

**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:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the South American celebration of Anabaptism at 500, taking place in Cusco, Peru. Pray that during these five days of worship, learning and fellowship, Anabaptists will experience renewed inspiration to carry their rich spiritual legacy into current contexts.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Give thanks for WDC congregations observing Anabaptism at 500 (the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Anabaptist movement in 1525) through special events and celebrations during the coming year, and pray for faithfulness in our commitments to follow Jesus as Anabaptist / Mennonite Christians now and in the future.

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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

## Bethel College Mennonite Church January 19, 2025



### Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

John 2:1-11

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**

**January 19, 2025**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music      *Adoration* (Florence Beatrice Price)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Prayer      Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

\*Hymn      *Here in This Place*      VT 10

Children's Conversation      Barb Koontz

Worship Music      *Veni Jesu* (Luigi Cherbini)  
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading      John 2:1-11      David Sprunger

\*Hymn      *Over My Head*      VT 594

Sermon      *Prompting Miracles*      Joanna Harader

\*Hymn      *Lift Every Voice and Sing*      VT 611

Prayers of God's People

\*Hymn      *You are Salt for the Earth*      VT 297

\*Benediction

Postlude      *Improvisation on We Shall Overcome* (Carl Haywood)

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\* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Audio visual—Ken Lamp

**Greetings!**

**I am looking for volunteers who would be willing to provide a morning snack for our youth on Sunday mornings.** Items could be, but not limited to, cinnamon rolls, fruit, cookies, etc. We generally have 4-7 young persons participate in Sunday School and would be gracious for yummy treats before their lessons starts. If you are able to volunteer, please email me at [jill@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:jill@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sun., Jan. 26, during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.** The meeting will be available through streaming options. Financial Report booklets have been sent by email and there are paper copies in the Gathering Place.

**From the Finance Committee**

As the financial year of our church ends, we offer gratitude for the generosity shared in donating monetary offerings toward our annual budget. Each gift is important to the process of fulfilling our mission. A brief report is listed below.

The following is a BCMC financial report of the general fund income and expenses on December 31, 2024 (100% of the year).

Total income	\$511,397	95% of budget
Total expense	\$504,305	94% of budget
Net income	\$7,092	

**Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- **January 20, 11 a.m.: Dorothea (Dotty) Janzen's** memorial service at BCMC
- **Helen Paul's** memorial service will be at Kidron Bethel Village, Kidron Hall on Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m.

**Board Game Night to support the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery:** Pastor Joanna is currently working with other members of the Coalition to develop a board game that addresses issues connected to Indigenous justice. To raise awareness of and money for this project, the Indigenous Task Force is hosting a board game night on Fri., Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. We will have a prototype of the Coalition game available along with plenty of other game options. There is no charge to attend the event, but we will receive donations for the Coalition from those who would like to contribute.

**The Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference notes that several of their churches have been affected by the wildfires that continue to burn in Southern California.** They are requesting donations toward the needs of PSMC families who have lost homes and to the needs of the wider community. You can donate through their website. <https://www.pacificsouthwest.org/> (Be sure to select "Relief for Victims of SoCal Fires" from the donation drop-down menu.)

**Newton Community for Racial Justice will hold its annual anti-racism training Feb. 13-15.** This is a date change from previous years. Training will be held at the Newton Recreation Center from Thurs. evening, Feb. 13 through Sat. afternoon, Feb. 15. Registration: \$350 per participant. Some scholarships are available. REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/pXViB4fzH8y3u7WM7> Payment can be made online: [https://www.convergepay.com/hosted-payments?ssl\\_txn\\_auth\\_token=%2Bd%2Fr1xrRRCaZybUyv2z%2FeAAAZON0fyjV](https://www.convergepay.com/hosted-payments?ssl_txn_auth_token=%2Bd%2Fr1xrRRCaZybUyv2z%2FeAAAZON0fyjV)

### **Anabaptism at 500 Celebration**

**January 21 is the 500th anniversary of what is noted as the beginning of Anabaptism:** the baptism of George Blaurock, Conrad Grebel, and a dozen others in Zurich, Switzerland. We have the opportunity to participate in many online and in-person events over the next several weeks to celebrate this significant anniversary:

- **Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 a.m. (Central), the Global Anabaptist Read-a-Thon begins!** This will be streamed on the Anabaptism at 500 Facebook page for 90+ hours. Tune in to hear 500 voices (including Pastor Joanna's) from 42 countries read through the entire Bible.
- **Sunday, Jan. 19, 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church: Hymn Festival**
- **Tues., Jan. 21, 6-7:30 p.m. (Central), at College Mennonite Church (Goshen, IN) and online:** a worship service celebrating 500 years of the Anabaptist movement. You can find the livestream link the day of the event on the Anabaptism at 500 Facebook page.
- **Sundays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 2: BCMC worship will highlight various aspects of our Anabaptist heritage and identity.**

**Anabaptism at 500! This year, Anabaptists around the world are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the first Anabaptist baptism on January 21, 1525.**

As part of this world-wide celebration, MennoMedia has published the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, which two different BCMC Sunday School classes contributed to. And if you'd like to read through the Bible in 2025, you can find a reading chart in a BCMC email.

