**Bethel Congregation**

**Midlands Mission Center**

**Welcoming the online community**

Kansas City, KS

September 25, 2022 10:30AM CDT

**A WORD OF HOPE**

 **Presiding Elder Jeff Cady**

 **Announcements, Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

 **Gathering Hymn** “I Know Not What the Future Hath”  **CCS #246**

 **Call to Worship 1 Timothy 6** (adapted)

*Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. That they do good, that they be rich in good deeds and willing to share; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay on eternal life where unto thou art called.*

**\*Hymn** “Touch Me, Lord” **CCS #574**

**\*Invocation David Troeh**

**\*Response**

 **Prayer for Peace Kris Cady**

 **Response Hymn CCS #570, verse 3**

“God, Whose Grace Redeems Our Story”

 **Focus Moment** “Prepare for the Future or Learn the Hard Way”

 **Doctrine and Covenants 163:4c**

*4c Let the educational and community development endeavors of the church equip people of all ages to carry the ethics of Christ’s peace into all arenas of life. Prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration. Their contributions will be multiplied if their hearts are focused on God’s will for creation.*

 **Sing for Hope** “Now in this Moment” **CCS #96**

 **The Spoken Word Elder Joetta Klee**

 **Disciples’ Generous Response**

**\*Hymn** “Lord of All Hopefulness”  **CCS #193**

**\*Together We Affirm Our Bond Numbers 6:24-26**

*The Lord bless thee and keep thee;*

*The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

\*congregation standing as able

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**Announcements**

* Our website, including weekly bulletin and Zoom links [bethel.forthrightsystems.com/](http://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/)
* **Sunday, 9/25 9:30am Baptism class**

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 Speaking: Elder Joetta Klee

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* **Sunday, 10/16 2:00pm Mission Center Conference**

Meet at **Mission Road** or join via [zoom](https://zoom.us/j/87881681098?pwd=Wklzc3Y5bHgzRjdTMXNyWEwrKzF1UT09). Includes election of World Conference delegates, sign up to be a delegate at <https://midlandsmc.org/>. World conference is April 22-29, 2023.

* **JPAT KC (Justice and Peace Action Team)**  see [jpatkc.org](https://jpatkc.org)

**Sunday, 10/9, 2:30pm** African American Legacy **Memorial**

 **Tour** in Liberty, MO.

**Sunday, 10/30, 2:00pm** Johnson County Library’s **Dividing**

 **Lines Tour** of Kansas City’s color barrier.

* Give through [eTithing](https://www.cofchrist.org/give) (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)

Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](https://app.securegive.com/cofchrist/bethel-ks-/donate/category))

* Video about using [eTithing](https://youtu.be/vOaogMcekbw) (<https://youtu.be/vOaogMcekbw>)

**Lectionary:** 3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our scripture

This week September 25, 2022 [**A Word of Hope**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/products/september-2022-worship-planning)

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15** Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Luke 16:19-31 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Doctrine and Covenants 162:1, 163:4c

Next week October 2, 2022 [**Si tuvieras fe/If You Only Had Faith**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/products/october-2022-worship-planning)

**Luke 17:5-10** Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Doctrine and Covenants 165:6a, c



*Norton Heights Congregation Seeking Congregational Leaders*

One or more experienced, ordained ministers are needed to join the pastor team. Interested individuals should be comfortable with inner city culture and social justice challenges, be passionate about ministry with all ages, and share Norton Heights’s commitment to inclusivity. Contact Peter Judd: 816.682.4394 or sonjudd@sbcglobal.net.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE UPDATED CONTACT\*\*\***

**SAVE THE DATE**

Sept 10 – 11 Lake Doniphan Homecoming

Sept 31 – Oct 2 TWIST Weekend @ Topeka

Oct 14 – 16 Young Adult Retreat @ Chihowa

October 16 MMC Fall Conference

Oct 21 – 22 Mission Field Virtual Priesthood Gathering

Oct 30 JPAT “Dividing Lines” Bus Tour

*Nursing Scholarship*

**WORLD CONFERENCE DELGATES**

### World Conference 2023 will be held April 22–29 next year. Midlands has been allocated 67 delegates, who will be elected at MMC Fall Conference on October 16. To be considered as a delegate, please visit [www.midlandsmc.org](http://www.midlandsmc.org) to submit an application by October 9. If you have any questions or are unable to apply online, please reach out to Kat Hnatyshyn: khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org or 816.506.6948.

