

**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:** Yesterday, students at the Mennonite Evangelical Theological Center of Asunción (CEMTA), in Paraguay, concluded a two-day spiritual retreat. Pray for the retreatants as they incorporate what they experienced into their daily lives. C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, of Mennonite Mission Network, have led these annual retreats for 13 years. Praise God that CEMTA sees the value of these retreats and includes them as part of the students' first year of studies.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for the ongoing WDC Listening Process. Give thanks for facilitation teams and congregations as they share stories, current ministry priorities, and hopes for the future to help shape congregational resourcing and connections in WDC.

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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**  
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- Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

## Bethel College Mennonite Church October 6, 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**

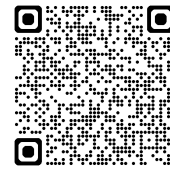
**October 6, 2024**

**Bethel College Fall Fest**

Prelude	<i>We Praise Your Name</i> (Emma Lou Diemer) Christopher Shaw
Christ Candle Lighting	
Land Acknowledgment	Lyn Krause
Centering Music	<i>Gloria</i> (Vivaldi) Bethel College Concert Choir; Dr. Henry Waters, director
Welcome & Prayer	Michael Unruh, Bethel College Campus Pastor
*Hymn	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i> VT 1
Children's Conversation	Pastor Joanna Harader & Sarah Augustine
Worship Music	<i>I'll Be On My Way</i> (Shawn Kirchner) BC Concert Choir; Jacob Schrag, soloist
*Hymn	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i> VT 392
Scripture Readings	Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:35, 41-51 Michael Unruh
Sermon	<i>Bread of Life</i> Sarah Augustine
Choral Response	<i>A Little Song of Life</i> (Reginald Unterseher) BC Concert Choir
Prayers of God's People	Joanna Harader
*Hymn	<i>Beauty for Brokenness</i> VT 712

**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: Cliff Dick and Kathy Stucky



**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*

**Land Acknowledgement** by Mark Charles and VT #878

*As we do on the first Sunday of each month,  
we acknowledge that we worship  
on the land of the Kanza, Osage, and Wichita.  
We thank them for their care and respect for this land  
and acknowledge the injustice of their forced removal.  
We ask the Spirit to heal our histories  
and find new paths of right relationships with them  
and all of creation.*

**Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement**

**Join Quarterly Repair Call October 8, 6-8 p.m. for truth-telling legislation on the history of Indian boarding schools.**

The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery is asking advocates for Indigenous justice to join Indigenous organizers from the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) in supporting this important truth-telling legislation on the history of Indian boarding schools. As this bill makes its way to the floor in both the House and Senate in the coming weeks, now is the time to contact your representatives! We will be specifically focused on learning more about this legislation during our next Quarterly Repair Network Call, and we will also likely hear from a representative from NABS. I hope you can join us for this call on October 8!

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## Bethel College Announcements:

- **Our speaker this morning at Bethel College Mennonite Church is Sarah Augustine.** Augustine is the founder and co-chair of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, co-founder of the Suriname Indigenous Health Fund (SIHF), author of *The Land is Not Empty* (2021) and co-author of *So We and Our Children May Live* (2023).
- **Sun., Oct. 6: Last chance to see the 2024 Fall Festival musical,** 9 to 5, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Ticket purchase required, online (<https://bethelks.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=3>) or at the door. Contains adult content and may not be suitable for young children.
- **Mon., Oct. 7: Sarah Augustine speaks in convocation, 11 a.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium. Her topic is following Jesus by addressing climate change.
- **Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: “SMOL,” art by Audra Miller,** through Oct. 25. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Thurs., Oct. 24,** Bethel College’s 2nd biennial Senses & Aging Symposium
- **SAVE THE DATE: Fri., Oct. 25,** Bethel College Department of Visual Arts and Design and the Newton chapter of the AAUW present visiting artist Phyllis Pease, speaking on her Kansas Statehouse mural “Rebel Women.”
- **SAVE THE DATES: Oct. 27-28,** Dr. Eric Schmaltz from Northwestern Oklahoma State University will give the annual Menno Simons Lectures.
- **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for Wed., Oct. 9.** 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.** “Where did the Doctrine of Discovery come from and why do I need to know about it?” Raylene Hinz-Penner, North Newton  
**10:50 a.m.** “Murals of Harvey County,” Constance Gehring, Newton

