

**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:** Today, participants begin Mennonite Mission Network's week-long Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage, which will take them from Washington, D.C., to Florida. Pray for open minds and hearts, as they retrace the courageous journeys of faith communities and individuals who helped enslaved people find their way to emancipation. Pray also that participants will be inspired to act for justice in their own communities.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC congregations offering support and advocacy for immigrants, as they seek God's justice and compassion in the face of threat and fear.

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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

July 13, 2025



*Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)*

RANDY HORST

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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## Hymns, Poetry, Prayer and Scripture for God's Justice and Peace

Christ Candle Lighting Karen Ediger

Centering Music *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. Robert Lau)  
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome Karen Ediger

\*Hymn *Here in this Place* VT 10

Children and Youth Conversation Rebecca Schloneger

\*Hymn *Could it Be that God Is Singing* VT 42

Scripture Reading *Matthew 5:1-16* Mary Ann Boschmann

Hymn *Let There Be Light* VT 714

Hymn *Longing for Light* VT 715

Prayer *We Pray This Day* (by Anne Weems)

Hymn *What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring* VT 623

Hymn *A Voice Was Heard in Ramah* VT 278

Commissioning and Blessing for Lyn Krause Elizabeth Schmidt

Responsive Reading VT 1043

\*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716

Hymn *This Is My Song* VT 710

Reading *Hymn for the Hurting* (by Amanda Gorman)

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me* VT 516

Hymn *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song* VT 539

Prayers of God's People

\*Hymn *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

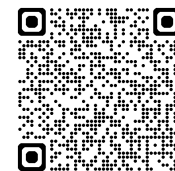
\*Benediction

Postlude *Precious Lord Take My Hand* (arr. Jack Schrader)

\* 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.

**Anabaptist World adult Sunday School elective.** Join with others in the Chapel to read and discuss articles in the current edition of "Anabaptist World". No subscription or preparation necessary. Everyone welcome!

### Upcoming Memorial Services in the BCMC Sanctuary:

- August 16, 11 a.m. Marion Deckert Memorial
- August 30, 11 a.m. Keith Rhoades Memorial

**The 2025 issue of Mennonite Life, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu),** with articles and reviews by Susan Fish, Ardie Goering, Don Goertzen, Peter Goerzen, Jeff Gundy, Michele Hersberger, Melanie Howard, Melanie Springer Mock, Justina Neufeld, Ken Rodgers, Mary Schertz and John D. Thiesen.

**Sat., July 19: The first-ever group to win the national talent competition "The Voice"** is three Mennonite siblings from Pettisville, OH. Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty, "Girl Named Tom", will give a free concert at Bethel College, with opening act "The Flannelbacks". The Green "opens" at 4:30 p.m. and food and beverage trucks/vendors start serving at 5. Local favorites and Bethel alumni The Flannelbacks open the show at 7, with Girl Named Tom taking the stage at 8. Plan now to attend!

**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](http://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!

**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](https://forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6). No sign up for in-person activities in North Newton. Join us August 9 as a part of WDC Annual Assembly. For more information contact Jennie at [crib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crib@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: July 13—20, 2025**

**Sunday, July 13, 2025**—Worship 9:30 a.m.

**YouTube Link:** <https://youtube.com/live/-AUpmDicn2s?feature=share>

### **Tuesday July 15, 2025**

1:30 p.m. Church Moderators/Pastors Meeting

4 p.m. Worship Commission meeting in Room 14

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**—Worship 9:30 a.m. with a "Follow Jesus" Menno-Con report by the Senior High Youth Group

### **Hymn Request this Sunday:**

*Jesus Loves Me* (VT 516) "It is a bottom line song, tells it like it is, encompasses the whole story of God's love. :-)" -Al Peters

### **BCMC Indigenous Justice Task Group prayer request.**

When the Repair Coalition for dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery asked its members to send representatives to Oak Flat, in perilous circumstances now with an imminent takeover by Resolution Copper possible, Lyn Krause from the BCMC Task Group answered the call to go. Dr. Wendsler Nosie and the Apache Stronghold will lead attendees from all over the U.S. in spiritual ceremonies on the sacred lands of Oak Flat July 18-20. Please pray for Lyn for safe travels and rich spiritual blessings as he represents the support of BCMC for protecting the sacred lands of Oak Flat.

