

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

November 10, 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: Tomorrow, Barb and Maria Thuma will complete a six-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at La Casa Grande in Benin. This is Barb’s second year of serving at the children’s home and school. Pray that the seeds of God’s love that were sown while Barb was teaching English and Maria was teaching Spanish will help point their students toward Jesus.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for pastors and other leaders in WDC, that God would help them speak wisely and care compassionately for congregations and communities in the aftermath of the United States election.

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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



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.

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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* [VT 38] (J.S. Bach)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Prayer Marlene Faul

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563

Children's Conversation Carol Flickinger & Roger Juhnke

Worship Music *Praise the Lord* (George Frederic Handel)
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading Mark 12:38-44; Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; 1 Kings 17:8-16
Bonnie Epp and Elizabeth Schmidt

*Hymn *I Bind My Heart This Tide* VT 556

Sermon *Generosity, Power, & Wealth* Nathan Koontz

*Hymn *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT 581

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart* VT 554

*Spoken Benediction Nathan Koontz

Sung Benediction *The Peace of God* (John Rutter) Chancel Choir

Postlude *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* [VT 610] (arr. Jack Schrader)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

* 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 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

Today's centering music is an excerpt from a chorale prelude by J.S. Bach from his masterpiece *18 Leipziger Choräle*. The original tune derives from the Gloria section of the mass, which is normally set to very energetic, thrilling music. Instead, in this setting of the tune, Bach's writing conveys comfort, a balm for the soul. The gentle, slow accompaniment and pedal line provide a foundation for the richly ornamented chorale melody. This 16-century tune was set to a new text in *Voices Together* [VT 38] by Catholic composer and librettist Sister Delores Duffner in 2013 and is worth taking a moment to read. I have found working on this beautiful piece a good way to calm my mind after a stressful day or week, and I encourage you to look up the full work by searching "BWV 662" on youtube. I hope that it will be a balm for your soul, too.

The Repair Coalition has asked us to remember, as we come upon Thanksgiving time, how our families have benefitted from past and present colonization, access to originally Indigenous lands, and how we continue to benefit from colonization today. Check the poster, "How To Be An Ally to Indigenous Peoples," which offers us some great ally practices beginning with "Care for the Earth: Give Thanks Frequently." Talk about the suggestions at your Thanksgiving table.

Bethel College Announcements:

- **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
- **Thurs., Nov. 14: Reception for “The Pandemic Portraits” (Nicholas Hill will not be present), 6-7 p.m.**, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Exhibit closes Dec. 7. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays.
- **Sun., Nov. 17: KIPCOR Film Series presents Food, Inc. 2, 2 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This is the sequel to the 2009 documentary Food, Inc. Audience talkback to follow with Ryan Goertzen-Regier of the Kansas Rural Center.
- **Sun., Nov. 24: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, “Diversity and Complexity in Indian Kansas,” Eric Anderson, Haskell Indian Nations University, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.

- **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for Wed., Nov. 13.** 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 An Ever-Changing Institution: Evolving Services and Challenges in Public Libraries,” Dr. Cari Cusick, director, Newton Public Library
10:50 a.m. “YouTubing,” “Farmer Derek” Klingenberg, Peabody

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas which will be Sat., Dec. 7, from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at Goerz House, Bethel College.

Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your homemade cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls and peanut brittle as well as other non-chocolate candies. We are also looking for Christmas craft items to sell. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 6, from 2-5 p.m. or on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30-10 a.m. Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

BCMC Offering for Nov. 3: Gen. Fund \$7,842; Kitchen Fund \$24; MCC Meat Canning \$825; Gen Fund 2025 \$10,000; Solar Fund \$1,360; Wed. Supper \$251; Clara Koehn Mem. \$20.

