

Bethel College Mennonite Church

July 19, 2026



Jacob's Dream

(1639 oil-on-canvas painting by the Spanish Tenebrist painter José de Ribera)

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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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Morning Song* (arr. J.M. Martin) Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome and Opening Prayer Adam Robb

*Hymn *What Is This Place* VT 22

Children and Youth Conversation David Kreider

Worship Music *Salut d'Amour* (Elgar) Rebecca Schloneger

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-19a William Eash

*Hymn *In Lonely Mountain Ways* VT 589

Sermon *God Is In This Place* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563

Receiving the Offering and Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *We Sing to You, O God* VT 80

Those with July birthdays are welcome to come forward during
this hymn to receive a birthday blessing.

*Benediction

Postlude *Jacob's Ladder* (arr. R. Lau) Will Wiebe-Friesen

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

The Week at BCMC: July 19—26, 2026

Sunday, July 19—Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader

Livestream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/xrpsOwH9JJQ?feature=share>

Wednesday, July 22 through Sunday, July 26—Pastor Joanna on retreat

Sunday, July 26

9:30 a.m. Worship with Hymn Sing

Pastor Nathan will be on vacation from July 13 to August 3.

We offer sympathy to the family of Mildred Voran. Mildred died July 14, at Presbyterian Manor. Please remember her family in prayer: children Jeanette (and George Leary), Barb, and Brent (and Cora); grandchildren Megan and Kevin Leary, Paul Voran and Rachel Unruh; along with great grandchildren and extended family. Plans for Mildred's memorial service are pending.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the pastoral staff, the funeral committee, and the congregation for the outpouring of prayers and support during Arthur's passing. The kind words, comforting visits, food, and your presence at the service have been a source of strength and peace during this difficult time. —Doris, William, Sarah, and Cooper Whillock

We have some amazing children who are part of our Bethel College Mennonite Church community, and you have an opportunity to spend some time and share your faith with them on Sunday mornings! We are starting to put together our Fall schedule for children's Sunday School. If you would like to serve as a teacher or helper for our preschool or elementary-aged groups, please contact Pastor Joanna (joanna@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

Pastors' note about changes in bulletin announcements:

Based on feedback from church members and visitors, we are experimenting with a reduced bulletin announcement format this summer. We will eliminate the announcement insert and include as many Bethel College Mennonite Church announcements in the bulletin as space allows. Priority will be given to announcements that are new and those pertaining to events that will occur in the coming week. Announcements from other organizations (Western District Conference, Mennonite Mission Network, etc.) and overflow BCMC announcements will still be included in the weekly email and will be available in a printed handout available at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday. Pastors Joanna and Nathan welcome your feedback about this change.

BCMC Offering July 12, 2026: Gen. \$6,902; Kitchen Fund \$10.

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, immigration status, 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.

Write to BCMC Youth at Camp Mennoscah! Attending July 26-31 for Senior High Camp: Kaiya Anderson, Faith Burch, Brett Gaeddert, Collin Gaeddert, Emerson Gering, Olivia Gonzales, Orlando Gonzales, Naomi Koontz, Adam Oswald, Jude Oswald, Rylee Schmidt Stapleton, Mabel Wall

We are seeking delegates from Bethel College Mennonite Church to attend the Western District Conference Annual Assembly, August 7-9, in Dallas TX. This is an important time for us to form connections with the broader church as we pray, learn, and worship together! For those unable to make the trip, there is also an option to participate virtually. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Pastor Joanna or a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee (Dale Schrag, Barb Koontz, Dorothy Nickel Friesen).

We are happy to share that high school youth and a leader from Shalom Mennonite Church will join with our Bethel College Mennonite youth group on Wednesday nights this coming school year. We welcome the opportunity to form new relationships and grow together in faith.

Note about the bulletin cover "Jacob's Dream": **José de Ribera** (baptized February 17, 1591, Játiva, Spain—died September 2, 1652, Naples [Italy]) was a Spanish painter and printmaker, noted for his Baroque dramatic realism and his depictions of religious and mythological subjects.

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