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:** Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service units bring closure to their five-day retreat, hosted by the Alamosa Colorado unit in Colorado. Pray that participants will return to their units renewed by this time of worship, mutual encouragement, learning and fun.

**Western District Conference Prayer Request:** Give thanks for the rich variety of study materials available in the WDC Resource Library, and pray for WDC congregations hosting Bible studies and book discussions to strengthen Anabaptist witness and courageous faith as followers of Jesus in today's world.

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   Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

# October 5, 2025 Fall Fest Sunday



Loving Enemies (Matthew 5:43-48)

SARAH FULLE

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 October 5, 2025—10 a.m.

Prelude Symphony of Spirituals (arr. Joel Raney)

Christina Liu, piano; Will Wiebe-Friesen, organ

**Christ Candle Lighting** 

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Dale Schrag

Centering Music Cantate Domino (Monteverdi)

Bethel College Chamber Choir; Russell Adrian, director

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing and give praise to the name of the Lord.

For the Lord has done marvelous deeds.

Sing and exult and praise with the harp and voice.

Call to Worship (Psalm 96) Dale Schrag

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Sing to the LORD; bless the holy name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations and marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

The Holy One is to be revered above all gods.

All: Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the earth.

\*Hymn Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing VT 7

Children and Youth Conversation Naomi Krause and Barb Koontz

Worship Music When the Morning Stars Together (Ferguson)

Bethel College Concert Choir

Congregation joins for verses 2 and 4  $\,$ 

(See insert)

Sing Me UP to Heaven (arr. Christopher) Woven

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48 William Eash

\*Hymn Be Thou My Vision VT 549

(Melody only on last verse)

Sermon The Kin(g)dom of God is Like . . . What!? Joanna Harader

Worship Music Spirit (Harbor) Bethel College Concert Choir

It Is Well With My Soul (arr. Harrington) Open Road

Prayers of God's People Dale Schrag

\*Hymn Praise God VT 70

\*Benediction

Postlude Prelude in G Maj (BWV 550) (JS Bach)

Will Wiebe-Friesen

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

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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.

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Come to the Gathering Place after the worship service for coffee, water, and cake. Help Marlin and Monica Lichti celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, which was yesterday, October 4!

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.



#### 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

If you wish to make a monetary contribution please write your checks to "MCC Central States" with "Newton Area Meat Canning" in the memo line.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet will be Oct. 18, 5 p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonites in the world. Music provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by Oct. 11 to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com or text or call 620-532-4408. Cost is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at www.swissmennonite.org.

The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is hosting an Arts Soirée on Sun., Oct. 19, 2-5 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church north of Newton. There will be an art show in the hospitality hall that will feature local and regional artists. A concert at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary will include performances by the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Holly Swartzendruber (soprano), and a piano duo extravaganza that will feature Goessel area pianists Russell Adrian, Marcia Brubaker, Jason and Renae Peters, and Karen Unruh performing works for 4-10 hands! Following the concert at 4 p.m. refreshments will be served in the hospitality hall. Plan now to attend this free event! (The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is a subsidiary of the Goessel Community Foundation)

**FREE Authors Speaking Series will be Oct. 13 starting at 10 a.m. in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village,** 3001 Ivy Dr. Two speakers will discuss the published books they have written. Both are amazing stories based on their lives. They will share those stories with a question-and-answer session following.

- Mon., Oct. 13: Justina Neufeld will discuss her book, "A Family Torn Apart", about her escape from Ukraine in her youth after WWII.
   Wilma Loganbill will discuss her book, "A Very Fortunate Woman", about the tragedy of losing her husband and son and how God gives us the strength to go through what we could never survive on our own.
- Mon., Nov. 10: Lauren Friesen, discusses his two new books coming out in October, "The Anabaptists: a Comedy in Two Acts" and "Acting Up: An Anthology of Mennonite Playwrights" Lauren has spoken around the globe, has awards from the Kennedy Center, and many other awards and degrees.
   Janice Pauls will discuss her children's book "Dandelions are Beautiful"

The Week at BCMC: October 5—12, 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Worship 10 a.m.