### **Sympathy Notices:**

**We offer sympathy to the family of Mary Gaeddert**, daughter Susan Bartel (Allan) of North Newton; daughter Dee Gaeddert Dorsey (Jim) of Grant, MN; and Russell Gaeddert (Jean Flickinger) of Hutchinson, and the extended family. Mary died July 4, at Kidron Bethel Healthcare. The family is planning a private service for a later time.

**We extend sympathy to the family of Betty Schmidt**, daughter Rebecca (Gary) Dick, Baldwin City, son Brian (Debra) Schmidt, Lenexa, daughter-in-law Linda Schmidt, Salt Lake City and Karen (Kent) Richards, Baldwin City, and other family members. Betty died July 4. The family is planning a celebration of life at a later time.

**BCMC Offering for July 6:** General \$16,921; MCC \$90; Kitchen Fund \$24.50; Solar Fund \$550; Merrill Raber Mem. \$50.

### From the Finance Committee

As the 2nd quarter of 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 June 30, 2025 (50% of the year).

Total income	\$ 220,458	40% of budget
Total expense	\$ 265,753	48% of budget
Net income/expense	- \$ 45,296	

### Send some camp mail!

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.

**July 27-August 1** Maisie Brubacher, Lucy Burch, Collin Gaeddert, Adam Oswald, Mara Oswald, Abram Wall, Mabel Wall @ Camp Mennoscah, 9458 SE 40th St., Murdock, KS 67111. **Thank you for encouraging our youth to explore their faith!**

**The church board is pleased to announce that we have formed a search committee!** Megan Leary will serve as chair. Additional committee members are Karen Ediger, Mary Ellen Hodge, Mara Oswald, and Francis Toews. They will soon begin their thoughtful work alongside Western District Conference, our staff, and the board. Brad Kohlman will serve as a liaison between the committee and the board/congregation. Please keep the committee members in your prayers as their work begins.

**BCMC will be putting together Mennonite Central Committee school kits in August.** If you would like to donate money for this special project, place your donations in the designated fish bowls at the back of the sanctuary. **Please make checks payable to "BCMC" with "school kits" in the memo line.** Donations will be accepted through July and into August.

**Mennonite Central Committee Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Sept. 21-27:** How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by Aug. 31 at [mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp](https://mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp).

**Want to make your voice heard but don't know how?** Check out "5 Calls," an easy and effective way to be in touch with your congressional reps. The website provides help with knowing how to make your calls, provides a timely list of topics to address (gets updated frequently) and a handy script guide to help you know what to say. Check them out at <https://5calls.org/> —Witness Commission

### 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/>

**Colorado peaches are coming to Mennonite Central Committee:** Palisade peaches from western Colorado are available for order and purchase until July 30. Two sizes are available: 9 lb. for \$30 and 18 lb. for \$42. Orders can be placed by emailing [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or by calling MCC, 316.283.2720. Payment in the form of cash or check is due by July 30.

**Make checks payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line** and mail to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or dropped off at MCC at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Peaches will be ready for pick-up on Mon., Aug. 18 at the MCC warehouse. Beth-El Mennonite Church sells peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October.

### Subscriptions—"Rejoice" and "Anabaptist World"

- **It's time to renew the BCMC group subscription for the devotional magazine "Rejoice".** The September-October-November issue will be in your mailboxes here at the church (or mailed) in late July, early August. If you wish to renew or want a new subscription to "Rejoice", place a check for \$36.63 in the offering plate or bring to the church office.
- **It's also time to renew for "Anabaptist World".** If you wish to renew through the BCMC Group subscription, please remit \$54.00 payable to BCMC in the offering plate or bring to the church office.