

# The Early Church & Church Growth Today



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Mennonite Church

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# Faith Mennonite Church

April 30, 2023

10:30 AM

Prelude “Kol Nidrei Opus 47” - Bruch

Caleb Garber—Cello

Lisa Schmidt—Piano

Welcome

Peace Prayer

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

*The Church’s One Foundation*

VT 397

*Let Us Build a House*

VT 36

Children’s Time

Tammy Plank

Psalm 150

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

VT 83

*I Love to Tell the Story*

VT 761

Prayer for our Offerings

Acts 16:9-10, 13-40

“What about church growth?”

Pastor Rose Marie

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

VT 393

Blessing

Postlude

Lisa Schmidt

Please pass the friendship sheets

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VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book

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**\*In lieu of passing an offering plate, there are many ways to give. There is a container in the back of the sanctuary as one option. There is a giving button on our community website and USPS also delivers to us.**

*\*\*This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Pastors..... Kristine Regehr  
..... Rose Marie Zook Barber  
Worship Leader .....Byron Ediger  
Song Leader..... Tom Gaeddert  
Accompanist..... Lisa Schmidt  
Children's Story..... Tammy Plank*

*Sanctuary Prep .....Jane Schmidt  
Broadcasting.....Jody Hadley  
Sound .....Nathan Garber  
Projection.....Gavin Hadley  
Greeters..... Jane & Mike Schmidt  
Ushers ... Wendell Banman & Byron Ediger*

**Welcome** to Faith Mennonite Church! We are glad you are here.  
**Faith Mennonite Church embraces as a gift the  
diversity of our community and our world.**

If you need a **listening assistance device or a large print bulletin**,  
please ask an usher.

There are a few \*quiet\* craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that  
can be used during worship.

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to

- Worship together as a community of faith,
  - Invite everyone to share the gift of God's love,
    - Nurture each other in the faith,
    - Serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
  - Proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.
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### **FAITH FAMILY NEWS:**

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** go out to Gerald "Ko" Bartel's family. Ko passed away on April 19. When we have details on funeral arrangements we will let you know.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is just right around the corner. Last Sunday, Shari made an announcement about needing volunteers to help at VBS. There are signup sheets available by the return basket on the credenza in the foyer .

**ANABAPTIST WORLD and REJOICE DEVOTIONALS** subscription payments are now due. Anabaptist world subscription is \$39.00 and the Rejoice Devotional is \$34.11. If you would like to receive a copy of the Rejoice Devotional and you have not subscribed before, please let me know.

**THE NEXT SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING** for discussion on FMC's Constitution and Bylaws proposed changes will be on May 7 starting at 8: 55 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All documents are available via email or paper.

**THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** are in your mailboxes.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



“God is our Refuge & Strength, an ever present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

### **We are Thankful for...**

The birth of Alejandra Martinez’s baby girl, Izabella Auralani on April 25, 2023.

### **We Pray for...**

- The family of Ko Bartel who passed away April 19.
- Healing & recovery for those recovering from Surgery:  
Clara Kerekes, Mike Schmidt, Richard Schmidt, others
- People discerned and accepted positions in our church leadership:  
Allen Jantz—Moderator, Chuck Schmidt—Board of Administration, Jane Schmidt & May Janzen—Christian Education Coordinators, and those continuing in leadership of Faith Mennonite Church.

### **Prayer & Awareness...**

- Our congregation as we look forward and gain vision to new beginnings and possibilities .
- For our church in our community.
- Vacation Bible School planning . VBS this year is at Bethel College Mennonite Church May 30– June 2 & June 4.
- Our Mennonite Convention, MennoCon23 that is in July. Pray for the planning team and potential delegates.
- Western District Conference, WDC, has their Annual Assembly this year at Tabor Mennonite Church in August.

### **Continue Praying for...**

- Our search committee: Grace Bartel, Leslie Hadley, Tom Gaeddert and Mike Schmidt and Conference Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider as they do this work.
- Possible Pastoral candidates.
- Ronni Horn and family as they continue therapy.
- Anna Lubbers as she nears the end of her voluntary assignment & begins to look forward in her teaching career.
- Those of our family in either Assisted Living or Healthcare:
- Schowalter Villa Health Care: Galen Rudiger
- Kidron Bethel Assisted Living and Health Care: Ray & Rosie Brandt, Norman Pankratz, Margaret Ward, Jo Schmidt, Marvin Unruh, Vinola & Edgar Banman.
- Members in our church family: Howard Wiebe, Neal Schwabauer, Mike & Debbie Dennis.
- Others in our church community that might be struggling both physically or mentally.