Live-Stream Link: https://youtube.com/live/tqJbHX9mOZo?feature=share

#### Wednesday, October 8, 2025—Messy Church

8-10 a.m. Pastor Joanna will be at the 1887 Café—Bethel College campus

6—7:30 p.m. Messy Church—Fellowship Hall

We will gather at 6 p.m. to share a meal and a time of all-age, interactive worship. The menu for this Wednesday is "Stone Soup" (chicken and vegetables)/bread/ peach cobbler. Please bring your own tableware to assist in the cleanup. Be sure to bring a bowl for the soup.

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

Thursday, October 9, 2025

7 p.m. Church Board—Room 14

#### Sunday, October 12, 2025—Immigration Sabbath

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader, communion will be served; music by Chancel Bells

3 p.m. Pet Blessing in the Church Playground

#### Our next Messy Church gathering is this Wednesday, October 8, at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited for supper and a time of interactive worship for all ages. What is the reign of heaven like? And which table team will win this month's challenge? Join us Wednesday to find out!

**During September we had three Sunday School sessions focused on conscientious objection.** Most of the resources that were shared in that class are available on the web page which you can access with the QR code. We encourage all young adults (aged 16-25) to fill out and file the "Christian Peacemaker Registration Form" that is available on that page. Pastors Nathan and Joanna are happy to answer any

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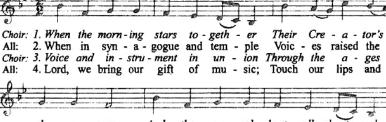
Bring your pets to the church playground for a pet blessing on Sunday, October 12, at 3 p.m.! This event is a special request from one of our younger community members and will be a fun time to gather, appreciate our animal companions, and give thanks for God's creation. All animals (that do not pose a danger to people or other animals) are invited to come with their people to receive a blessing. You are also welcome to bring a picture of your pet or one of their toys.

Commissioned by Warren and Jo Hartness Guinn for the dedication of the C. B. Fisk organ, Opus 121, Charles E. Daniel Chapel, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, in honor of Tom and Edna Hartness

### When the Morning Stars Together

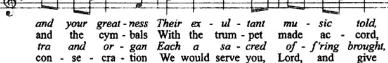
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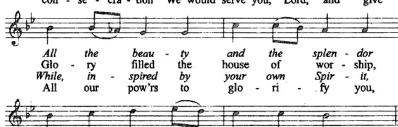
Albert F. Bayly, 1901-84



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#### **Bethel College Announcements**

- Sun., Oct. 5: Last chance to see the 2025 Fall Festival play Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Ticket purchase required, online https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/#tickets) or at the door. Contains adult content and may not be suitable for young children.
- Thurs., Oct. 9: Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- Sun., Oct. 12: As part of the annual KIPCOR Film Series, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College and Peace Connections are co-sponsoring a screening of the documentary *Join or Die*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Based on the book *Bowling Alone* by Robert Putnam (Simon & Schuster, 2000); followed by a mini-fair of local non-profits and community organizations
- Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center: "Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer, through Oct. 27. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
- **SAVE THE DATES** [please note change from some previously printed calendars]: **Oct. 19-20**, Dr. Kat Hill will give the annual Menno Simons Lectures.
- Registration is now open for Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Preaching Good News in a Troubled World," Nov. 2-4 on the Bethel campus. There is no fee, but registration is needed to get accurate numbers. 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 Tues., Nov. 4. The featured visual artist is Merrill Krabill, Goshen, IN, 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 the Bethel College Fine Arts Center, Krehbiel Auditorium, on Wednesdays, 9:30—11:50 a.m. Next session: **October 8** 

**9:30 a.m.** "Peace Work in Chicago," Mark Frey, finance manager/administrative coordinator, Community Peacemaker Teams, Chicago **10:50 a.m.** "Indigenous Residential Schools in Canada," Dr. Trent Voth, Bethel College assistant professor of Bible and Religion