



Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 1, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

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.

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 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* (Lau) Will Friesen, organ

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymn of praise *I sing the mighty power of God* **HWB 46**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading Genesis 1 (excerpts) Darlene Dick
 Colossians 3:17

Hymn *All creatures of our God and King* **HWB 48**
verses 1, 2, 4, 7

Reflections on our work Jill Robb, Brad Kohlman,
 Jeanette Stucky, William Eash
Take, O take me as I am **STJ 81**
 (sung response after each reflection)

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer of God's people

Offering

Offertory *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* (J.S. Bach)
 (If you but trust in God to guide you)

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

*Dedication hymn *For the fruit of all creation* **HWB 90**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *God, who stretched* **HWB 414**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude *"Little" Prelude and Fugue in C* (J.S. Bach)

*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.

Pray for those receiving hospital care recently: Helen Voth, Newton Medical Center

Thank you to organist Will Friesen. Will is a chemistry professor at Hesston College, lives in North Newton, and is a member at Shalom Mennonite Church.

We offer sympathy to Margaret Hiebert and Harvey and Alison Hiebert and their families, on the death of Margaret's husband, Harvey's brother, John Hiebert, Aug. 17. The memorial service is **today, 3 pm** at BCMC. **The flowers this morning are in remembrance of John M. Hiebert.**

We offer sympathy to Keith Brown and Cliff Brown and their families on the death of their father, Roland Brown, Aug. 16. The memorial service will be Sept. 14, 11 am, at BCMC.

Congratulations to Carolyn and Omar Voran who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary August 22!

We offer sympathy to Barbara Soth and Terry Soth and family on the death of their husband and father, Jim Soth, August 28, 2019. The Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be 6 pm, Sept. 4, at the Broadway Colonial Funeral Home, Newton. The family will then greet friends between 7 and 9 pm (at Broadway Colonial Funeral Home). The Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 am, Sept. 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newton.

We offer sympathy to Timothy Wiens and wife Katherine Burkey and Mary Beth ("Minnie") Wiens and husband Steve Malone and their extended families on the death of their mother, Catherine Wiens, July 20, Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton. The memorial service will be Sept 9, 1 pm at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall.

An orientation to the congregation and reception of new members is being planned for this fall. If you are interested in deepening your connection to Bethel College Mennonite Church by becoming a member, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

BCMC will observe Peace Sunday on September 15 by welcoming Karin Kaufman Wall as our guest speaker. Karin is the Peace and Justice Education Coordinator at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States. Following our morning worship service, Karin will join us in the sanctuary for a second hour alternative to answer questions and help educate our congregation on issues of social justice and the role MCC is currently playing in these issues.

Staff: Monica Lichti will be on vacation September 3-6. During this week the office will be open in the mornings and closed in the afternoons. Please have your announcements for the bulletin in to the office by Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Save the date for the first gathering for all 2019-2020 Sr. High Youth on Wed., Sept. 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm.

There will be a parent meeting held during the Sunday School hour Sept. 8 in Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all parents and guardians with youth and children (birth through 12th grade) in Sunday school, Wednesday night activities,

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.

The Next Week at BCMC: September 1—September 8, 2019

Sunday, September 1, 2019

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

- **2 & 3 year olds**—Room B6
- **K through 4th grade** in Room B3; **5–8th grade** in Room 26
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study**—*Fire by Night—Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament* by Melissa Florer-Bixle
- **Catacombs**—*Introduction to the coming months and the planning groups*
- **Fellowship**—Room B7
- **Fine Arts**—Room 24
- **Issues & Christianity**—Room 23
- **Mosaic**—Room 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- **Open Circle**—Room 21—Worship reflection and response
- **Seekers**—Room 21—*Opioid epidemic*, Bill Swartley
- **Sojourners**—*Together again in our classroom*, Ilene Schmidt

3:00 pm Memorial service for John Hiebert—Sanctuary

Monday, September 2—Labor Day—Office is closed; building will be locked

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

Tuesday, September 3

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, September 4

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:30 pm Cherub Choir and Junior Choir—Rm 28

7:00 pm Senior High Youth **7:15 pm** Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, September 5

4:30 pm Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, September 7—Leadership Retreat

8 am to 12 pm Leadership Retreat at Asbury Park Community Room

Sunday, September 8—Dedication of New Church Year

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Renee Reimer; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

Community Playschool has an urgent need for a teacher's helper for the coming school year which begins Sept. 3. The class in need meets Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 am. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeanette Leary at 316-217-2548 for details as soon as possible! Thank you for considering this important outreach in our community.