### **The Week at BCMC: January 19—26, 2025**

#### **Sunday, January 19, 2025**

9:30 a.m. Worship — 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/qdk6kumGjJY?feature=share>

#### **January 20, 2025**

11 a.m. Memorial service for Dorothea (Dotty) Janzen in the Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

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

#### **Thursday, January 23, 2025**

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

7 p.m. Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

#### **Saturday, January 25, 2025**

8:30 a.m. Leadership Retreat at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, 10218 SE 12th St., Whitewater

#### **Sunday, January 26, 2025—500th Anniversary of Anabaptism**

9:30 a.m. Worship with testimonies from BCMC members; music by the Chancel Choir 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation;

**Cherubini 's choral setting of the Latin text, "Veni Jesu Amor mi" loosely translates "Come to me, O Jesus, my love."**

**Activity bags are 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*

**BCMC Offering for Jan. 12:** Gen. Fund \$8,403.59; Kitchen Fund \$8; Leona Kaufman Mem. \$240.

**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.

**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.



**If you are interested in becoming a member, or transferring membership, or learning more about membership at BCMC,** please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care. She will be happy to visit with you!

**Today's centering music and postlude are both pieces composed by black American composers.** Florence Price (1887-1953), composer of *Adoration*, is noted as the first African American symphonic composer. She composed prolifically, producing chamber music, symphonic works, choral music, art song, and works for piano and organ, the vast majority of which was only published many decades after her death. Carl Haywood, a long-serving professor of organ and choral music at Norfolk State University, a historically black university, composed his *Improvisation on We Shall Overcome* for Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2012. This hymn (VT 803) is a gospel song deeply associated with the U.S. civil rights movement, and it still bears a message important to us today. The limited available organ repertoire composed by African American women and men is expanding, and I look forward to sharing more of it with you in the future. While the bulk of commonly played organ literature is the work of white male composers, these pieces by two African American composers are both moving and thrilling and have been fun to work up. I look forward to sharing more of their music with you in the future. —Will Wiebe-Friesen

**"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" will be Sun., Feb. 23, at noon.** You are welcome to sign-up today, Jan. 19, or next Sun., Jan. 26, in the Gathering Place. Indicate whether you would like to be a host or guest. Hosts provide main dish, beverage, and maybe bread. Guests are assigned a side dish - vegetable, salad, dessert, or maybe bread. Experience this event interacting with some of our congregational members, as assigned, on a social level.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus is getting organized for our 2025 season.** Those who sang last year should have received information from Aaron Stucky (stuckya2003@yahoo.com). For those who would like to join this year please contact Aaron or myself, Joe Peters, joep67117@gmail.com or 316-288-7031, or join us at our first rehearsal on Jan. 26. We sing so others may live.

**Volunteer at New Hope Shelter:** BCMC is part of a 24-congregation network providing volunteer support for evening shifts at New Hope Shelter. About five weeks per year, we carry in several meals for 25-30 people and have two volunteers stay through the evening to support a staff person. As volunteers come and go, we can always use more help to cover this commitment. If you could help occasionally by contributing food for a meal or spending an evening at the shelter, email Cynthia Linscheid at cdlin319@gmail.com. New Hope Shelter serves homeless men, women, and children from Harvey, Butler, Marion, and McPherson counties. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and service at New Hope, either recently or in the past!

### **Bethel College Announcements**

- **Mon., Jan. 20: Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, 7 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with local pastor (retired) and community leader Larry Lee.
- **Sat., Jan. 25: Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "At Home on the Range," noon-4 p.m.,** museum parking lot and grounds. Featuring food trucks, exhibits and activities indoors and out, and much more. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org
- **Bethel College will offer a new course, Introduction to Hymnology, in Spring 2025, taught by Dr. Henry S. Waters, Director of Choral Music and Associate Professor of Music.** The course will survey the history of hymns, mostly from the hymnal *Voices Together*, and analyze hymns through many lenses including music theory, poetry and theology. The class will meet weekly on Mondays at 6-7 pm, beginning Mon., Jan 27, in the Chapel of the Administration Building. Community members may Audit the course for \$100 (or \$50 for persons age 65+), or enroll for credit at a higher fee. To request the enrollment form, email registrar@bethelks.edu or visit the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building between 8 am -12 pm, or 1-5 pm.
- **Sun., Jan. 26: Bethel College Music Department Honors Recital, 4 p.m.,** Administration Building chapel, featuring freshman, sophomore and junior vocal and instrumental students who performed exceptionally during the fall 2024 semester.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is hosting a 75th Anniversary Annual Celebration in Wichita this February 14-15.** As part of the celebration, MDS will be hosting a volleyball tournament and cornhole tournament! The tournaments will be held Sat., Feb. 15 at Ridgepoint Church in Wichita. The cornhole tournament is at 1 p.m. and the volleyball tournament is from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. They are looking for local teams or individuals to join the fun! Everyone is invited! If you are interested in registering a team or as an individual, please let Kaelan Swartley at kswartley@mds.org know by Jan. 27. If you are looking to form or join a team with others from Western District Conference, contact the WDC office at wdc@mennowdc.org and we can connect you with others who may be interested. Volunteers are needed to help with meals (meals are free for volunteers), welcome and hospitality, driving shuttle vans between hotels and church, and helping with meeting room preparation. Please contact Ada Schmidt-Tieszen at 316 842-9751 or adast@bethelks.edu for more information.

**Peace Connections is hosting a Bridges Out of Poverty Free Training Jan. 31 and Feb. 7.** This training is a great way to help individuals understand the impacts of poverty by exploring the root causes of poverty, increase personal understanding and identify ways to reduce barriers between each other. For information or to sign up for the two-part training go to [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org)