

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.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for churches in Ecuador, as members are living in times of great uncertainty and violence. Pray for their protection, as they respond with faith and integrity, naming and resisting the forces of fear and apathy. Pray also for Delicia, Peter and their two daughters as they walk alongside these churches.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for credentialed ministers in WDC who serve in specialized ministries as chaplains, campus pastors, educators, mission workers, administrators, campus pastors, and conference staff. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, compassion and resilience in the challenges and joys of their work.

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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

November 2, 2025



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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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (arr. J. Payne)
 Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment Joanna Harader

*Hymn *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

Children and Youth Conversation Kathy Stucky

Worship Music *Elegie from Triptyque* (Young)
 Angelika Donaldson, flute

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11 Mary Ann Boschmann

*Hymn *In Lonely Mountain Ways* VT 589

Sermon *Waiting on Angels* Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

*Hymn *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting* VT 619

Prayers of God's People Joanna Harader

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT 606

*Benediction

Postlude *Psalms 20* (B. Marcello) Will Wiebe-Friesen

* You are invited to stand
 VT—*Voices Together*
 Keyboard— Will Wiebe-Friesen
 Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Welcome Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery is the Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics and African and African American Studies. A national leader in the theological study of the art of preaching (homiletics), Dean Powery regularly delivers sermons at Duke Chapel as well as churches throughout the United States and abroad.

His teaching and research interests are at the intersection of preaching, pneumatology, music, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. His book *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race* received the 2023 Book of the Year from the Religious Communication Association and the Academy of Parish Clergy. He has written several other books and is a general editor of the nine-volume lectionary commentary series for preaching and worship *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship*. He served as a member of the executive lectionary team for *The African-American Lectionary* and is the recipient of numerous scholastic fellowships and awards.

Dean Powery was ordained by the Progressive National Baptist Convention and has served in an ecumenical capacity in churches throughout Switzerland, Canada, and the United States. He received his Bachelor of Arts in music with a concentration in vocal performance from Stanford University, his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. Dean is married to Gail Powery, and they have two children.

GOING BEYOND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Join us to talk with Laurie Dove Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, about her novel, *Mask of the Deer Woman*, which centers on the issue of missing Indigenous women among other Indigenous justice issues. (See the discussion questions Laurie has provided us and come whether you have finished reading the book or not; this is a great opportunity to learn! Bring your friends). Laurie is an Indigenous woman who grew up in a Mennonite family on a farm east of Newton. She is lending her voice to the advocacy work the newly formed Kansas Repair Communities, a coalition of local Mennonite churches, has begun on behalf of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). Kansas Repair Communities includes about a dozen local Mennonite churches so far who have begun to educate themselves on this issue and make contact with Indigenous leaders in Kansas and Oklahoma. We will be offering in the next months a training session provided by the national Repair Coalition on "Moving Toward Right Relations with Indigenous People." Watch for details and join us. Discussion question copies are on the ledge between the mailboxes in the Gathering Place.

Food Fund-raising Events Coming to the area:

- **The Mennonite Men of Tabor Mennonite Church** will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ Thurs., **Nov. 6**, for a Dine-In or To-Go event from 5-7 p.m. This years' donations will go to Mission Partners Joseph and Rachel Givens and Bethesda Home. Location: 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton. RSVP is not necessary.
- **Hope Mennonite Church has their annual Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale Sat., Nov. 8**, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church building, 868 N. Maize Road, Wichita. All proceeds from the event will help support Hope Mennonite Church service projects: Mennonite Central Committee, Camp Mennoscah, Family Promise and Justice Together. There will be live music, a bake sale featuring peppernuts, kids activities, local vendors, Quilter's Corner, and breakfast and lunch – Cinnamon Rolls, German Sausage, Bierocks, Pie, and more. All are welcome — entry is free!
- **Hesston College Cultures Fair**
The community is invited to join Hesston College Wed., Nov. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. as they celebrate their diverse student body and the student's homeland cuisine at this year's Cultures Fair! Hesston College is honored to host students representing 28 countries this fall, and many of these students will share their hearts through a taste sampling from their home countries. A curry main dish will be served by dining services beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by international sides, desserts and drinks starting at 6 p.m. in Bontrager Student Center dining hall. Cost is \$9.23 per person. Reserve your place by Nov. 3 at hesston.edu/culturesfair2025.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Harvey County invites you to their annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser Nov. 20** from 4 to 7 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave, Newton. Dine-in and carry-out options are available. This is Harvey County Habitat's largest fundraiser of the year, and we need your generous donations to help ensure we can continue to build a new home for a qualifying family each year. Please reserve your pork chop meal (includes pork chop, potatoes, green beans, dessert, and a drink) by visiting our website at <https://harveycountyhabitat.org/pork-chop-dinner-reservation/>

“Art From the Hearth” exhibit opens at Hesston College

An exhibit titled, “Art From the Hearth” will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) Nov. 3 through 28. The exhibit includes various artists' created bowls, cups, plates, teapots, etc. and includes recipes in which to fill them. A reception with the artists will take place Wed., Nov. 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Normal exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

The Week at BCMC: November 2—9, 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dr. Luke Powery

4 p.m. **Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups**, Dr. Russell Adrian, director

Live-Stream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/1iV7ZeB0pWU?feature=share>

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal—Sanctuary

Thursday, November 6, 2025

6 p.m. Chancel Bell rehearsal—Room B7

6:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Committee at Jeanette Stucky's, 2511 Ivy Dr., NN

7 p.m. Church Board—Room 14

7 p.m. Bethel College Women's Association—Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 7, 2025

1:30 p.m. Finance Committee work session—Room 14

Saturday, November 8, 2025

8:30—11:30 a.m. Justice Ministry Gathering—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sermon by Joanna Harader; music by the Chancel Choir

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.

