but let the one who serves you praise you again and again." The piano centering music is a setting of the shape-note tune MORNING SONG, found in our hymnal (VT 623) with a moving text by Adam Tice, text editor of *Voices Together*. The postlude, a spooky and sinister toccata by French composer Léon Boëllmann, brings to mind the line from the anthem, "Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!" There's a lot of hiding under a bushel in this piece, but listen for the final chord when that light really gets to shine.

For those who work with children and youth at Bethel College Mennonite Church: thank you! The Abuse Prevention and Response Committee has established an account with an organization called Protect My Ministry which will allow us to more easily comply with our church policy regarding training and background checks for church volunteers. You should have received an email inviting you to fill out some online paperwork. We greatly appreciate you taking a little time to help us get this new system up and running as we work to be a nurturing and safe community for people of all ages. Feel free to contact pastor Joanna, Jill Robb, or Dwight Krehbiel if you have any questions or would like to volunteer and have not received the email.

## Bethel College Announcements:

- Sun., Oct. 27 & Mon., Oct. 28: 72nd 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 of history at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 7 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.** 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”
- Tues., Oct. 29: Bethel College Orchestra Halloween Concert, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.** You’re invited to come in costume (you might win a prize)!
- Sat., Nov. 2: Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m.** start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.
- Sun., Nov. 3 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Henry Waters, director, 4 p.m.,** with the theme “Sing You Home” and featuring the Concert Choir’s KMEA 2025 concert repertoire; *Bethel College Mennonite Church*
- Tues., Nov. 12 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series** presents Dr. Jacob Hofeling, with music on a theme of science and space, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel
- **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for Wed., Oct. 30.** 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 “Serengeti on my Mind: A Photographic Safari,”** Jim Griggs, McPherson  
**10:50 a.m. “Longevity: Key Elements to Success,”** Lona Kelly LMSW, Department on Aging, Newton

**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.

**BCMC Offering for Oct. 13** Gen. Fund \$18,507; MCC Meat Canning \$650; Library Reserve Fund \$6; Solar Fund \$1,580.

**For Oct. 20** Gen. Fund \$11,732; Wed. Supper \$617; Meat Canning \$205; Sr Hi Youth \$100; Library Reserve Fund \$5; Kitchen Fund \$63; Women’s Fellowship \$390.

## The Week at BCMC: October 27—November 3, 2024

### Sunday, October 27, 2024

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz **10:30 a.m.** Faith Formation  
Volunteer attendants in Nursery today: Mary Ellen Hodge & Jeanette Leary  
YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:  
<https://youtube.com/live/Ojlu7CxZ4nA?feature=share>

### Monday, October 28, 2024

12 p.m. Bethel College concert choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
3 p.m. Bethel College choral group rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, October 29, 2024

12 p.m. Bethel College concert choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
3 p.m. Bethel College choral group rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Wednesday, October 30, 2024—Wednesday Night Supper

12 p.m. Bethel College concert choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
3 p.m. Bethel College choral group rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
6 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLEWARE—Menu: Tombstone Casserole, Spooky Fruit Salad, Witches Brew Brownies  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 31, 2024

12 p.m. Bethel College concert choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
1:30 p.m. Care Coordinator meeting in Room 14  
3 p.m. Bethel College choral group rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

### Friday, November 1, 2024

12 p.m. Bethel College concert choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
3 p.m. Bethel College choral group rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 2, 2024

2 p.m. Memorial service for Elvera Voth at Kidron Bethel Village Kidron Hall

### Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader  
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

**Please plan to join us for supper and a program on Wednesday nights, October 30—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!

**Pastor Joanna Harader** will be out of the office Oct. 28 & 29.  
**Pastor Elizabeth Schmidt** will be on vacation Tuesday, Oct. 29.  
**Pastor Nathan Koontz** will be on vacation Friday, November 1.

**Wednesday Supper Menus—Please bring your own tableware**

Oct. 30: Tombstone Casserole, Spooky Fruit Salad, Witches Brew Brownies  
Nov. 6: Western Omelet Casserole, Frozen Fruit, Coffee cake  
Nov 13: Chili, Carrots with Ranch Dip, pickle spears, crackers, Cinnamon Rolls  
Nov. 20: Italian Wedding Soup, Garlic breadsticks, Salad, Pumpkin dump cake

**The church office is looking for anyone interested in helping to usher at funerals.** We would like to assemble a pool of people who might be willing to greet people at the sanctuary doors, direct them to the Chapel, if necessary, or the nursery or restrooms and help them find a seat in the sanctuary. You would be a friendly and helpful presence. If you would consider doing this for the families and friends attending memorial services, please contact the church office.

**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.

**Invitation to join Fine Arts class for Advent!** Starting on December 1, the Fine Arts class will be following the Sunday School/small group materials in Pastor Joanna's book, *Expecting Emmanuel*. Fine Arts class meets in Room 22. Questions? Contact Pastor Elizabeth. All are welcome to join in during this season of longing and anticipation!

**The following is a BCMC financial report of the general fund income and expenses on September 30** at the end of the third quarter (75% of the year).

Total income	\$335,757	62% of budget
Total expense	\$370,461	69% of budget
Net income	-\$34,704	

*Finance Committee*

**Gather at the Warkentin House today at 4 p.m. for the Warkentin House hymn sing and faspa meal.** The hymn sing will be led by Andrew Voth and accompanied by Karen Bauman-Schlabaugh. Reserve a spot by emailing [warkentinmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:warkentinmuseum@gmail.com). Suggested donation of \$15.

**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*

**Harvey County Circle of Hope invites you to their 12th Annual Celebrity Servers Fundraiser event** Sat., Nov. 2, 5 to 8 p.m., a 3-course meal served at the Water's Edge Restaurant, Hesston. Reservations strongly recommended: call 316-284-0000; or email—[info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org); or visit—[peaceconnections.org/events](http://peaceconnections.org/events)—**RSVP by October 30.**

**Habitat for Humanity of Harvey County and its BCMC Board Members Richard Friesen, Doug Penner, and Heather Zerger,** invite you to join us at our annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser on November 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave, Newton. Dine-in and carry-out options are available. This is Harvey County Habitat's largest fundraiser of the year and we need your generous donations to help ensure we can continue to build a new home for a qualifying family each year. To ensure we have enough meals, please reserve your pork chop meal (includes pork chop, potatoes, green beans, dessert and a drink) by visiting our website at <https://harveycountyhabitat.org/pork-chop-dinner-reservations/> or scan the QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway by the BCMC Office. Thank you for supporting the vision of Habitat for Humanity, where everyone has a decent place to live.

**Sing along.....All are invited to attend an hour long Community Hymn Sing led by Dr. William Eash,** Professor Emeritus of Music, Bethel College. This event will be held at Eden Mennonite Church (401 18th Ave, Moundridge), Sunday afternoon, November 10 at 4 p.m. Be prepared to request your favorite hymn and a brief story, why it is a favorite. Refreshments served after singing.

**Live at a distance? Wish you could read larger print? Want a good audiobook that will help you grow in faith?** Wish you could access the library from your phone? The Western District Conference Resource Library has something new just for you! Launching November 1, you can borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Resource Library! See more at [mennowdc.org/library](http://mennowdc.org/library) or contact the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)