

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: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong, which is an organization that facilitates ministry among Hmong communities around the world. Pray for the leaders and lay people as they witness to Jesus' love, wherever they find themselves.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for all WDC members participating in Mennonite Church USA convention this week, as they worship, fellowship, learn and discern together with others from across our wider church body.

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- Chancel Choir Director: Joel Garber • Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

Bethel College Mennonite Church

July 6, 2025



Jordan River

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 6, 2025

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

*Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* VT 610

Children and Youth Conversation Kohlman Family

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 5:1-5a Lyn Krause

*Hymn *Be Still My Soul*, verse 1 VT 664

Scripture Reading 2 King 5:5b-7 Lyn Krause

*Hymn *Be Still My Soul*, verse 2 VT 664

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 5:8-14 Lyn Krause

*Hymn *Be Still My Soul*, verse 3 VT 664

Sermon *I'd Rather my Soul be Busy* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644

Prayers of God's People Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

MennoCon Blessing Elizabeth Schmidt

*Hymn *When We Walk with the Lord* VT 570

*Benediction

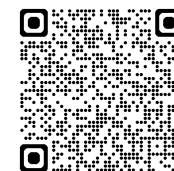
Postlude

* You are invited to stand

■ VT—*Voices Together* ■ Audio visual— Ken Lamp

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.



GOING BEYOND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

--The Apache Stronghold led by Dr. Wendsler Nosie requests our prayers on their behalf. Pray for decision makers to revere the Earth, and for the Spirit to speak through all those in defense of Oak Flat. Ask your prayer circles to pray with you. Post a prayer on Facebook. Ask others if they know about Oak Flat and the work of the Apache Stronghold, a seminal case of shortsighted extraction for profit that decimates the sacred Earth and also religious freedom.

--Read about the extraction mindset we hold that has so harmed our Earth, a central theme in Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler's last book, *So We and Our Children May Live* (2023), available in our church library.

--Read the story of Oak Flat. Browse on line, or read a fascinating visual nonfiction account by Lauren Redniss, *Oak Flat: A Fight for Sacred Land in the American West* (2020). (Check the "New Yorker" review, "Lauren Redniss and the Art of the Indescribable" by Max Norman, July 23, 2021, available on line).

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!

Pastor Joanna Harader will be out of the office July 7-12 attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention (MennoCon) in Greensboro, NC.

Upcoming Memorial Services in the BCMC Sanctuary:

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

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 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: July 6—13, 2025

Sunday, July 6, 2025—Worship 9:30 a.m. with Joanna Harader
Live-Stream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/JeQ6QVropsE?feature=share>

Monday, July 7, 2025—Church office will be closed

Sunday, July 13, 2025—Worship 9:30 a.m. with a hymn sing

Hymns today were requested by the following.

Be Still, My Soul (VT 664) "This hymn was sung often in my childhood and later as a member of Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church. At times of loss of family and friends it was sung! This hymn's music was written by Jean Sibelius (Finlandia) with text going back to 1752. *Stille, mein Wille*, translated in 1855, was also sung in my youth in the German language. Also VT 649, *When Memory Fades*, uses the same music (Finlandia).
—Steve Stucky

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (VT 610) Years ago, some time in the early '70s, Richard and I went to a movie in Denver, Colorado about the life of Thomas A. Dorsey--the text and tune originator of this hymn. When this particular hymn was part of the movie script, the entire audience, mostly Black, stood up and sang along filling the theatre with powerful emotion. We simply sat and knew we had experienced a holy moment of solidarity with people who loved Jesus! —Dorothy Nickel Friesen

Trust and Obey (When We Walk with the Lord) (VT 570) "This hymn became our 'family song' after we sang it together at a C.E. program in my home church. It's been sung many times over the years—including at my parents' funerals—and brings smiles to my siblings and me whenever we hear it! —Carol Flickinger

Land Acknowledgement from words by Mark Charles and VT #878

*As we do on the first Sunday of each month,
we acknowledge that we worship
on the land of the Kanza, Osage, and Wichita.
We thank them for their care and respect for this land
and acknowledge the injustice of their forced removal.
We ask the Spirit to heal our histories
and find new paths of right relationships with them
and all of creation.*

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.

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!**

Remember in your prayers the following BCMC members and friends who will be attending Mennonite Church USA's MennoCon in Greensboro, NC this coming week: *BCMC Delegates:* Joanna Harader, David Kreider, Jill Robb; *Western District Conference Delegate,* Heidi Reiger Kreider

Youth: Kaiya Anderson, Maisie Brubacher, Lucy Burch, Orlando Gonzalez, Adah Hodge, Pozzi Krehbiel, Adam Oswald, Mara Oswald, Chris Sattler, Lily Schloneger, Rylee Schmidt-Stapleton, Abram Wall, Mabel Wall; *Youth Sponsors:* George Leary, Megan Leary, Marlene Ewert, and Cliff Dick.

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.

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 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.

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.

BCMC Offering for June 29: General \$10,647; MCC \$460; Plant Fund \$50; Kitchen Fund \$17.50; Misc. Income \$6.99; Merrill Raber Mem. \$500.