~Harlan Bartel for the Deacons

## **WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE (WDC) NEWS:**

**FAITH FORMATION RESOURCES FOR YOU**— The WDC Resource Commission has paid for a subscription for the **Vibrant Faith 2023 Masterclass Season Pass** of faith formation webinars! Vibrant Faith seeks to transform the way churches envision and design faith formation for all ages and generations in the 21st century. For more details about the webinars, go to: <https://vibrantfaith.org/masterclasses/>. To access these resources at no cost to you, email Michelle at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org)

## **BETHEL COLLEGE EVENTS:**

**TODAY** – Masterworks concert at Bethel College, 4 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE), featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Mozart *Krönungsmesse* (“Coronation Mass”) and Beethoven *Fantasia, Op. 80* (“Choral Fantasy”); Memorial Hall

**MONDAY, MAY 1** – Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert, directed by Brad Shores, 7 PM, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. The concert also features the community band Steel Paradise and the McPherson College Steel Drum Band. This will be Brad Shores' final concert before he moves to Florida. Free admission, with a freewill offering taken to support Bethel College music.

**TUESDAY, MAY 2** – Bethel College Voice Studio recital, Soyoun Chun, instructor, 7 PM, *Administration Building chapel*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3** – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 PM (*Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center in case of rain*)

**SATURDAY, MAY 6** – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). 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).

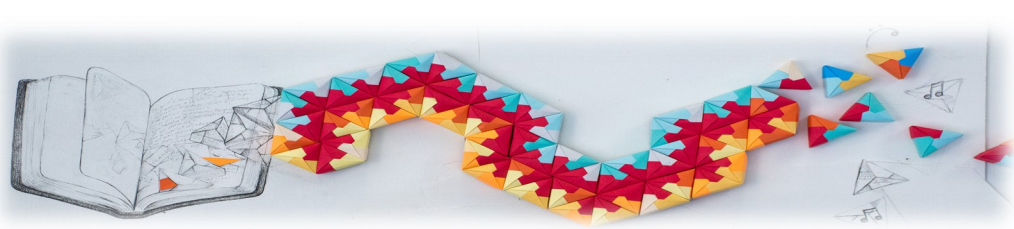
**SUNDAY, MAY 7** – Woven and Open Road joint concert at Bethel College, 7 PM, *Memorial Hall*



**CAMP MENNOSCAH** has begun to raise money through the **M&M Project**. Our list of **Fire Keepers** - givers who have promised to add \$1000 to this fund by the end of the calendar yet - is growing. Remember, money raised for the M&M Project, will be matched by, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 by a generous donor. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. Now is the time to sign up - your family, your Sunday School class, your small group, yourself - to be a Fire Keeper! For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website <https://tinyurl.com/bt43cmfc>

## **OTHER AREA NEWS:**

**NEWTON ET CETERA SHOP'S** Board of Directors will host a farewell reception for general manager Sara Dick on Saturday, April 29, 2-4 PM at the shop (619 North Main in downtown Newton). You're invited to stop by to celebrate seven years of Sara's leadership and wish her well!



***This Week*** (05/01/2023—05/7/2023)

**TUESDAY:**

6:00 PM Board of Worship

**THURSDAY:**

2:30 PM Gifts Discernment

**SUNDAY:**

8:55 AM Constitution and Bylaws  
Conversation

10:30 AM Worship Service

***Looking Ahead:***

5/07 \*Linda Shelly of Mennonite Mission  
Network

5/14 South Africa with Sara Regier &  
John Jantzen

5/17-23 New Hope Shelter Week

5/21 \*Bernhard Thiessen from Germany

\*Guest Speaker

**PLEASE CHECK OUT the bulletin board in the foyer for other area events that are not listed in this bulletin..**

***Attendance for 04/23/23: 83***

Please have all bulletin  
announcements and calendar items  
to the office by Wednesday Noon.

***Thanks!***

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May: Richard Schmidt - 316.215.1730***

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