

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 13, 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.



Photo courtesy of Ron and Carol Peters

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.

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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* [VT 28] (arr. J.W. Kerr)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome and Opening Prayer Dianne Epp

*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* VT 28

Children and Youth Conversation Luke 18:15-17 Joanna Harader

Bible Presentations to 3rd Graders Nathan Koontz

Worship Music *Love Makes a Bridge* (Wren/Moyer)
Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Scripture Reading Acts 2:41-47 Pam Epp

*Hymn *There Are Many Gifts* VT 374

Sermon *Anabaptist Identity: Belonging* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *May You Be Rooted and Grounded* VT 396

Receiving the Offering and Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Heart with Loving Heart United* VT 813

*Benediction

Postlude *All Creatures Worship God* [VT 81] (arr. D. Hustad)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

* You are invited to stand VT—*Voices Together*
Keyboard—Will Wiebe-Friesen Audio Visual—Ken Lamp

The Week at BCMC: September 13-20, 2026

Sunday, September 13—Anabaptist Identity: Community is the Center of our Life

Livestream: https://youtube.com/live/IEqdpxyd_k?feature=share

10:45 a.m. Bill Unruh of Habitat for Humanity will give a presentation during the SS hour on the progress of rooftop solar projects for homes they are building. The presentation will be held in the Chapel. All are welcome. - the Solar Project Committee

11:45 a.m. College Student Pizza Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 15

11 a.m. Poems & Prayer in the Chapel—If you are willing to let poetry be a place where the soul wrestles and wonders, please join us for poetry reading and discussion weekly on Tuesday mornings in the BCMC chapel. Bring a poem of your own or from someone else.

5:15 p.m. Hospitality Commission meets in Room 14

7 p.m. Women's Fellowship meets in Fellowship Hall-- The program will be by Pastor Joanna Harader on "Pastor at variance." All women and men invited. See you there.

Wednesday, September 16

7 p.m. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, September 17

11 a.m. Revelation Study in the Chapel

3 p.m. Witness Commission meets in Room 14

4—6 p.m. Meet and Greet with Hattie Lee Mendoza in Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. Abuse Prevention & Response Committee meets in Room 14

6 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

Friday, September 18

10 a.m. Gifts Discernment Committee meets in Room 14

10 a.m. Inurnment for Wayne Stucky, BCMC Columbarium

2 p.m. Memorial for Wayne Stucky at Kidron Bethel, Kidron Hall

Sunday, September 20—Anabaptist Identity: Peace Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; Congregational meeting in Sanctuary during the Sunday school hour

11:45 a.m. Youth Group meal in Fellowship Hall

2—5:30 p.m. Offender Victim Ministries M-2 Training in Fellowship Hall

The staged reading of Lauren Friesen's new play "Kindness by the Cup" will be in Kidron Hall, Mon., Oct. 5, starting at 2 p.m. The play centers on three retirees who meet regularly at a local coffee shop. Their conversation includes idle banter, tales of trauma, resilience, and a love of trivia. Free and open to the public. Invite your friends. – Lauren Friesen

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.

Our fall congregational meeting will be held on September 20 during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. Agenda items include a vote to change a provision of the General Fund Balance Policy by increasing the General Fund reserve amount from two months to three months. Another agenda item is a summary of the AV project so far and a chance to weigh in on its direction. Lunch will be served following the meeting, hosted by Senior High Youth. **All are welcome!**

The BCMC Leadership Retreat will be Sept. 26 at the Dyck Arboretum Visitor's Center, from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Coffee, tea, fruit and delicious pastries will be provided. We look forward to leaders and members of commissions and committees joining us for a time of information sharing and discussion of the roles each of us has in caring for a healthy and growing BCMC community. Please RSVP to Monica (office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) or Margaret Toews at (mctoews1@gmail.com) if you are able to attend.

All volunteers who work with children and/or youth at BCMC should plan to attend one of two Safe Sanctuary workshops: Sun., Oct. 4, during the Sunday School hour OR Wed., Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. (before choir). These trainings are important for our church's efforts to be a survivor-centered community that provides a physically and emotionally safe environment for all ages. Thank you for your faithfulness in nurturing our young people. Contact Brad Kohlman or Joanna Harader with questions.

The Finance Committee offers 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 Aug. 31 (66.7% of the year).

Total income \$343,056 (59% of budget)

Total expense \$336,303 (58% of budget) Net income \$6,753

BCMC Offering Sept. 6: Gen. Fund \$8,743.70; Menn. Camp Scholarship \$435; Kitchen Fund \$18.50; Solar Fund \$62,627.56.

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