

**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 17, 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:** Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia, request prayer for all regions around the world experiencing a lack of rainfall that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where fires are wiping out the world’s largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for chaplains in WDC who are serving in hospitals, hospice, health-care communities, educational institutions, corporate settings and other organizations. Give thanks for their gifts of healing and care, and pray for God’s peace and presence to sustain them daily.

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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**

**November 17, 2024**

**Stewardship Sunday**

Christ Candle Lighting		
Centering Music	<i>We Gather Together</i> (Raney) Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director	
Welcome & Prayer		Karen Ediger
*Hymn	<i>Could It Be That God Is Singing</i>	VT 42
Children's Conversation		Jeanette Leary
Worship Music	<i>Acclamation of Praise</i> (Raney) Chancel Bells; Karen Schlabaugh, organist	
*Hymn	<i>God of the Fertile Fields</i>	VT 750
Scripture Reading	Luke 16:1-13 Judy Kliewer and Naomi Koontz	
Sermon	<i>Serving God, Not the Economy</i>	Joanna Harader
*Hymn	<i>God Whose Giving</i>	VT 745
Prayers of God's People		Karen Ediger
*Hymn	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i> (verses 2 & 3 will be sung a capella)	VT 5
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i> (J.S. Bach)	Karen Schlabaugh

\* You are invited to stand

- VT—*Voices Together*   ▪ Audio visual— Ken Lamp
- Keyboard—Karen Schlabaugh

**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: Adah Hodge, Mara Oswald, Kevin Neufeld



**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*

**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.

**You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season.** BCMC will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, email the following to the office or fill it out and put it in the offering plate:

Donor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Make a payment of \$10.00 (made out to BCMC and designated "Flower Fund") place in the offering plate or bring to church office by Nov. 24. There will be forms at a table in the back of the sanctuary this Sunday, if you wish to fill out a form in person. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia Dec. 24 after the 4:30 p.m. Christmas program or after the 11 p.m. program; or, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 29.

## Bethel College Announcements:

- **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**
- **Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “The Pandemic Portraits,” works by Nicholas Hill, through Dec. 7.** Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for Wed., Nov. 20.** 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. “Obsession: The Highlands and Islands of Scotland”** Jim Richardson, National Geographic photographer, Lindsborg

**10:50 a.m. Music selections by the Bethel College Concert Choir,** Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road, Dr. Henry S. Waters, director of choral music and associate professor of music

**The Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers will be Sun., Dec. 1, 3 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. Prelude begins at 2:45 p.m. with Connie Rickard, saxophone. Program includes: Treble Clef Chorus, Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, and the Schrag Siblings. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that is awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major. Be our guest and begin your Christmas season.

**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.

## The Week at BCMC: November 17—November 24, 2024

### Sunday, November 17, 2024

**9:30 a.m.** Worship: sermon by Joanna Harader —**10:30 a.m.** Faith Formation Attendants in Nursery today: Adah Hodge, Mara Oswald, Kevin Neufeld  
YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/3R0UK8Wn5GY?feature=share>

**3 p.m.** Newton Chorale and Newton Community Children’s Choir Concert in the Sanctuary — All are invited!

### Tuesday, November 19, 2024

6 p.m. Women's Fellowship General Meeting in Fellowship Hall with meal. (By reservation)

### Wednesday, November 20, 2024—Last Wednesday Night Supper

6 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLEWARE—BRING A BOWL FOR SOUP—Menu: Italian Wedding Soup, Garlic breadsticks, Salad, Pumpkin dump cake

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

### Thursday, November 21, 2024

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

7 p.m. Deacon Commission meeting in room 14

### Sunday, November 24, 2024—Thanksgiving Sunday

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

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

**You are invited to attend the fall concert of The Newton Chorale and Newton Community Children's Choir today, Nov. 17 at 3:00 p.m.** at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Each choir will sing a selection of pieces, and then the choirs will join together to sing "Peace, Everywhere." Admission is free; a freewill offering will be taken.

**Women's Fellowship General Meeting** will be Tues., Nov. 19 in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. with meal prepared by Sue Moyo and sharing her journey from Zimbabwe to the United States. Cost of meal - by donation with reservation.

**BCMC Offering for Nov. 10:** Gen. Fund \$3,792; Wed.Supper \$409; Meat Canning \$650; Library Reserve Fund \$15; Kitchen Fund \$19; Solar Fund \$80.

### **To put on your calendar:**

- **Don't forget to fill out your bcmcXpress on-line intent form.** If you prefer, there are paper copies on the ledge in the Gathering Place.
- **Jan. 25, 2025 Leadership Retreat** (more details to come later)

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

**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 Menu—Please bring your own tableware—For the next supper, bring a bowl!**

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 *Apeiogon* 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](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org), and a Zoom link will be sent out.

**The deadline for announcements for the week's upcoming Sunday's BCMC bulletin is Thursday morning.** It may not be possible to include an announcement if it is received later.

## **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](http://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](http://mcc.org/salt)
- **MCC Open House, Tues., Dec. 3 from 2 p.m.—4 p.m.** All are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree. Visit with MCC staff, get a tour while you enjoy some snacks. We can't wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton! [mcc.org/open-house](http://mcc.org/open-house)
- **Giving Tuesday at MCC, Tues., Dec. 3 from 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.** We're excited to host this annual evening of service to kick off your holiday season! This all-ages event is focused on service and fellowship. Please bring new dark colored hand towels with you – the more you bring, the more hygiene kits we can pack! There will be Christmas cards to write in and comforters to tie AND snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give back on Giving Tuesday! [mcc.org/giving-Tuesday](http://mcc.org/giving-Tuesday)
- **Yule love this! Join us for a live, online event Dec. 3, 11 a.m. CST** as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at [mcc.org/yule-love-this](http://mcc.org/yule-love-this).

**Bake Sale items are needed for the “Friends of Kidron Holiday Market, Sat., Dec. 7, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.** They are asking for donations for the Friends of Kidron bake sale booth. Popular items are cinnamon/pecan rolls, coffee cakes, breads, cakes, zwiebach, pies, cookies, cupcakes, muffins, jelly/jam, candy/fudge, and other sweets. Please drop off the baked goods Fri., Dec. 6 in Kidron Hall from 9 to 4 p.m. or Sat., Dec. 7 at 8 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Kidron Health Care Benevolent Fund.

**Kidron Bethel Village hosts a “Holiday Market” with handmade items & goods from local vendors, Sat., Dec 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Kidron Hall. Enjoy holiday shopping and help support the Health Care Benevolent Fund at Kidron Bethel Village. Free admission.