

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.

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 JCS International's leadership at all levels and, especially for Gerlee (many Mongolian people identify with a single name), in her role as interim executive director. May God's Spirit guide this leadership transition and pray for more long-term workers to help with the many opportunities to serve in Mongolia.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for our church planters as they follow God's call. Ask for guidance and provision to strengthen their ministries and bring stability to their families. – WDC Church Planting Commission

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

Bethel College Mennonite Church

October 26, 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.

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*Hymn *What Is This Place* VT 22

Worship Music *Behold the Tabernacle of God* (William H. Harris)
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

*Hymn	<i>Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn</i>	VT 146
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*Hymn	<i>God the Sculptor of the Mountains</i>	VT 423
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*Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* VT 124
(Those with October birthdays please come forward during hymn)

Postlude *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* [VT 659] (arr. D. Hustad)

Audio visual—Ben Lichti



BCMC Offering for October 19: General \$8,422; MCC Meat Canning \$1,680; Kitchen Fund \$18; Solar Fund \$2,500.

The following is a BCMC financial report of the general fund income and expenses on September 30, 2025 (75% of the year).

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

November 11, 7 p.m., in-person meeting at BCMC Fellowship Hall with author Laurie Dove to discuss her book, *Mask of the Deer Woman*. Laurie has provided us with study guide questions for our discussion. Read the book and invite your interested friends to read it and join us in this discussion. Study guide was in the Oct. 25 church email. Printed copies are in the Gathering Place.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Messy Church session on October 8. We talked about what the reign of God is like and made our own bird nest artwork—check it out in the Gathering Place! And mark your calendars for our next Messy Church on Wednesday, November 12: supper at 6 followed by all-ages Bible learning and activities.

Food Fund-raising Events Coming to the area:

- **First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their Annual Hog Roast** Sun., **Oct 26** from 5-7 p.m. at Scout Park Gazebo, 3rd & Locust, Halstead for a pulled pork supper with fixins along with music by Prairie Highway. **Meal donation proceeds will go towards Camp Mennoscah.** Bring lawn chairs. If inclement weather, it will be moved inside the church at 4th & Santa Fe.
- **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.

"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: October 26—November 2, 2025

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Live-Stream Link:

<https://youtube.com/live/VRiCOkun3Mg?feature=share>

Monday, October 27, 2025

9:30 p.m. Library Committee—Room 14

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

4 p.m. Worship Commission—Room 14

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

3 p.m. Cancer Support Group—BCMC Nursery

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

Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell rehearsal—Room B7

Sunday, November 2, 2025—Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dr. Luke Powery from Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C. ; music by Angelica Donaldson, flute

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

Pastor Joanna Harader is on vacation October 20-26.

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.

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 on November 5, 6 or 7 at <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2025>

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.

Investing in our shared ministry:

The Western District Conference Stewardship Commission is launching a new vision for fundraising, asking each member of WDC congregations to consider making modest yet regular financial contributions to WDC, either through your congregation or directly to WDC. In the past, we've relied on occasional large capital campaigns to partially fund the mission of WDC. Now, as we enter a new season of planning for our future, we sense a call to move in a different direction. As a Mennonite community rooted in simplicity, shared responsibility and mutual aid, we're shifting toward a member-owned model, with a vision that has three dimensions:

- **Rooted giving** - The work of WDC is rooted in the priorities, values, community and investments of each of our members
- **Seeds of Sustenance** - With small, yet sustaining investments, we each "plant seeds" to ensure a healthy future for our conference and congregations. An average gift of \$10 per member each month would meet WDC's current budget expenses!
- **Together We Tend** - To thrive, it takes all of us tending to the future of our conference. We grow together!

When each of us invests faithfully, we build a conference that's not dependent on occasional bursts of generosity by some, but instead is grounded in a regular rhythm of care by many. We invite you to invest in our shared ministry! For giving options, and to learn more go to: <https://mennowdc.org/investing-in-our-shared-ministry/>

Camp Mennoscah Announcements

- **Welcome to Eric Litwiler!** Eric is the new Development Director for Camp Mennoscah. He has already started making contacts. Eric can be reached at eric.litwiler@campmennoscah.org
- **Camp Mennoscah will be having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser Nov. 8 at Faith Mennonite Church.** Reserve your meals at <https://forms.gle/DMurJFkp5P7Fb3C86> (Link is in church email.) The meal has verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp and will be available at Faith Mennonite Church between 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Nov. 8. You can 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.

Bethel College Announcements

- **Last chance to see "Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer, which closes Oct. 27, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **Tues., Oct. 28: Bethel College Chamber Orchestra annual Halloween concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m.,** featuring music from "Animal Crossing," "Hollow Night: Silksong," "Violet Evergarden" and more; *Krehbiel Auditorium*
- **Sat., Nov. 1: Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.
- **Sun., Nov. 2: Merrill Krabill's exhibit "Between Earth and Sky" opens, with the artist reception on the same day, 3-4 p.m., Regier Art Gallery Fine Arts Center**
- **Sun., Nov. 2: Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church**
- **Tues., Nov. 11: Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents David Pérez, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel**
- **Registration is open for Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 2-4 on the Bethel campus.** There is no fee, but registration is needed to get accurate numbers for hospitality. Go to <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/worship-and-the-arts-symposium/> and click the "Registration" button. **The focus of the 2025 symposium is homiletics, with Dr. Luke Powery** from Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C. Of particular interest to pastors but open to everyone is a **preaching masterclass from 9 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, Nov. 4.** The featured visual artist is Merrill Krabill, Goshen, Ind., a former professor at Bethel and now retired from teaching at Goshen College. Use the link above to see a complete schedule.

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, October 29 at 9:30—11:50 a.m.

9:30 a.m. "IRC—International Rescue Committee," Yeni Silva-Renteria, executive director, IRC, Wichita

10:50 a.m. "Mapping the English Language: A Grammarian's Quest," Dan Flickinger, North Newton, retired senior researcher, Stanford University Center for the Study of Language and Information