

**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:** Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the three-way learning partnership that builds up the body of Christ through Meserete Kristos Seminary, with two campuses in Debre Zeit and Nazareth, Ethiopia; Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Elkhart, Indiana; and Mission Network. Pray for deepened faith on both the African and North American continents.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Pray for WDC's emerging congregations and ministries during this time of political turmoil: for courage, wisdom, and a faithful witness to Christ's peace. -WDC Church Planting Commission

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- Pastor Joanna Harader, Day off: Wednesday; 1887 Café Hours: Suspended for summer  
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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 27, 2025



*Image from Cara B. Hochhalter, "From the Lord's Prayer."*  
<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59064>

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**  
**July 27, 2025**

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music	<i>Adagio</i> (Mozart)	Mary Jo Preheim
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Welcome		Dorothy Nickel Friesen
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*Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy!</i>	VT 76
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Children and Youth Conversation		Tim Hodge
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Worship Music	<i>Sing Ye a Joyful Song</i> (Dvorak)	Doyle Preheim
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Scripture Reading	Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:7-13	Justin Zerger
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*Scripture Response Hymn	<i>Praise God</i>	VT 71
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Sermon	<i>Pray, then, in this way . . .</i>	Joanna Harader
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*Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	VT 549
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Prayers of God's People

*Hymn	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	VT 133
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*Those with July birthdays are welcome to come forward during  
this hymn to receive a birthday blessing.*

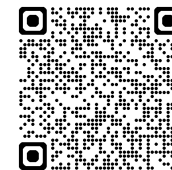
\*Benediction

Postlude	<i>Maestoso</i> (Handel)	Mary Jo Preheim
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\* You are invited to stand  
VT—*Voices Together*  
Audio visual—Ken Lamp

**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.



**From the Education Service and Scholarship Committee:**

BCMC is helping to support seven students at Bethel College this coming academic year! We are grateful for the choice our high school and college age youth are making to attend Bethel. As a result, however, the scholarship fund needs \$3000 to make up the difference between the church's budget amount and what will be needed for this year. Please consider supporting Bethel in this way. Make checks out to BCMC with Bethel College Scholarship Fund in the memo line. Thank you.

**Dear Bethel College Mennonite Church Congregation,**

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the many ways you supported us during the funeral services for Keith Woolery. Your kindness and generosity were deeply felt during every step of the process. We are especially grateful for the members who served as ushers, attended the guestbooks, and worked behind the scenes in the kitchen to prepare and serve lunch. Each role—whether visible or quietly carried out—helped create a welcoming, comforting space for family, friends, and community to gather, grieve, and remember Keith's life with love and dignity. The BCMC community embodies the spirit of service and compassion, and we are so thankful for the way you came together to care for us during this difficult time. Thank you. —*The Woolery Family (Donna, Jesse, and Danielle)*

**Wear your camp t-shirt to church on August 10 for our Camp Sunday celebration!** As part of worship that day, we will see some photos of Bethel College Mennonite folks at Camp Mennoscah this summer and give thanks for the ways camp helps us to connect more deeply with God, each other, and creation.

**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.

**Online registration is open for the Womens & Girls Retreat Sept. 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.** Speakers are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). For a detailed schedule go to [westerndistrictwomeninmission.org](http://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org), register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail. Registration is due Aug. 29. Questions: Email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) Share the news and bring a friend!

**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](http://mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp).

**The 2025 issue of Mennonite Life, Bethel College's annual online journal,** is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu), with a theme of anniversaries – 150 for immigration to the Great Plains of North America, 500 for Anabaptism. There are articles and reviews by Susan Fish, Ardie Goering, Don Goertzen, Peter Goerzen, Jeff Gundy, Michele Hershberger, Melanie Howard, Melanie Springer Mock, Justina Neufeld, Ken Rodgers, Mary Schertz and John Thiesen.

**Sat., Aug. 2: Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 7 a.m.** start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail

**Send some camp mail! Senior High Camp is This Week!**

As a congregation we are fortunate we 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, Adah Hodge, Ani Koontz, 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 Week at BCMC: July 27—August 3, 2025**

**Sunday, July 27, 2025**—Worship 9:30 a.m.

<https://youtube.com/live/Q4gzwR52utc?feature=share>

**Monday, July 28, 2025**

10 a.m. Library Committee in Room 14 and the Library

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**—Worship 9:30 a.m. with sermon by Rev. Dr. Mandy Todd. Rev. Dr. Mandy Todd serves as the Director of Engagement & Development at Kansas Interfaith Action, and as Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Lindsborg. Mandy is a Kansas native who grew up in Junction City, KS and attended Bethany College, earning a BA in Music Education. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and has over 20 years working in local congregations in Colorado and Kansas. Mandy has a Masters degree in Theological Studies from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO, and a Doctor of Ministry in Public Theology from Drew University in Madison, NJ, where her research focused on the intersection of social justice, spirituality, and the arts. Mandy currently lives in Lindsborg with her family.

**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.

**Standing With Immigrants: What people of faith can do to help the strangers living amongst us.**

Shalom Mennonite Church will be hosting Sandrine Lisk, Esq., managing attorney of Immigration Law & Advocacy, Wichita, July 30, 7 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st, Newton. Come learn how we can support and advocate for immigrants in our community. Bring your questions and share your stories with others who are concerned about the state of immigration in our country in light of Jesus' call to love our neighbors. As a tangible way of supporting immigrants among us, donations will be collected for a scholarship fund supporting immigrant high school graduates and international students. Checks can be made payable to "Wichita African Business & Professional Network".

**Upcoming Memorial Services**

- August 15, 2 p.m. Sharon Stucky Memorial at Kidron Bethel Village, Kidron Hall

**Memorial Services at BCMC:**

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

**The board is pleased to announce that we have formed a pastoral search committee** to fill an opening created by Elizabeth's upcoming retirement. Megan Leary will serve as chair. Karen Ediger, Mary Ellen Hodge, Mara Oswald, and Francis Toews are additional committee members. 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 Mission quilters are looking for more hand quilters for our group.** Experienced quilters are welcome and we are willing to teach new quilters. We meet on Mondays from 1-5 p.m. Carol Flickinger comes in to read to us for one hour while we quilt. We also have a snack at 3 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Rose Haury at : haury@juno.com or 316-253-6221. Please join us.

#### **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	

**BCMC Offering for July 20:** General \$4,357; MCC \$10; Kitchen Fund \$13; Betty Schmidt Memorial \$100.

**Readers for a new one-act play needed.** Lauren Friesen has written a new play on Erasmus and is inviting interested persons who would like to be readers for a rehearsed staged-reading of the play. One rehearsal on Monday evening Sept. 15 (7 - 8:30 p.m.) in Kidron Hall (3001 Ivy Drive) and the staged-reading with audience on Tuesday, Sept. 16 (7 p.m). The play is approximately 40 minutes long. Ten characters (three female, six male, one stage-manager with lines). Notify Lauren if you are interested. If I get an avalanche of responses, I'll need to be selective. No cost to you and no residuals, either. Contact Lauren at Lfriesen@umich.edu

**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/>

**Know Your Rights virtual training, Aug. 14 & 15 led by Mennonite Central Committee Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso.** This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. For more information go to the Mennonite Central Committee website and click on Events.

**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 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 drop 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.