

Bethel College Mennonite Church

September 6, 2026



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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.

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *Bound for the Kingdom* (arr. Martin) Karen Unruh

Land Acknowledgement Tim Hodge

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Hymn *O Gott Vater (O God and Father)* VT 45

Children and Youth Conversation Esther Koontz

Worship Music *Fanfare variations on 'Make Our Garden Grow'*
(Leonard Bernstein)
Ben Lichti

Kin-dom Report Rebuilding Homes in Colombia Sara Valentina Ladino

*Hymn *My Hope Is Built* VT 621

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3:11; Mark 10:17-22 Laura Garvin

Sermon *Anabaptist Identity: Believing* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True* VT 583

Receiving the Offering and Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* VT 592

*Benediction

Postlude *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Burkhardt)
Karen Unruh

* You are invited to stand VT—*Voices Together*
Keyboard—Karen Unruh Audio Visual—John Thiesen, Ben Lichti

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.

The Week at BCMC: September 6-13, 2026

Sunday, September 6—Anabaptist Identity: Jesus is the Center of our Faith

Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/yS55m-Yuc1Y?feature=share>

Monday, September 7—Labor Day—Office will be closed

Tuesday, September 8

9 a.m.—11:30 a.m. First Day of Community Playschool

9 a.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board meets in the home of Lois Goertzen

12 noon Mid-Kansas Investment Club meets in Fellowship Hall

2 p.m. Facilities Committee meets in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee meets in Room 14

Wednesday, September 9

6 p.m. Open Table in Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Youth Group

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

Thursday, September 10

11 a.m. Revelation Study in the Chapel

6 p.m. Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

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

Life 9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader; 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. Pizza Lunch for college students in Fellowship Hall

Thank you to Sara Valentina Ladino for sharing with us this morning about the efforts of her father and others to rebuild houses that were destroyed by recent earthquakes in Colombia. Your prayers and financial contributions are much appreciated. To support these earthquake relief efforts in Colombia, you can write a check or make an online donation to Bethel College Mennonite Church and note that it is "for Colombia relief."

Land Acknowledgement from words by Mark Charles and VT #878

As we do on the first Sunday of each month, we acknowledge that we worship on the land of the Kanza, Osage, and Wichita.

We thank them for their care and respect for this land and acknowledge the injustice of their forced removal.

We ask the Spirit to heal our histories and find new paths of right relationships with them

All are invited to join us as we study the book of Revelation together each Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at church.

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.

BCMC Offering Aug. 30: Gen. Fund \$14,050; Plant Fund \$25; Mission Quilters \$250.

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 me (mctoews1@gmail.com) if you are able to attend. — Margaret Toews

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.

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 at 11 in the BCMC chapel. Bring a poem of your own or from someone else. The fall poems and prayers session begins on Tuesday, September 15.

Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement:

Attend the art exhibit "Alive with Wonder" at Regier Gallery on the Bethel campus by Native Kansan and Cherokee artist Hattie Lee Mendoza opening Aug. 24 and running through Sept. 17 with a reception at 6:30 on Sept. 17. See examples of her wide-ranging work at <https://hattieleeart.com>
—Raylene Hinz-Penner, Indigenous Task Group

Here is the link from the worship service at Camp Mennoscah
<https://youtube.com/live/5bEQLXnj-Y?feature=share>

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