You are invited to a Rethinking Justice Workshop on Sat., Nov. 8, from 8:30-

11:30 a.m. This event is organized by a new interfaith justice ministry organization in the area and hosted here at Bethel College Mennonite Church in the fellowship hall. It promises to be a great opportunity to root ourselves in the biblical call for justice as we connect with like-minded people of faith in our area. To register, contact pastor Joanna or see your church email announcements.

Mark your calendars for our next Messy Church on Wed., Nov. 12: supper at 6 followed by all-ages Bible learning and activities.

Poinsettia Time is Coming Soon!

You will be invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. BCMC will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. More information will be coming soon.

The Visual Arts Committee coordinates rotating displays in the Gathering Place highlighting the creativity of BCMC artists. The recent display featured several centennial banners designed by Bob Regier and pieced and quilted by other members in 1997. Now you can view a selection of photographs by Mark Kreider from a larger exhibit on the theme of Wilderness Fire.

Have you checked out the library recently? Thanks, in part, to some generous donations by BCMC members, the Library Committee recently processed over 30 new books. These include books commemorating the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism as well as some fun fiction and biographical selections. You can also peruse a partial collection of our books celebrating other world religions. There's something for everyone in our wonderful collection!

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- **Welcome to Eric Litwiller!** Eric is the new Development Director for Camp Mennoscah. Eric can be reached at eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org
- **The last day to reserve your Verenike Casserole Meal is Nov. 3.** Camp Mennoscah's Verenike Casserole Fundraiser is Nov. 8 at Faith Mennonite Church. Reserve your meals at <https://forms.gle/DMurJFkp5P7Fb3C86> or call 620-297-3290. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Meals will be available at Faith Mennonite Church between 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 8. Either drive-thru and pick up your meals or dine in. Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for any changes. Suggested donation of \$20 per meal or \$40 per pan. Additional donations are welcome!

Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning is Nov. 5, 6, & 7. Sign up to be one of the volunteers at the mobile meat cannery in North Newton at <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2025>

BCMC Offering for October 26: General \$10,252; MCC Meat Canning \$675; Plant Fund \$50; Caring Fund \$275; Library Reserve Fund \$6; Kitchen Fund \$12; Women's Fellowship \$299; Mission Quilters \$250; Solar Fund \$1,000.

From the Finance committee: As the 3rd 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. The following is a BCMC financial report of the general fund income and expenses on Sept. 30 (75% of the year).

Total income	\$ 341,795	61% of budget
Total expense	\$ 398,763	72% of budget
Net income/expense	-\$ 56,968	

Bethel College Announcements

- **Sun., Nov. 2: Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Preaching Good News in a Troubled World,"** starts today with presenters Dr. Luke Powery and Merrill Krabill. If you have not registered, particularly if you plan to attend the preaching masterclass, Tues., Nov. 4, 9 a.m.-noon in the Ad Building chapel, please do so today at <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/worship-and-the-arts-symposium/> The symposium is free, but numbers are needed for set-up and hospitality.
- **Sun., Nov. 2: "Between Earth and Sky," multimedia ceramic works by Merrill Krabill, opens in the Regier Art Gallery with the reception today, 3-4 p.m.** Merrill will give an artist talk Nov. 3, at 9 a.m. in the gallery. The exhibit remains through Nov. 21; gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 2: Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups** (Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Chapel Choir, Open Road and Woven), Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 p.m., at BCMC
- **Mon., Nov. 3: Dr. Luke Powery of Duke Divinity School** speaks in Bethel College convocation, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium as part of the Worship and the Arts Symposium.
- **Sun., Nov. 9: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with author Daniel Markovitz, Olpe, KS.,** reading from his novel *The Spoils of Victory*, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. This program is in connection with the museum's special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness and the Great War"; the novel focuses on a largely forgotten aspect of World War II history, the confinement and employment of hundreds of thousands of German POWs throughout the United States from 1943-46. The book will be for sale at the event, with a book signing afterward.
- **Tues., Nov. 11: The Bethel College Organ Recital Series hosts David Pérez, 7 p.m.,** Administration Building chapel. Dr. Pérez will present a program of organ works composed primarily by Latin American composers. This is sure to be an enjoyable concert with repertoire you've likely never heard before. For more information about Dr. Pérez or to hear some samples of the program, check out his website: www.cubanorganist.com.

Life Enrichment is a series designed for adults age 60 and over. Sessions are in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Wednesday, November 5 at 9:30—11:50 a.m.

9:30 a.m. "The Tragedy of the Commons," Jim Yoder, professor emeritus of chemistry, Hesston College

10:50 a.m. "The OMEGA Project and the ReUse-It Center," David Case, founder and director, Live Free Ministries, and Manager, The OMEGA Project, McPherson