

# Bethel College Mennonite Church

## February 16, 2025

### Blessings and Woes

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



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.



## The Week at BCMC: February 16—23, 2025

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

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

YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/5TP47dx3HaM?feature=share>

### Monday, February 17, 2025

5:15 p.m. Organ lesson in the sanctuary

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

4 p.m. Witness Commission meeting in Room 14

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

7 p.m. Bethel College Women's Association meets in Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 21, 2025

7-9 p.m. Board Game Night in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Indigenous Task Force

### Sunday, February 23, 2025—Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Sunday

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

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

**Due to a forecast of snow and extreme cold predicted for next week, Women's Fellowship General Meeting scheduled for Tues., Feb. 18, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall is cancelled.**

**Some of our many Anabaptist History books are currently being highlighted in our church library to coincide with the 500 Year Anabaptist Celebration.** We have quite a collection in back of our library desk (including two new editions of the Anabaptist Community Bible), but these are by no means all of them. Several more are available, many in the 289.7 section. Please come in and peruse at your leisure.

### **Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- **Helen Paul's** memorial service will be at Kidron Bethel Village, Kidron Hall on Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m.
- **We offer sympathy to the family of Edie Krehbiel.** Edie died Jan. 23 at Paramount Community, Newton. Edie's memorial service will be March 7, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

**This Lent, Bethel College Mennonite will use Pastor Joanna's book *Prone to Wander: A Lenten Journey with Women in the Wilderness*.** If you would like to order a personal copy through the church, please email the church office ([office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)) no later than Sun., Feb. 23. Copies cost \$15 and will be available for pick up on Sunday, March 2.

**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 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS) is April 11 & 12, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.** Your participation supports MCC's relief, development, and peace-building work around the world.

- **BCMC Sunday School classes** are helping to underwrite KMRS costs so that all sale expenses are covered before the sale. BCMC classes have already pledged more than \$2000, and several classes are still collecting funds to donate. Thank you!
- **A big thank you also goes to those who created the eleven beautiful quilts on display last Sunday;** if you missed them, they will be making another appearance as part of the quilt auction at the sale in April.
- **Fellowship Meals** (March 9 or March 16) are another way to contribute to MCC. Signup forms are available at the KMRS website.
- **Do you have an item to donate to the silent auction,** children's auction, or general auction? Check the KMRS website for more information or speak with a BCMC liaison.
- **Check out the posterboard in the Gathering Place** for KMRS information and extra forms. For more information see the KMRS website at <https://kansas.mccsale.org/>, or contact a BCMC liaison (Brad and Diane Born, William and Esther Kreider Eash, and Steve and Elaine Schurr).

**The Great Winter Warm-up: Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping Mennonite Central Committee reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March.** You can sponsor, donate one (or more) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in community with others. If you host an event in your home, church or community please let [tinaschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) know about it (we've got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check [mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up](http://mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up) for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!

**Western District Women in Mission invites women & girls** to our annual potluck salad supper Mon., April 28, 6 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. The theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth" presented by WDWM executive committee member and Kansas City floral designer, Becca Schrag. Bring a salad to share and a small vessel to make a floral design in (a tea cup, bowl, or small vase). This is a free event with an offering taken to help cover expenses. RSVP not required but appreciated by email: [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)

## **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) announcements**

- **The 17th annual Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Blitz is March 3, 4 and 5 at the Journey Facilities Building** behind Charis Community Church, 3605 E. Long View Rd, Haven, near Yoder. Mon. 9-5, Tues. 9-9 (note that these hours are extended) and Wed. 9-4. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or bring your own sack lunch. Snacks are welcome to share. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC. Info at [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or email [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org), 316-283-2720.
- **The MCC Central States board will hold it's annual meeting Sat., March 1 from 2-3:30 p.m.** at MCC Central States in North Newton. All are welcome to attend.

**Volunteers needed at New Hope Shelter:** More than 25 volunteers from BCMC currently serve at New Hope Shelter during designated weeks, in coordination with supporting congregations throughout Harvey, Marion, and McPherson counties. Some help provide evening meals and others stay through the evening (5-10 p.m.) to support a paid staff person. As volunteers come and go, we can always use more help to cover this commitment. If you can volunteer or would like more information, please email Cynthia Linscheid at [cdlin319@gmail.com](mailto:cdlin319@gmail.com).

## **Bethel College Announcements**

- **Sun., Feb. 16: KIPCOR Film Series presents *The Third Harmony*, 2 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium. The 44-minute documentary directed by Michael Nagler is a study of nonviolence in academic and practical terms. Audience talkback follows with Keren Kandel, KIPCOR executive director.
- **Tues., Feb. 18: Bethel College Organ Recital Series:** Dr. Kevin Vaughn, University of Notre Dame, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel
- **Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, "Untethered,"** ceramics by David Long, through March 14. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 25: Bethel College Orchestra**, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Thurs., March 6: Bethel College Wind Ensemble**, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sun., March 9, 4 p.m.: Bethel College Choir Spring Tour Send-off Concert**
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sun., March 9, 7 p.m.: Bible Lecture** (the book of Isaiah) at Bethel College with Doug Miller

**BCMC Offering for Feb. 9:** Gen. Fund \$9,981; MCC Sale \$330; Sr Hi Youth \$100; Library Reserve Fund \$10; Jr Hi Fund \$1,032; Kitchen Fund \$17; Edie Krehbiel Mem. \$50.

