

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 20, 2026—Peace Sunday

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.



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.

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

September 20, 2026

Peace Sunday

Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music

Will Wiebe-Friesen

Welcome & Prayer

Lyn Krause

*Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

VT 705

Children and Youth Conversation

Megan Kohlman

Worship Music

Just As I Am (Eithun)

Chancel Bells; Verlene Garber, director

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-10; John 13:1-17

Carol Peters

Hymn

Jesus Took a Towel

VT 490

Sermon

A Posture of Solidarity

Nathan Koontz

*Hymn

God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

VT 539

Offering Invitation & Prayers of God's People

VT 996

*Hymn

Beloved, God's Chosen

VT 164

*Benediction

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Keyboard—Will Wiebe-Friesen

Audio Visual—David Sprunger

The Week at BCMC: September 20-27, 2026

Sunday, September 20—Anabaptist Identity: Peace Sunday

Livestream:

10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. Lunch served by Senior High Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, September 21

7 p.m. Faith Formation Commission meeting in Room 14

Tuesday, September 22

11 a.m. Poems & Prayer in the Chapel

4 p.m. Worship Commission meeting in Room 14

Wednesday, September 23

7 p.m. Youth Group

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

Thursday, September 24

11 a.m. Revelation Study in the Chapel

2 p.m. Deacon Commission meeting in Room 14

3 p.m. Cancer Care Group meeting in the Nursery

6 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

Saturday, September 26

9 a.m. to 12 Leadership Retreat at Dyck Arboretum, Hesston

Sunday, September 27— Anabaptist Identity: Reconciliation Is the Center of

Our Work **9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader; music by Chancel Choir

Our fall congregational meeting is today during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. Agendas were sent by email and printed copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Lunch will be served following the meeting, hosted by Senior High Youth. **All are welcome!**

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.

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. 13: Gen. Fund \$12,247.50; Colombia Earthquake Relief \$1300; Wed. Supper \$93; Library Reserve Fund \$17; Kitchen Fund \$15.

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