

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 released 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: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 74 workers and 183 partner organizations throughout the United States and 45 other countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those we encounter.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for all WDC congregations, as they embody the presence of the risen Christ, and live out resurrection hope through ministries of compassion, peacemaking, and justice.

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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

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Bethel College Mennonite Church April 20, 2025—Easter Sunday



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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
April 20, 2025—Easter Sunday!

Prelude *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* [VT 359] (arr. J. Wayne Kerr)
 Were You There? [VT 329] (arr. Diane Bish)
 Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627 [VT 358] (J.S. Bach)
 Christ the Lord is Risen Today [VT 346] (arr. Jason Payne)
 Will Wiebe-Friesen

Resurrection Proclamation Elizabeth Schmidt

One: Christ is risen! **All: Christ is risen indeed!**
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Christ Candle Lighting

*Hymn *Low in the Grave He Lay* VT 333

Welcome

*Hymn *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340
 (Children are invited to go to the chapel as hymn is sung.)

Introduction to *Gloria* Joel Garber

Gloria in D Major RV 589 (Antonio Vivaldi)

Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

- I. *Gloria* (Glory to God in the highest)
- II. *Et in terra pax* (And on Earth, good will to all.)
- III. *Laudamus te* (We praise you, we bless you
 We worship you, we glorify you.)
 [Virginia Miner, soprano; Ron Garber, tenor]

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12 Mary Ellen Hodge

- IV. *Gratias agimus tibi* (We give thanks to you)
- V. *Propter magnum gloriam* (For your great glory!)
- VI. *Domine Deus* (Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty)
 [Virginia Miner, soprano]

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 Mary Ellen Hodge

- VII. *Domine fili unigenite* (Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.)

VIII. *Domine Deus* (Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
 Heavenly King, only begotten Son,
 Who takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.)
 [Allie Soeken, Mezzo soprano]

IX. *Qui tollis peccata mundi* (Who takes away the sins of the world.)

X. *Qui sedes ad dexteram patris* (You who sits at the right hand of
 the father, Have mercy on us.)
 [Allie Soeken, Mezzo Soprano]

Meditation *Messy Glory* Joanna Harader

XI. *Quoniam to solus sanctus* (For you alone are holy,
 you alone are the Lord
 you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.)

XII. *Cum sancto spiritu* (With the holy spirit,
 in the Glory of God, the Father, Amen)

Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *The Lord is Risen Indeed!* VT 357
 (Children return during hymn.)

Children Share Resurrection Gardens

*Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* VT 346

*Benediction

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony 5* (Widor) Will Wiebe-Friesen

*You are invited to stand VT—*Voices Together* Audio visual—Ben Lichti

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.



BCMC Offering for Apr. 13: Gen. Fund \$21,276.19; Wed. Supper \$331; Caring Fund \$350; Flower Fund \$150; Kitchen Fund \$26; Solar Fund \$4,000.

Life Enrichment, in the Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium, is a series designed especially for adults age 60 and over. Programs for April 23 are:

9:30 a.m.: “Near-Death Experience: Anecdotes and Analysis,” Dr. Herb Smith, professor emeritus of philosophy and religion, McPherson College

10:50 a.m.: “Fill Your Heart with Music,” Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra ensemble

Western District Women in Mission potluck salad meal shared with women and girls of the surrounding area followed by meditation on God’s creation through a floral design workshop by Rebecca Schrag on Mon., Apr. 28, 6 p.m., at Tabor Mennonite Church. Bring a salad to share, table service provided, and a small vessel (shallow bowl, tea cup size). Also bring garden or kitchen shears if you have one. RSVP: westerndistrictwomeninmission.org. For transportation: call Marlene V. Faul 316-288-9650 or email at marlene.violet@gmail.com

Public Witness: Sat., Apr. 26, 11:30 a.m. the Western District Conference Israel-Palestine Task Force with Mennonite Action are hosting a “God’s Love Knows No Borders” gathering at the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N Main St, Newton. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. at Military Park, 200 E Broadway, if at all possible, to prepare for the event. For more information, email: robertleeatchison@gmail.com

Everence will hold a Medicare workshop at its office, 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, Thurs., Apr. 24, 6:30 p.m. Topics include, 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.