**As our state and national political climate becomes increasingly threatening to trans and queer people**, you are invited to “the gayest Anabaptist gathering of the year”! Join LGBTQIA+ people and their allies/accomplices for *Fabulous, Fierce, and Sacred*—a weekend of worship, fellowship, learning, and community: May 2-4 in Philadelphia, PA. Please share this invitation with those you think would be interested. Contact Pastor Joanna to learn more and to coordinate travel to the event.

**Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA) provides valuable information about and opportunities for advocacy** around some key issues in our state including economic justice, lgbtqia rights, and environmental protection. KIFA’s next monthly online forum will be Thurs., Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. and will focus on protecting public education. You can learn more by going to the KIFA website and click on the tab “Calendar”.

**In response to recently proposed legislation, Kansas Interfaith Action is pulling together a working group to focus on immigrant justice.** If you are interested in being part of this group, contact Pastor Joanna or be in touch with KIFA directly through their website—<https://kansasinterfaithaction.org/>

**Western District Conference Israel Palestine Task Force Update: Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. CT**, Esther Koontz will lead a Zoom discussion of the book, *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Special guest, Tareq Abuhamila, will begin the meeting with an update of life on the ground in Gaza based on reports from his family in Gaza. Participants will have a chance to ask Tareq questions, give their responses to the book, and name their own stories of peace to add to the book's 1001 powerful vignettes. Please register by emailing [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) by Mon., Feb. 17.

**Life Enrichment, in the Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium, is a series designed especially for adults age 60 and over. Programs for February 19:**  
**9:30 a.m.** “The Wonderful World of Ceramics,” Conrad Snider, ceramic artist, North Newton  
**10:50 a.m.** “Artificial Intelligence: Threat or Opportunity?,” David Janzen, Ph.D., president Tabor College, Hillsboro

**In celebration of Mennonite Disaster Service's 75th anniversary**, we are inviting church sewing circles and individuals who enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting, or weaving to join us by creating wall hangings or prayer shawls for our *Housewarmer Project* during the month of February! The *Housewarmer Project* provides quilted wall hangings and prayer shawls to disaster survivors whose homes have been rebuilt or restored by Mennonite Disaster Service. The wall hangings and prayer shawls are presented to the homeowner at the dedication of the home. These handmade gifts are a lasting symbol of compassion and of coming home. *Housewarmer Project* information, guidelines, and mailing instructions for completed wall hangings and prayer shawls can be found at [mds.org/housewarmer-project](https://mds.org/housewarmer-project).

**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.



**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*

**Our guest organist today, Dr. Kevin Vaughn, is joining us from South Bend, Indiana.** Kevin holds a DMA in Organ Performance from the University of Notre Dame, where, along with Goshen College, he has held positions on the instructional faculty. With his husband, Stephen Lancaster, he has produced a number of recordings of sacred song for baritone and organ and has performed at Hesston College. He will present a recital at Bethel College on Tuesday evening at 7:00.

**“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” is a way for BCMC folks to get acquainted with other BCMC folks that they might not know very well.** The Hospitality Commission has matched people who signed up as hosts with people who signed up as guests. Guests: You will receive your food assignment today, Feb. 16. Hosts: you will receive the number of guests you will host. The dinner is Feb. 23.

**The Indigenous Task Force is hosting Trent Voth during the Sunday School hour (following worship) on Sun., March 2,** to share his presentation on "The Long Road to Tuktoyaktuk." This is an introduction to the Indigenous Residential Schools (IRS) systems of Canada, seen through the use of the Anglican Church of Canada's archival documents. The presentation seeks to add nuance to, complicate, but also humanize some of the history and experiences of the Canadian IR School system.

**Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m., Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania is inviting brothers and sisters from area Mennonite churches to participate in a special service of worship and prayer related to immigration concerns,** together with Aposento Alto, the Hispanic Mennonite Church in Wichita. There will be a potluck after the service to celebrate February birthdays. All are invited to bring a dish to share and stay for the meal. The service will take place in the sanctuary of First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st, Newton.

**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 praising God for the 70 years of ministry of the Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan. Pray for the continuing outreach of the church’s agencies in Hualien: the Mennonite Christian Hospital; the New Dawn Educare Center, which serves people with special challenges; and the Good Shepherd Center for abused women, those sold into prostitution, and children from dysfunctional families.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC youth and leaders who will participate in the Know Jesus conference next weekend at Hesston College, as they learn about their Anabaptist roots and grow in their relationship with Jesus through worship, service and activities together.

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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**

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