

Bethel College Mennonite Church

July 26, 2026



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 *Be Thou My Vision* (arr. Dale Wood)
Karen Schlabaugh

Welcome and Opening Prayer Dale Schrag

*Hymn *My Jesus I Love Thee* VT 133

Children and Youth Conversation *Jesus Calms the Storm*
Carol Flickinger

Hymns: *Calm Me, Lord* VT 680
**My Life Flows On* VT 605
**Joy Is Like the Rain* insert

Scripture Reading Psalm 16:5-11 Marlene Faul

Hymn reflection written by Bill Braun Dale Schrag

*Hymn *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* VT 496

Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-3 Marlene Faul

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* VT 76

Hymn Notes from *Voices Together* Editors Dale Schrag

*Hymn *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* VT 801

Receiving the Offering and Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *O, Power of Love* insert

Scripture Reading I John 4:7-9, 16-19 Marlene Faul

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Words and music: Miriam Therese Winter, © 1965 Medical Mission Sisters

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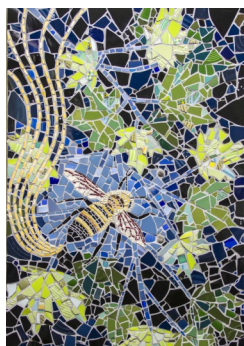
1. I saw rain-drops on my win-dow, Joy is like the rain.
 2. I saw clouds up - on a moun-tain, Joy is like a cloud.
 3. I saw Christ in wind and thun-der, Joy is tried by storm.
 4. I saw rain-drops on the riv - er, Joy is like the rain.

G D A A7

Laugh-ter runs a - cross my pain, slips a - way and
 Some-times sil - ver, some-times gray, al - ways sun not
 Christ a - sleep with - in my boat, Whipped by wind yet
 Bit by bit the riv - er grows, till all at once it

D A7 D Em Em7 A7 D

comes a - gain. Joy is like the rain.
 far a - way. Joy is like a cloud.
 still a - float. Joy is tried by storm.
 o - ver flows. Joy is like the rain.



The bulletin cover is a mosaic by Lora Jost from *With Nature Sing*, on the south wall of the Gathering Place. Lora writes: "The hymn *All Creatures of our God and King* celebrates the visual beauty, music and force of nature. The imagery from this hymn is the basis for these mosaics. The cardinal and honey bee mosaics represent all creatures lifting their voices in

song.....and the mosaic with the human face visualizes sensory response to the beauty and sound of birds, and appreciation for mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way."



FAITH JOURNEY: Suffering/Joy

593 O Power of love

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1 O Pow'r of love, all else tran - scend - ing, in Je - sus
 2 Thou art my rest; no earth - ly trea - sure can sat - is -
 3 To thee my heart and life be giv - en; thou art in

pres - ent ev - er - more, I wor - ship thee, in hom - age bend - ing,
 fy my yearn - ing heart, and naught can give to me the plea - sure
 truth my high - est good. For me thy sa - cred side was riv - en,

thy name to hon - or and a - dore. Yea, let my soul, in
 I find in thee, my cho - sen part. Thy love, so ten - der,
 for me was shed thy pre - cious blood. O thou who art the

deep de - vo - tion, bathe in love's might - y bound - less o - cean.
 so pos - sess - ing, is joy to me, and ev - 'ry bless - ing.
 world's sal - va - tion, be thine my love and ad - o - ra - tion.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, *Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe*, 1757, revised in *Sammlung*, 1825; tr. Herman Brückner, *Wartburg Hymnal for Church, School, and Home*, 1918, alt.

Music: Dimitri S. Bortniansky, *Choralbuch*, 1825

The Week at BCMC: July 26—August 2, 2026

Sunday, July 26—Hymn Sing

Live-stream link: <https://youtube.com/live/1tpFbPee9XM?feature=share>

Monday, July 27

10 a.m. Library Committee in Room 14

Wednesday, July 29

7 p.m. Organ and Brass Concert with Christopher Shaw at the organ and Intrepid Brass, a brass quintet from Wichita, in the BCMC Sanctuary.