HealthEd Connect has a scholarship for future nurses. The funds are available because of the foresight of “San” nurses long ago, and the scholarship has benefited scholars from Malawi, Zambia, Nepal, and the USA. Applicants must be involved in the Community of Christ, hold a GPA of 3.0 or higher, demonstrate a need through the FAFSA, and be enrolled in the last 2 years of a nationally accredited BSN or higher degree program in nursing. Up to two years of funding for a total of $3,000 is available. The application deadline is September 15. For an application or more information, please contact Dr. Sherri Kirkpatrick: 816.519.4925 or skirkpatrick@healthedconnect.org.





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**WORLD CHURCH UPDATES**

World Church and Historical Foundation sites and buildings are OPEN! The new Community of Christ website, Our Ministry Tools, and Herald House website are also up and running. To gain access to church leadership materials, visit [cofchrist.org/our-ministry-tools](http://www.cofchrist.org/our-ministry-tools).

### Lake Doniphan Homecoming

**September 10 – 11**

Whether it’s been 2 weeks or 20 years since you’ve been at the campground, this is the perfect time to come visit. Enjoy all your favorite Doniphan activities including swimming, boating, fishing, relaxing, and fellowship. Other activities include story sessions of past and present, campground tours, campfire, and worship on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Lunch is free, dinner is $15/$10, and paid lodging is available. Camp opens at 10am Saturday. Join us for an hour, the day, and even overnight! Register at lakedoniphan.com/homecoming

TWIST @ Topeka CofC

**September 30 – October 2**

Attention all 6th–12th graders!!! Join us for another weekend of fun, fellowship, and service. Please bring a copy of your insurance card, a completed Event Registration Form & COVID Form (found online), and an unused COVID test to be administered during registration. Adult volunteers will carpool to help transport kids. Showers are available, so please pack accordingly. The cost for this closed camp is $25. Please RSVP by September 23 to Alan Keehler 816.810.5690 or Laura Beckman 913.484.1311.



Midlands Mission Center Fall Conference

**2 – 5 pm Sunday, October 16**

### Conference will be live streamed via a Zoom link to be published on the MMC website and in next month’s newsletter. Two in-person sites are also available at Mission Road and Webb Road Congregations.

### Central Mission Field Priesthood Gathering

*Live Christ’ Love and Mission*

**October 21 – 21**

This year we will gather online with priesthood members from the six mission centers across our mission field. The focus of the event will be sacrament ministry and the updated sacrament templates.

### Dividing Lines Bus Tour

**2 – 4 pm October 30**

JPAT is hosting the event based on a tour created by Johnson County Libraries exploring the lasting impact of segregation in the KC area. The bus size limits the JPAT tour to 40 participants. Information on the library tour can be found at [www.jocolibrary.org/dividinglines](http://www.jocolibrary.org/dividinglines). The JPAT tour will meet at the Good Shepherd parking lot: 4341 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO.

Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

*Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)*

### Together with Graceland University and Community of Christ Seminary, CIMM is launching online classes which include Temple School credit and non-credit bearing continuing education units (CEUs). The classes listed below are now enrolling for a $25 fee. More classes are coming, including a new non-degreed online certificate program in “Christian Ministries,” similar to the past MEADS programs. To enroll or view the schedule of upcoming classes, go to our website: [www.graceland.edu/CIMM](http://www.graceland.edu/CIMM)

* **Introduction to Scripture**:  8-weeks, Oct. 24 – Dec. 17
* **Ministry of the Deacon:** 6-weeks, Oct. 24 – Dec. 4
* **Children & Youth Worker Training:** Self-completion Oct 24–Dec 17