The Week at BCMC: November 10—November 17, 2024

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz —**10:30 a.m.** Faith Formation Volunteer attendants in Nursery today: Megan Kohlman and Kathy Stucky
YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:

https://youtube.com/live/MTrcnl_V7Es?feature=share

4-6 p.m. Mentor/Mentee Fall Get-Together in Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 11, 2024

6:30 p.m. Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

9 a.m. Women’s Fellowship Executive Board meeting in Room 14

4 p.m. Staff Congregation Relations Committee meeting in Room 14

Wednesday, November 13, 2024—Wednesday Night Supper

6 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLEWARE—BRING A BOWL FOR CHILI**—Menu: Chili, Carrots with Ranch Dip, pickle spears, crackers, Cinnamon Rolls

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

Thursday, November 14, 2024

6:30 p.m. Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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

Saturday, November 16, 2024

1-4 p.m. Newton Chorale dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

4 p.m. Newton Chorale Concert in the Sanctuary

A BCMC Mentor/Mentee Fall Get-Together will be Nov. 10, 4 to 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mentors and Mentees come for pizza and games (trivia questions with prizes!) Please RSVP and dietary restriction requests to Kathy Stucky at 316-772-2479 (texts are welcome).

Women's Fellowship, November meeting, will be Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sue Moyo, originally from Zimbabwe and owner of Moyo's Clothing Store downtown Main Street, will be our speaker and cook. She will cook a Zimbabwe meal for us. **Reservations are needed.** Call Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or email, marlene.violet@gmail.com by Thurs., November 14.

There is a table outside the sanctuary with post-election prayer resources. You are invited to take any resources you like from this table to use during worship and to take home with you.

Please plan to join us for supper and a program on Wednesday nights, November 13 and 20. The meal will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a program on “Exploring our Voices Together.”

For Nov. 13: This week Elizabeth Schmidt will bring information about the hymnal committees approach to including music from Indigenous communities. Join us for learning, singing, and discussion.

For Nov. 20: Our final Wednesday evening program this fall will be a hymn sing! Bring your song requests and your willingness to make a joyful noise.

Wednesday Supper Menus—Please bring your own tableware—For the next two suppers, bring a bowl!

Nov 13: Chili, Carrots with Ranch Dip, pickle spears, crackers, Cinnamon Rolls

Nov. 20: Italian Wedding Soup, Garlic breadsticks, Salad, Pumpkin dump cake

Thank you BCMC members who donated to BC pantry. I was thrilled to find the cups of soup, granola bars, etc. Items were delivered to the BC pantry which was almost bare. These donations help students who may find themselves in need of a great snack when the cafeteria is closed: athletes returning from a game, late night study groups, etc. So, get involved, clean out your pantries and cupboards, put them on the south table and I will deliver them to the BC pantry. With gratitude, Kathy Stucky

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!

Can a Book of Stories Bring Peace to Palestine and Israel? Western District Conference (MC USA) Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to join us for a book discussion group Feb. 25, 2025, 7 p.m. CST held on Zoom. We will be reading *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. An apeirogon is a polygon with an observably infinite number of sides. McCann is an award winning author who writes a book of tiny chapters, each one a breath, a feeling, a story. The book is based on the real life experiences of two friends, an Israeli who opposes the occupation and a Palestinian who studies the Holocaust. They meet in a parent grief support group, as both have tragically lost their daughters. Their raw stories and their ardent peace work buoy the heart as the book takes us on a journey through love, loss, reflection, and hope. As you read the book, note the artful connections between the stories and the theme of ending the occupation in Palestine. What stories of peace do you tell? We will take time in our discussion to reflect on the book's stories and our own. To register, email wdc@mennowdc.org, and a Zoom link will be sent out.

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), this 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.

Everence will hold its Medicare workshop at its North Newton office, 3179 N. Main St., Suite 1B, Tues., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. Topics: when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Announcements

- **MCC Borderlands Peace Camp, Jan. 19-25, 2025** Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join MCC in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in January. This MCC Peace Camp will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Find out more and register by January 5 at mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp.
- **Serving And Learning Together (SALT) applications now open for 2025!** Each year, MCC offers 80+ unique opportunities to serve with our local partners working for relief, development and peace around the world. Explore the numerous possibilities that match your passions, skills, and experience. If you're between the ages of 18-30, the SALT program might be the epic adventure you've been waiting for. Check it out at mcc.org/salt