

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 27, 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.



When Flaming Dove Meets Rising Waters (Moment of Transformation), Gwen M. Stamm (USA), 2018, mixed media

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

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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Kyrie* (Byrd)

Chancel Choir; Joel Garber, director; Will Wiebe-Friesen, accompanist

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bill Braun

*Hymn

We Are People of God's Peace

VT 797

Children and Youth Conversation

Kathy Stucky

Worship Music

Fairest Lord Jesus (Hakes)

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

VT 785

Steve Stucky

*Hymn

New Earth, Heavens New

VT 377

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:12-13

Steve Stucky

Sermon

Anabaptist Identity: Behaving & Being

Joanna Harader

*Hymn

Be a Sower

VT 789

Receiving the Offering and Prayers of God's People

*Hymn

Go, My Friends, in Grace

VT 810

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

*Benediction

Postlude

As the Waters Rise Around Us [VT 708] (arr. J.W. Kerr)

Will Wiebe-Friesen

* You are invited to stand

VT—*Voices Together*

Keyboard—Will Wiebe-Friesen

Audio Visual—Ben Lichti

The Week at BCMC: September 27—October 4, 2026

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

Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/e6s6rrC8Oto?feature=share>

Monday, September 28

10 a.m. Library Committee meeting in Room 14

Tuesday, September 29

11 a.m. Poems & Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday, September 30

7 p.m. Youth Group

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

Thursday, October 1

11 a.m. Revelation Study in the Chapel

6 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

7 p.m. Church Board meeting in Room 14

Friday, October 2

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, October 3

3 p.m. Wedding in Sanctuary

Sunday, October 4—Anabaptist Identity: World Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader; music by Chancel Bells

10:45 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training—Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to join us for our next Open Table on Wed., Oct. 14, at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a pizza supper and then an interactive, all-age, Bible study as we continue exploring the monsters of the Bible.

Our Wednesday Suppers will begin on Oct. 21 and continue for five weeks--through Nov. 18. All are invited to come at 6 p.m. for fellowship and a meal provided by Brenda Turner and Ben Lichti. There are no programs planned for after the meals except for the meal on Nov. 11, which will be followed by our Open Table all-age Bible study. There is no charge to attend the Wednesday evening meals. Financial contributions toward meal costs are welcome and appreciated.

BCMC Offering Sept. 20: Gen. Fund \$17,390; Sr Hi Youth \$2,450.55; Caring Fund \$500; Kitchen Fund \$14; Library Reserve Fund \$100; Women's Fellowship \$290; Solar Fund \$300.

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.

At our September 20 congregation meeting, the Board sought input from the congregation related to audio-visual updates we are considering for the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and possibly other areas of the church. The poll taken at the meeting indicated that 64 people were in favor of proceeding while 29 people had significant reservations about the project. The board appreciates people's willingness to engage in this important conversation about our AV needs and will continue to communicate with the congregation about the status of the project.

Thank You Pastor Nathan for your visit! Also Thank You for Cards and Well Wishes which I received while at home recuperating from Hip Surgery. Every act of kindness is a part of healing!! Blessings and Thanks!! Sincerely, Lotti Boschmann

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, 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

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