Thursday, July 30

4:30 p.m. Abuse Prevention and Response Committee in Room 14

Sunday, August 2

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen

Pastor Nathan is on vacation from July 13 to August 3.

Mark your calendars for our church retreat at Camp Mennoscah, Aug. 29-

30. All are invited for a supper, festivities, and an overnight at camp on Saturday, Aug. 29. **Our worship service will be at Camp Mennoscah on Sunday morning, Aug. 30,** and will include several youth being baptized in the river! Breakfast and lunch will be available on Aug. 30. Retreat registration information will be available soon.

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. The memorial service for Mildred will be Tues., Aug. 4, 2 p.m., at BCMC.

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).

This fall, plan to join Joanna for a Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will meet on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. in Room 14 during the months of September and October (September 3-October 29).

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

Max Ediger, a Bethel College Mennonite member living and ministering in Burma, is looking for **people who would be willing to offer tutoring via zoom in math and science** for a few Burmese students. These students are preparing for their GED exams in anticipation of attending college. If you would like to help, you can contact Max directly via email; his address is available in the church directory and from the church office.

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).

Today, Sun., July 26: Premiere of the Kauffman Museum short video on the “Unlocking the Past” exhibit, 3 p.m., museum auditorium. David Kreider and Kristine Schmucker will introduce the video and a mini-exhibit of artifacts not on permanent display, which focus on the “Unlocking the Past” exhibition, on display in 2024-25 and sparked by the 150th anniversary of the 1874 migration of Mennonites from the Russian Empire to the Great Plains.

The exhibit of 250-year-old books (in honor of the U.S. semiquincentennial) that the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College put together can be viewed at Kauffman Museum through Sun., Aug. 2. These nine books owned by the MLA were published in 1776 in German, Dutch and French. Regular Kauffman Museum hours are Tues.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m., closed Mondays. Although there is a charge to visit the museum, the display is just inside the front entrance, and there is no charge to view it.

Sat., Aug. 1: Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

*Hymn	<i>Praise God from Whom</i>	VT 70
*Benediction		Dale Schrag
Postlude	<i>Cwm Rhondda</i> (Wilbur Held)	Karen Schlabaugh

* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Keyboard—Karen Schlabaugh and Verlene Garber

Audio visual—Ken Lamp

Song Leader—Joel Garber

BCMC Offering July 19, 2026: Gen. \$10,502; Library Reserve Fund \$5; Kitchen Fund \$14.

AV update - Bill Eash and Jon Zerger met with two audio visual companies and recently BCMC received bids from each focusing primarily on improving sound in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Information sessions about the scope and cost of an AV upgrade will be held in the sanctuary during the SS hour on Aug. 2 and Aug. 23. The content is expected to be the same in both sessions; we scheduled two for more flexibility in dates. All are welcome. - Margaret Toews, Moderator

Mennonite Central Committee webinar *Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Faith, Immigration, and Hope* – Tues., July 28, 1 p.m. CT/12 p.m. MT (for 1 hour and 15 minutes) In this webinar, we will share stories from 3 churches and leaders like you who are putting faith into action — welcoming and supporting immigrants, facing challenges in their communities, and building congregations that respond with compassion and courage. Speaking from a variety of perspectives across Anabaptist traditions, we'll talk about themes like faith in action, ministry with immigrant communities, lessons learned, and practical ways churches can respond to the reality's immigrant families are facing today. Pastors, church leaders, and congregants looking for inspiration and practical ways to get involved are invited to attend. Register today for this event at the following address: mcc.org/welcoming-stranger or contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org

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.

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: Pray for Toni and Matthew Krabill, who are serving in Accra, Ghana, as they launch an initiative to bridge the relationship between French-speaking and English-speaking theological institutions in West Africa.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for open hearts in the communities where new congregations are forming, that relationships of peace and hope may grow. -WDC Church Planting Commission

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