National Poetry Month Guest Artist. The New York Actress Michele LaRue Kliewer will perform Warren Kliewer’s poetry, *Places, Please: Act One*, Fri., Apr. 25, 11 a.m. at Kidron Bethel. On Sat., Apr. 26, 3 p.m., she will perform *Bedquilt* by Dorothy Canfield Smith at the Newton Public Library. Free admission to both performances although donations to defray costs will be graciously accepted. Warren Kliewer spent his early years in Mt. Lake, MN and then taught at Wichita State University before moving to New York where he founded the East Lynne Theatre Company. A selection of Warren’s publications will be for sale. — *Lauren Friesen*

Register today for the Mennonite Central Committee Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, Oct. 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

The Week at BCMC: April 20—27, 2025

Sunday, April 20, 2025: 9:40 a.m. Organ Prelude **10:00 a.m. Easter Worship**
No Sunday school today

YouTube Link for the worship service this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/live/2ZIAC8vrzS8?feature=share>

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Bethel College Women’s Association meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice in the Sanctuary Chancel area

Thursday, April 24, 2025

6 p.m. Chancel Bell Rehearsal in Room B7

7 p.m. Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

Saturday, April 26 and Sunday April 27—BCMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Welcome and thank you to the orchestra members today: Violin 1: Joan Griffing

Violin 2: Marta Prugar; Viola: Joey Menninga; Cello: Caleb Garber

Bass: Derek Jesse; Oboe: Aaron Robinson; Trumpet: Greg Bergman

And of course, thank you to the BCMC Chancel Choir, director Joel Garber, accompanist Will Wiebe-Friesen, and the soloists, Virginia Mininger, Ron Garber, and Allie Soeken. Happy Easter to everyone!

Today’s service contains quite a variety of music! Some highlights—in addition to the *Gloria*—include some of the prelude and postlude music as well as congregational hymns. *Christ ist erstanden* is a chorale prelude—that’s music talk for a spiced-up setting of a hymn—from Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), in which he composed a chorale prelude for every Sunday of the Church Year. It is meant as a teaching tool, where the student can study different musical techniques in challenging, bite-sized pieces that are useful for worship. This hymn, which translates as “Christ is Arisen” and is found in VT 358, is interesting as it includes a joyful text paired with a minor tune, the oldest known German liturgical song, dating to around 1100.

Despite its somber tone, listen for the empathic alleluias in the third verse. The congregational hymn “The Lord is Risen Indeed” was composed by William Billings, regarded as the first American choral composer. His music has a distinct, primitive, folk-like sound and helped to shape the blossoming American Sacred Harp style of song. A tanner by trade, Billings was gifted in his art despite financial struggles, missing an eye, and being short in one leg. Ending the service is a portion of the famous toccata from Charles Marie Widor’s Fifth Organ Symphony. The toccata, a musical form named for the Italian “to touch,” is the final movement in the symphony and is his most well-known work. Imagine hearing it in the sonorous acoustics of the Parisian Church of St. Sulpice where Widor was organist for over 60 years.

The Easter Lillies this Easter morning were shared by the following people:

Given by	In honor/memory of
William & Esther Kreider Eash.....	Our Parents
Dianne Epp & Family	Willard & Florence Waltner
John & Bernice Esau	Keith Esau; Alyssa Rose Moore
Carol Flickinger & Roger Juhnke	Ray & Cornelius Juhnke; Virgil & Anna Grace Flickinger
Richard Friesen & Dorothy Nickel Friesen	Arthur & Viola Friesen; John & Edna Nickel
Laura & Joel Garber	Lawrence Waters
Dick & Barb Koontz.....	In honor of: Elmer "Bob" Delk; In memory of: Elbert & Ruth Koontz; Aldene Delk
Sondra Koontz	Philip Koontz
Dwight & Bonnie Krehbiel	Randy Krehbiel
David Kreider & Heidi Regier Kreider	
John & Rachel Pannabecker	Our Parents
Lil & Joe Peters	Linda & Peter Richert; Bertha & Carl Peters
Marles Preheim & Family	Norma Preheim
John & Elsie Sheriff	Kent Sheriff
Harold Thieszen, Barbara & John Thiesen	Esther Thieszen
Lenore Waltner & Family.....	James Waltner
Jon & Heather Zerger	Our Grandparents: Jo & Esther Schrag; Sally Penner

Upcoming Events at BCMC

- **Zwieback Fundraiser Sale by the Youth Group**—Pickup is today, Sun., April 20 (Easter morning) Minimum donation \$10 per dozen
- **BCMC's Camp Mennoscah Retreat will be Apr.26-27. See email for more details.**
- **The memorial service for Merrill Raber will be May 3, 11 a.m. at BCMC.**
- **We will be having a Congregational Meeting following church on May 4.** More details and agenda will follow as the date approaches.

What hymn holds a special place in your heart? The worship commission wants to sing the hymns you love during our summer worship services. We will collect hymn requests through the month of April and then sing as many of your requests as we can over the summer months. We will also include notes in the bulletin about who chose which hymns and why. You may submit requests by filling out a "Summer Hymn Request" paper and placing it in the designated box or by emailing Pastor Joanna. Be sure to include a 1-3 sentence statement with your request letting us know why that hymn is special to you. What a gift it is to sing together!

Destination: Greensboro, NC: Mennonite Church USA conference 2025, July 8-12

If interested in being a delegate, contact any Gifts Discernment Committee (GDC) member: Jeanette Stucky, Jerry Buller, Dick Koontz, Francis Toews or the church office. Delegate sessions will be July 12. GDC reimburses registration fees to delegates.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Mon., Apr. 21: Bethel College Distinguished Achievement Award presentation to Carolyn Coon '82, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium**
- **Fri. April 25, Sat., April 26, Sun., April 27: Spring play at Bethel College, *The Bookstore* by Adam Szymkowitz, Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun., 2 p.m. matinee, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center). Friday evening performance interpreted for the d/Deaf community. Ticket purchase required (buy on campus weekdays at Thresher Shop; online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/>; or at the door).**
- **Weds., Apr. 30: Bethel College Orchestra**, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Thurs., May 1: Bethel College Wind Ensemble**, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sun., May 4: Masterworks concert at Bethel College: *Three Nocturnes* by Dan Forrest, *Exsultate, Jubilate* by Mozart, and *Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite* by Craig Hella Johnson**
- **SAVE THE DATE: Mon., May 12, Hymn Festival** presented by Dr. Henry Waters' Hymnology class, Bethel College Mennonite Church

Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to become a Junior Volunteer at Schowalter Villa (Hesston) or Kidron Bethel Village (North Newton) for the summer. The Bluestem Communities Junior Volunteer program runs from June 2 to July 25. Participants will interact with residents in a variety of ways, including activities, games, exercise, conversation and more. It's a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational connections and to enrich the lives of all involved! Applications are required and must be submitted by May 9. For an application or questions, contact Bluestem Communities Volunteer Coordinator Sheri Esau at SheriE@bluestemks.org.

Support Camp Mennoscah on May 2 with purchases at The Hub. 10% of all sales on May 2 will be donated to Camp Mennoscah. Musical groups will play from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and include K81, Queen Jack Jericho, Brett and Caleb Klingenberg, and The Schrag Siblings. A Camp Mennoscah tee shirt quilt will be sold through a silent auction. A picture of the quilt can be seen at www.campmennoscah.org. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for a bidding from a distance option. (The Hub, 100 S. Christian, Moundridge, <https://www.thehubbrickoven.com>)

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