

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Rev. Bercie Mundedi, director of the Kalonda Bible Institute, who is beginning a two year study program that will allow her to complete her university degree. Pray for Rev. Mundedi's health and family during this time. Pray also for the Bible Institute as it continues to train Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for delegates, youth groups and other members of WDC who are preparing to attend Mennonite Church USA convention next month!

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- Pastor Joanna Harader, Day off: Friday; 1887 Café Hours: Suspended for summer
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- Chancel Choir Director: Joel Garber • Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

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Bethel College Mennonite Church

June 22, 2025



Trees of Living Water (Psalm 1)

MATTHEW REGIER

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

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Manz)
Karen Unruh, organ

Welcome Jim Robb

*Hymn *We Long to Know Her* VT 44

Children and Youth Conversation Kathy Stucky

Worship Music Collin and Brett Gaeddert

Scripture Reading Psalm 42:1-5; I Kings 19:11-13 Crystal Gaeddert

*Hymn *Lord, You Sometimes Speak* VT 537

Sermon *What are you doing here?* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

Prayers of God's People Jim Robb

*Hymn *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

*Benediction

Postlude *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (Weber)
Karen Unruh

* 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.



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.

Care Connections, sponsored by Deacon Commission, offers a variety of opportunities for extending care. Do you enjoy conversation? In-person visiting? Visiting by phone? Writing caring messages in cards, email or text? Preparing food or care packages? Delivering food or care packages? Individualized creative care possibilities? To learn more, express interest, or share ideas, please contact Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care.

BCMC SUMMER READERS: Be Part of the Picture—Between now and the end of August, take a digital photo of you and your book or of you reading with others. Send the photo as an attachment to office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Become part of the BCMC photo collage of summer readers on display in the Gathering Place.

NEED SOMETHING TO READ THIS SUMMER? Visit the BCMC library to check out a book from the display of books most checked out by BCMC readers. ALSO, ask to see our wish list. Perhaps you own and have already read a book on the list. We appreciate donations. And, one last request. If you have the book, *King* by Jonathan Eig, please leave a note on our desk or return it. Somehow, how computer did not properly check it out.

The Newton Community Theatre Board would like to thank BCMC for being able to begin “Matilda” rehearsals in the Fellowship Hall during June. We appreciate your generosity! Of course we also hope you attend a performance of the musical scheduled for July 18-20 in the Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium.

— Aaron Tschetter and Judy Harder on behalf of the NCT Board

Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls Retreat will be Sat., Sept. 6 - Sun., Sept. 7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration is open. For more information go to westerndistrictwomeninmission.org This year's featured speakers are Pastor Katherine Goerzen and Pastor Laura Goerzen. Comforter tying will start Sat. at 10 a.m. Afternoon seminars will include dried flower bookmarks, yoga, guided nature walk, book reviews with Bethany Martin from Faith & Life Bookstore and free time. Come for fun and fellowship!

It's a Party! Announcing Summer Story Days 2025. Join Western District Conference Resource Library staff for stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. New this year: Virtual participation with mailed craft kits available--sign up for virtual participation at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6. No sign up for in-person activities in North Newton. Join us July 12 at 11 a.m. for a special virtual author visit from Aimee Reid and August 9 as a part of WDC Annual Assembly. For more information contact Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, (KIPCOR) affiliated with Bethel College, is offering a 2-day training on “Managing Differences Within Faith Communities” on Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, 2025, at KIPCOR’s training facility in North Newton. This course is designed for congregational leaders, pastors, and anyone who would like to explore ways to navigate differences as a faith community in a healthier way. This training is led by Robert Yutzy, KIPCOR Senior Associate for Congregational Ministries, and Keren Kandel, KIPCOR Executive Director. This course will help to better understand the dynamics when there is disagreement and gives opportunities to engage in practical tools that can transform conflict and difference into spiritual and community renewal. Please see the flier on the church bulletin board for more information and the cost of registration.

The Week at BCMC: June 22-29, 2025

Sunday, June 22, 2025—Worship 9:30 a.m.

LiveStream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/yJRmvZevqto?feature=share>

2-4 p.m. Pride Popsicles in the Park, Athletic Park

June is Pride Month! You are invited to Pride Popsicles in the Park on Sunday, June 22, from 2-4 p.m. at Athletic Park. The BCMC Witness Commission is helping to provide popsicles for this event.

