

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: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that this Tuesday’s elections in the United States will take place without violence and that the leaders who are elected will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for WDC congregations and members during this election week in the United States, as they seek to live faithfully and bear witness to the way of Jesus in today’s world.

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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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- Chancel Choir Director: Joel Garber • Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church

November 3, 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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* (Bach)
Karen Unruh

Welcome with Land Acknowledgement Dianne Epp

*Hymn *O God, We Read the Holy Law* VT 571

Children's Conversation Joanna Harader, Suzanne Burch, Lucy Burch

Hymn *Come What May* VT 768

Scripture Reading Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34 Lois Preheim

Sermon *Do Not Trust in Rulers* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *This Is My Song* VT 710

Prayers of God's People Dianne Epp

*Hymn *Come What May* VT 768

*Benediction

Postlude *God of Grace, and God of Glory* (Anne Krentz Organ)
Karen Unruh

* You are invited to stand
VT—*Voices Together*

Audio visual—Francis Toews

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: Margaret Toews & Barb Voran



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*

Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement:

--**The Repair Coalition is focusing on the Truth and Healing Legislation** introduced by Deb Haaland currently pending in Congress. The bill establishes the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States and sets forth its powers, duties and membership. The Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies (federal policies under which American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools). Further, the commission must develop recommendations on ways to (1)protect unmarked graves and accompanying land protections; (2)support repatriation and identify the tribal nations from which children were taken; and (3)discontinue the removal of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children from their families and tribal communities by state social service departments, foster care agencies, and adoption agencies. See boardingschoolhealing.org. Now is the time to educate ourselves about this legislation to join the actions requested by the Repair Coalition.

--**See also "Elevating Indigenous Innovation"** by U.S. Secretary Deb Haaland in the July 2024 special issue of National Geographic on Indigenous Futures.

Bethel College Announcements:

- **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. Concert is at *Bethel College Mennonite Church*
- **Mon., Nov. 4: “The Pandemic Portraits,” works by Nicholas Hill,** opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Lukyen Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (reception Nov. 14). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **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
- **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.
- **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for Wed., Nov. 6.** 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. “Hope for the Homeless, One at a Time,” Brian Bisbee, executive director, New Hope Shelter, Newton
10:50 a.m. “Blizzards, Onion Rings and Dip Cones: Inside the World of Dairy Queen Ownership,” Helen Nachtigal, North Newton

BCMC Offering for Oct. 27 Gen. Fund \$8,727.50; Kitchen Fund \$68; MCC Meat Canning \$2,245; Gen Fund 2025 \$1,122.16; Solar Fund \$500; BCMC Mission and Service Endowment Fund \$98,071.89; Wed. Supper \$321; Plant Fund \$50; Peace Garden \$2,000; Donna Friesen Mem. \$125; Clara Koehn Mem. \$690.

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.

The Week at BCMC: November 3—November 10, 2024

Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader **10:30 a.m.** Faith Formation Volunteer attendants in Nursery today: Margaret Toews & Barb Voran
YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:
https://youtube.com/live/8j_VVaS9LCc?feature=share

4 p.m. Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Henry Waters, director, with the theme “Sing You Home” and featuring the Concert Choir’s KMEA 2025 concert repertoire. All are invited!

Monday, November 4, 2024

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

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Chapel will be open for prayer (see announcement below)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024—Wednesday Night Supper

6 p.m. Wednesday night supper in Fellowship Hall—PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLEWARE—Menu: Western Omelet Casserole, Frozen Fruit, Coffee Cake
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, November 7, 2024

2 p.m. Finance Committee work session in Room 14
6:30 p.m. Newton Chorale rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7
7 p.m. Church Board meeting in Room 14

Saturday, November 9, 2024

5-7 p.m. Camp Mennoscah Fundraiser Meal in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Choir
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation
3-6 p.m. Mentor-Mentee Event in Fellowship Hall

Land Acknowledgement from words 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.

The Chapel room at church will be open for prayer on election day (November 5) from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be prayer resources available and a quiet space for you to pause, breathe, and lift up your prayers for God's peace in our hearts, our nation, and our world. You are invited to come at any time during the day and stay as long as you like.

Please plan to join us for supper and a program on Wednesday nights, November 6—November 20. The meal will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a program on “Exploring our Voices Together.” **This Wednesday (Nov. 6)** Esther Eash will lead us in an exploration of some of the artwork included in our hymnal and the songs that accompany them. Join us for learning, singing, and discussion.

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

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

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.

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).

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!

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 or contact the library at crlib@mennowdc.org

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!