

Bethel College Mennonite Church
June 23, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Nun Danket Alle Gott (Manz)* Verlene Garber, organ

Call to worship from Psalm 19:1-4 Dawn Yoder Harms

Opening prayer

*Hymn of praise *All creatures of our God and King* **HWB 48**
verses 1, 2, 5, 7
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms and Nathan Koontz

Scripture reading Matthew 13:31-35 Lily Schloneger

Worship music *Praeludium and Allegro (Kreisler)*
Rebecca Schloneger, violin; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Sermon *The kingdom of heaven* Nathan Koontz

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* **STS 121**

Prayer of God's people

Offering

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew.
When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

Offertory *Vocalise (Rachmaninoff)*



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The Next Week at BCMC: June 23—June 30, 2019

Sunday, June 23, 2019—Candidating Sunday with Nathan Koontz

10:45 am Sunday school elective “Pastoral care for people of all ages”

Nathan will share his faith journey, followed by Q&A session, with a suggested focus on pastoral care for people of all ages, though any questions will be welcomed.

10:50 am Faith Formation

- **K through 8th grade in B8**
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study, Catacombs and Sojourners**—On summer hiatus
- **Fellowship**—Rm B7
- **Fine Arts**—Rm 24
- **Issues & Christianity**—Rm 23
- **Mosaic**—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- **Open Circle**—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- **Seekers**—Rm 28—Will attend elective in sanctuary

Noon **Lunch with Church Board—Fellowship Hall**

4 pm **Time with Kidron Bethel residents Menno Hall** in Assisted Living and Health Care, at Kidron Bethel or other residents unable to attend church in the morning

6 pm **Supper with Search Committee**

Monday, June 24

2:30 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

Tuesday, June 25

9:30 am to Noon Kitchen Cleanup

12:45 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

Wednesday, June 26

10 am Bulletin announcement deadline

Thursday, June 27

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Friday, June 28

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Saturday, June 29

4:00 pm Wedding in Sanctuary

Sunday, June 30

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Christine Lehman

Mark your calendars for a farewell reception (with cake, coffee, and water) for Pastor Susan Wheeler on Sun., June 30, after the worship service, in Fellowship Hall. Come with good wishes for Pastor Susan’s retirement!

Many thanks for the words of encouragement, prayers, and well wishes during my recovery from knee surgery. ~ *Mildred Voran*

We offer sympathy to Aleta Rempel and her extended family on the death of Aleta’s husband Wendell’s son, Carl Rempel. Carl died June 19 in Wichita. The memorial service will be June 23, 3 pm at the Mennonite Brethren Church, 8000 W. 21st St., Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Marvin Thieszen and his extended family on the death of his brother-in-law, Rodney Goertzen (Marvin’s wife, Shirley Thieszen’s brother), Mt. Lake, MN, June 19.

June 25 is Kitchen Clean Up Time! Please join the Hospitality Commission in a deep cleaning of the kitchen after a busy season of use, beginning at 9:30 am and finishing by noon at the latest. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies or just a smile and willing hands. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary—there are opportunities for all of you! Thanks!

If you are interested in being a delegate to the Western District Annual Assembly held on the Bethel College campus, July 26-27, contact Francis Toews, Gifts Discernment Committee, for more details. BCMC is eligible to send 18 delegates to this assembly. Registration fee for delegates will be paid by BCMC. There are still openings for two more delegates; thanks to the 16 who already signed up!

Now it is time to renew our group subscription to *The Mennonite*, a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world, and if you sign up with the congregation’s plan, the discounted rate is \$37. If interested in joining the group plan, contact Monica Lichti in the church office **by July 1**. **Drop your check in the offering with “The Mennonite” in the memo line; bring your check to the office; call the office, 316-283-3667, or email office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org indicating that you would like to renew/subscribe to *The Mennonite*.**

The Witness Commission invites those interested to examine the information concerning War Tax Resistance, some of which is located on the bulletin board and pamphlets titled “War Tax Resistance at a Glance” on the ledge in the Gathering Place. This information is from the National War Tax Resistance Coordination Committee. There are limited copies of the pamphlet “War Tax Resistance at a Glance” so we ask that you take and, after examining, return for others to use. Additional information is available on the bulletin board and on the Mennonite Church USA blog from Pastors Harold A. Penner and John Stoner who will be presenting a seminar on “Creating a Church Peace Tax Fund” at Menno-Con19. Thanks to Don Kaufman for obtaining this information.

Kauffman Museum will host an opening reception for a new temporary exhibit, "Walk A Mile," an expressive arts project that features art created by EmberHope Youthville's residential children, June 28, 4-6 pm, on display – free of charge in the outer lobby – June 29-July 22 (more of the exhibit will be on display at Carriage Factory Gallery, Newton, June 20-July 11, and the entire collection will be at Mark Arts, Wichita, Aug. 17-Sept. 14). More info: contact Michael Reinschmidt, mreinschmidt@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Camp Mennoscah has spaces available for summer campers from grades 3-12. Summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. Register online at campmennoscah.org and call 620-297-3290.