BCMC has a commitment to supporting New Hope Shelter which involves sending volunteers and evening meals every 9 weeks. We are always in need of more volunteers as some who have been serving are unable to continue due to health problems or aging. If we are to continue in this partnership with New Hope, we must have people willing to volunteer. So please consider helping in this important ministry. Our next week to serve is Sept. 25 to Oct. 1. Please contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com if you can consider helping.

Come to Mennonite Central Committee, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, to give thanks for the generous gifts that made a new storage building possible and to bless the ongoing work that takes place at MCC by dedicated volunteers. **New Storage Building Dedication is Sept. 4, 10 am.** Donuts and coffee will be served. Call 316-283-2720 with questions.

Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring. They need the help of weekly volunteers in Texas, South Dakota, California, and more. MDS is grateful for the opportunity to serve a greater number of disaster survivors this season and hope to get more volunteers in their endeavor to help get more people back into their homes. For more information or to serve, visit mds.mennonite.net or call 1-800-241-8111.

Centering Prayer will not meet Sept. 2 (Labor Day), but continues most Mondays from noon-1 pm in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Sept. 7, 7 am. Meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th Streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: “In Bloom,” ceramics by Natalie Brown, through Sept. 27; gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 2-4 pm.

The next Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah is Sept. 14. Join us for service, a simple lunch, and some free time in the afternoon (your choice). Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 22, for Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Meeting. All are welcome to attend. Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2 pm, with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Enter your name to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Please register online at campmennoscah.org to let them know you’re coming.

The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride will be Sept. 21, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. The event is to raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria, with rides of 35, 45, or 65 miles and a shorter family ride. Brochures are on the bulletin board or the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride where you can also register. To contribute to this MCC project, make check payable to MCC with “Flatlander Bike Ride” on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117.

KIPCOR’s 2019-2020 Film Series begins with “Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home”, Sept. 8, 3 pm in Bethel College’s Krehbiel Auditorium. The film examines the plight of the homeless through eight individuals trying to make a life within their Los Angeles community of homelessness. Post film discussion led by James Wilson, Executive Director of the New Hope Shelter in Newton, and by a member of the Wichita Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Team.

Everence® will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning, Sept. 7, 9 to 11:30 am. Presented by Everence staff at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson’s Support Group will meet Sept. 3, 2 pm in Menno Hall. Marwa Buser, PharmD, BCPS, will give an overview of Parkinson’s Disease including medications. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader) make up MMN's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.

Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather at the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, and give thanks for women and girls who lead and participate in so many creative ways in WDC congregations.

This congregation: Pray for commission, committee, and church board members, as well as BCMC pastors and staff, who will be participating in BCMC's Leadership Retreat on Saturday morning, Sept 7.

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–12:00 pm Mon–Fri; 1:00 –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

cell phone: 316-212-1847; Email: dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Renee Reimer, Day off: Friday—Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 605-212-0081; Email: renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:

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

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

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bells Director:** Suzy Burch

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

Junior and Cherub Choir Director: William Eash

<p>August 25 at BCMC Attendance 191. General \$4,315; Living Stones \$40; Plant Fund \$300; Coffee Fund \$31; Eleanor Kaufman Mem. \$1,115.</p>
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The New Rules of Money: Navigate the new economy like a pro! Everence® will host this informative webinar Sept. 10, 2 and 8 pm. Participants will learn about new resources to manage debt, the impact of credit scoring, and how to avoid ever-changing scams. For more information, or to register, visit www.everence.com/national or contact Melissa Short at 800-348-7468 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com

Life Enrichment for Sept. 4 (Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium)

9:30 am *An update on Bethel College*, President Jon Gering

10:35 am *Enriching life to the last minute*, Tom Welk, Harry Hynes Hospice

11:30 am *Weather in a word*, Merrill Teller, retired meteorologist

Join Mennonite Church USA staff, 718 N Main St. Newton, Sept 4, 2-3 pm to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Workers Mark & Mary Hurst share about their work with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand, where they have served since 1990.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College is organizing a series of free public events, Sept. 8-22, on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, “swords into plowshares” demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. See kipcor.org or call 316-284-5217 for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating their 100th anniversary and hoping to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter Jan. 18, 2020. MCC is looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316-283-2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

Comforter Mini Blitz, Sept. 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton. If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter. Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Help to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Fri., Sept. 27, 9 am to 5 pm and Sat., Sept. 28, 8 am to 4 pm. Find out more at mcc.org/comforter-blitz or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.