2-6 p.m. Newton Community Theater rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Newton Community Theater rehearsals in Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 23

11 a.m. Memorial service in the BCMC Chapel for Erwin Loeffler

Tuesday, June 24

9 a.m. Abuse Prevention and Response Committee meeting in Room 14

Sunday, June 29, 2025—Worship 9:30 a.m. with Jeff Koller, retired Menonite Disaster Service (MDS) Region 3 Operations Coordinator

Here I Am, Lord “The words and music of this beautiful hymn are fun and easy to sing and tell the story of a loving God who asks for our help in restoring the human condition. The words are based on Isaiah 6:8 and Samuel 3:4. This hymn was written by Daniel Schutte, a Catholic Jesuit priest who introduced guitar/folk music that revolutionized the sound of Catholic worship music.

—Vern Goering

Send some camp mail!

Summer camping season is in full swing! As a congregation we are fortunate we will have youth attending camps. As our youth form their faith in these special places, we encourage you to send letters of encouragement while they are there.

June 29-July 4

Brett Gaeddert and Jude Oswald @ Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111

July 27-August 1

Abram Wall, Mabel Wall, Maisie Brubacher, and Collin Gaeddert
@ Camp Mennoscah

Thank you for encouraging our youth to explore their faith!

We offer sympathy to the family of Marion Deckert. Please pray for Marion's sister, Alison (Deckert), and husband Harvey Hiebert, son Alan and wife Ulla of Germany, daughter Alice and husband Michael McGrath of Pennsylvania, and their families. Marion died June 6 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service will be Aug. 16, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

We extend sympathy to the family of Keith Rhoades, son Marc and family of Florida, son Eric and family of Maryland, and daughter Stacey of Utah, and the extended family. Keith died in Maryland on Sat., June 7. The memorial service is planned for Aug. 30, 11 a.m. at BCMC.

Please remember in your prayers the family of Keith Woolery as they continue to grieve his death. Keith died June 8 in Texas. Remember his wife Donna of Denton, Texas; son Jesse and family of Ponder, Texas; and daughter Danielle of Sanger, Texas, and extended family. The funeral service was at BCMC on Saturday, June 14.

We offer sympathy to the family of Myron Voran. Myron died June 12 at Presbyterian Manor, Newton. Please remember in prayer Myron's wife Mildred, his sister Florine Eitzen, and brother-in-law Marles Preheim. Also Myron and Mildred's children Barb Voran, Jeanette and George Leary, Brent and Cora Voran; grandchildren Megan Leary, Kevin and Naomi Leary, Rachel and Graham Unruh, Paul and Sarah Voran; and great grand-children Owen and Ivy Unruh, and Maggie and Silas Leary. The memorial service for Myron will be Saturday, July 5, 2 p.m. at BCMC.

We extend sympathy to the family of Dorothy Unruh: daughter LaDonna (Eugene) Voth of Newton, KS, and their children Aneka and Josef; son Rodney (Sherry) Unruh and family; and daughter Terry Arthur and family. Dorothy passed away on June 19, 2025, at the age of 103. The family will have a private inurnment service at a later date.

BCMC Offering for June 1: General \$1,785; Plant Fund \$50.

For June 8: General \$26,056; Caring Fund \$450; Kitchen Fund \$15.96; Solar Fund \$1,550.

For June 15: General \$19,987; Kitchen Fund \$10; Women's Fellowship \$30; Solar Fund \$500; Helen Bargen Mem. \$50.

BCMC Prayer Network: The Prayer Network is an email-based prayer network comprised of Deacon Commission members and BCMC congregants. Participants make a one-year commitment to this prayer ministry which is coordinated by Pastors and the Office and Facilities Manager. Pastors respond to prayer requests and determine when and how these requests are distributed. Specific prayer requests are shared only with the permission of the person(s) involved. If you would like to join the BCMC prayer network, please email your interest to office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org. Thanks to all who serve BCMC in the Prayer Network.

Western District Conference Assembly will be held August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Would you consider being a delegate for Bethel College Mennonite? Contact a Gifts Discernment Committee member or the church office to indicate your willingness to participate. (GDC members: Jeannette Stucky, Jerry Buller, Dick Koontz, and Francis Toews)

For the Western District Conference Assembly:

Registration is now open at <https://mennowdc.org/2025-wdc-annual-assembly-registration/> Please register soon. Join us at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS August 8-9, 2025. For more information visit our Assembly webpage: <https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly/>

The Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas and Prairie View Behavioral Health will co-host a community mental health town hall at 5:30 p.m. Mon., June 30, at 1901 E. 1st St., Newton. The event will bring together local and state mental health leaders, community partners and members of the public for an evening of conversation and connection. Attendees will learn about emerging trends in behavioral health care and how community mental health centers are evolving to meet the needs of Kansans. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza Fri., July 4, at 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The evening includes fun for the whole family with games, giveaways, food and fireworks. Arrival may begin at 8 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream bars will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefitting the Health Care Benevolent Fund. Fireworks will begin at sundown, approximately 9:45 p.m.