You are invited to participate in the WDC Resource Library Summer Reading Program and explore what it means to follow Christ and find some new favorite books. Children sign up at: <https://forms.gle/tZooHWMz76YPEzDj6> and will earn prizes for every 15 books (or chapters) they read. Adults sign up at: <https://forms.gle/LWZZyUhx5G396q6Z9>; adult prizes are books and gift cards.

Jim Kauffman, grandson of Kauffman Museum founder Charles Kauffman, will sign copies of his new book, *Kauffman: Three Merchants of Integrity*, today, June 23, 3-4 pm at Kauffman Museum. This 2018 family biography tells the story of Jim Kauffman's father, Lloyd, grandfather (Charles) and great-grandfather, Jacob. Books will be for sale at the June 23 event. For information: Andi Schmidt Andres, asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Join Mennonite Central Committee Central States for lunch, June 25, noon to 1 pm to hear Bruce and Betsy Headrick McCrae, MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa (Rwanda/Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Chad and Burkina Faso) share about the programs MCC is working on in this region with a focus on peace programs. **RSVP: 316-283-2720**, or patsydirksen@mcc.org, **by Mon., June 24 by NOON** to reserve your lunch!

The International Guest House in Washington DC (under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference) needs volunteers for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests. Room and board provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call IGH (202-726-5808) or sfretzgoering@yahoo.com.

June 16 at BCMC Attendance 200. General Fund \$9,645.33; Living Stones \$25; Media Supplies \$10; *Rejoice* \$91.20; Library Reserve Fund \$14; Visual Arts Fund \$20; Education and Service Scholarship \$865.

Join Mennonite Central Committee Central States, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, for the **MCC Volunteer Appreciation June 26, 5-7 pm**, for an indoor picnic for **all** MCC volunteers. If you've volunteered at meat canning, an MCC thrift shop, at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, tied knots on a comforter, worked in the Material Resources Center, then join MCC on June 26 for this annual THANK YOU event, an indoor picnic (hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and watermelon and soft serve frozen yogurt). Contact patsydirksen@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions.

Bluestem Communities invites you to the Innovations in Living with Dementia Community Forum, June 26, 6 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S. Main). The free event will feature interactive booths, resources for caregivers and a presentation from a national Alzheimer's researcher.

Camp Mennoscah's Family Weekend is June 29-30 with swimming, campfire, and crafts led by summer staffers. Rustic cabins, Retreat Center, bunk house options available. Register online at campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a Young Adult Program Coordinator, starting Aug. 5 within the 16-state Central States region. The Young Adult Program Coordinator coordinates and recruits for MCC Central States' young adult programs: International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW), the Serving and Learning Together (SALT), and Seed, and connects with Central States' young adult alumni, using social media, and creates opportunities for young adults from the Central States region to serve and develop leadership skills. Full job description available at serve.mcc.org. Contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org. Application close date: July 5, 2019

Kidron Bethel Village's annual Fireworks Extravaganza, a free event, begins at 7 pm, July 4 and will include live music, kid's games, food and more! Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the fireworks show. More info on the Kidron Bethel Facebook page or bluestemks.org/events.

Mennonite Central Committee Haiti is looking for a communications coordinator to use their multi-media skills to share the context, challenges and solutions of local partners more broadly. For more info about the role and to see what MCC Haiti is doing currently with their communications work, visit www.haitimcc.org. The close date for this position is July 26, with a starting date of October 28, 2019. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/communications-coordinator-mcc-haiti>

*Dedication hymn *Fill now our life, O Lord* **STS 107**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* **STS 57**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

HWB = *Hymnal: A Worship Book* (in rack)

STS= *Sing the Story* (in rack) **STJ**=*Sing the Journey* (at end of bench)

We light the Christ candle to welcome God’s presence among us. Sent out from worship, we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God’s presence at BCMC.

Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance.

The nursery at the back of the sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers.

Welcome to Nathan Koontz, candidate for associate pastor for pastoral care.

Nathan will be sharing his faith story and answering questions during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary.

I am pleased to report that with a very strong vote of congregational affirmation (176 yes; 3 no), Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms has agreed to accept the invitation from BCMC to another three year term of service beginning Nov. 1, 2019. Thank you to all who participated in the three year evaluation process. We look forward to a continuation of Dawn’s strong and effective pastoral leadership. ~ *John Waltner, BCMC Moderator*

Receiving medical care this week: Marvin Dirks, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

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Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN serve the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain. Pray for them as they work with young couples in the church and in the community, and as they model Christian family dynamics in parenting their three daughters.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members who spend time at Camp MennoScah this summer as campers, counselors, staff and volunteers.

This congregation: With gratitude, please pray for Susan and Lee Wheeler as Susan retires as BCMC’s Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care on June 30.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network, Visitation Team, and Caring Fund sponsored by Deacon Commission.

Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

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Church office hours: 9 am–12:30 pm Mon–Fri; 1:30 –5 pm Mon–Thur

Church office is closed Friday afternoons—Monica Lichti not in office Friday afternoons

Building is locked weekdays at 5 pm unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 pm

Notary public service is available in the church office

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, Day off : Monday—Phone: 316-283-3667

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Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 620-877-7923;

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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday

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Office/Facilities Manager: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bells Director:** Vada Snider

Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Junior Choir Director: William Eash **Cherub Choir Director:**