**The annual Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Assoc. (SMCHA) Banquet** will be at [Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.](#) with an ethnic German buffet meal catered by the Breadbasket and ‘bohne beroggi’ made by Schweitzer cooks. We’ll thank those who coordinated the 150th anniversary of Schweitzers coming to the United States. Dale Schrag will be our speaker for the evening discussing the future. RSVP to Nancy Stucky by Oct. 7 with a text or phone call to 620-532-5693. Cost of the banquet is \$25, pay at the door or [online at www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org)

**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](mailto: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.

Choral Benediction     *The Lord bless you and keep you* (Peter C. Lutkin)  
BC Concert Choir

Postlude             *Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata No 1* (Mendelssohn)  
Christopher Shaw

\*You are invited to stand   ■ VT—*Voices Together*   ■ Audio visual—Ben Lichti

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### Choral Texts

#### *Gloria* (Vivaldi)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will  
(Latin Mass translation)

#### *A Little Song of Life* (Reginald Unterseher)

Glad that I live am I;  
That the sky is blue;  
Glad for the country lanes,  
And the fall of dew.  
After the sun the rain,  
After the rain the sun;  
This is the way of life,  
Till the work be done.  
All that we need to do,  
Be we low or high,  
Is to see that we grow  
Nearer the sky.  
(A setting of  
Lizette Woodworth Reese’s poem  
1856-1935)

#### *The Lord bless you and keep you* Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face to shine  
upon you  
And give you peace.  
The Lord make His face to shine  
upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
Amen.

#### *I’ll Be On My Way* (Shawn Kirchner)

When I am gone  
Don’t you cry for me  
Don’t you pity my sorry soul  
What pain there might have been  
Will now be passed  
And my spirit will be whole.  
  
I’ll be on my way, I’ll be on my way  
I’ll have left my feet of clay upon the  
ground  
I will be glory bound  
I’ll be on my way  
  
When I am gone  
Please forgive the wrong that I might  
have done.  
There’ll be no room for regrets up there  
above,  
Way beyond the blue.  
  
When I am gone,  
don’t you look for me in the places I have  
been. I’ll be alive but somewhere else, I’ll  
be on my way again.  
  
I’ll be on my way, I’ll be on my way.  
I’ll lift my wings and soar into the air  
There’ll be glory everywhere,  
I’ll be on my way.  
  
I’ll be on my way, I’ll be on my way  
I’ll have laid my frown and all my burdens  
down  
I’ll be putting on my crown  
I’ll be on my way.  
  
I’ll have left my feet of clay upon the  
ground I will be glory bound  
I’ll be on my way.

## The Week at BCMC: October 6—13, 2024

### Sunday, October 6, 2024—Fall Fest Sunday—No Sunday School

**10 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Sarah Augustine

**11 a.m.** Cookies in the Gathering Place!

Volunteer attendants in the Nursery today: Cliff Dick and Kathy Stucky

YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/M1MAYNXyII8?feature=share>

### Tuesday, October 8, 2024

5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission meeting

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting in Room 14

### Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

### Thursday, October 10, 2024

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell rehearsal in Room B7

7 p.m. Church Board meeting in Room 14

### Saturday, October 12, 2024

6:30—8:30 p.m. Campfire Event at Pastor Joanna's home, 508 Bluestem, NN

### Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

### **Dates for your calendars**

- **The family of Paul Harms invites you to a 90th Birthday Celebration for Paul today, October 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the BCMC Fellowship Hall.**
- **Pastor Joanna invites you to stop by her house (508 Bluestem) Sat., Oct. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for a campfire (weather permitting), snacks, and general merriment.** She and Ryan welcome this as an opportunity to continue getting to know this wonderful church community.
- **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.
- **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!

**Deacon Commission welcomes Pam Epp from Wider Fellowship into Full Membership** now that she has moved back to the BCMC community. Pam's new address: 1501 Old Main St., Newton, KS 67114. Her cell phone is: 404-797-8767.

**BCMC Offering for Sept. 29:** Gen. Fund \$6,724.71; MDS \$100; Plant Fund \$70; Sr Hi Youth \$2,217; Caring Fund \$250; Kitchen Fund \$6; M. Gross Mem. \$150.

**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!

### **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 financial update will be shared at today's congregational meeting and in the weekly email in early October.

**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!

**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](mailto: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](http://mcc.org/palestine-israel)