



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**September 8, 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 *Suite no. 1 Prelude in G major* (J.S. Bach) Caleb Garber, cello

Introit *O Come, let us worship and bow down* (Moyer)  
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Margaret Toews

\*Hymn of praise *There's a wideness in God's mercy* **HWB 145**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation *Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles*  
Dale Schrag and Renee Reimer

Anthem *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (edited by Burkhardt) Chancel Choir

Scripture reading Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Sermon *We Could Make This World Beautiful* Renee Reimer

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *I will come to you in the silence* **STS 49**

Kingdom Report Patty Shelly

Prayer of God's people

Blessing of Gifts John Waltner, Renee Reimer, Dawn Yoder Harms

Offering *O God, Beyond all Praising* (setting by Proulx) Chancel Choir

Offertory  
*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 *Blessing and honor* **STS 109**  
Aaron Tschetter

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *Love the Lord your God* **STS 55**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction response Chancel Choir

\*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.**

**There will be a parent meeting during the Sunday School hour today, 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, and in the senior high youth group.

**Pray for those receiving hospital care recently:** Helen Voth and Ilene Schmidt at Newton Medical Center.

**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, 1:00 p.m. at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall.

## The Next Week at BCMC: September 8—September 15, 2019

**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.

**We extend sympathies** to Nancy Hilty upon the death of her brother, Don Wismer, on Sept. 2 in Corrales, N.M.

The family of Helen Ruth Unruh invite friends to an Open House **celebrating Helen's 90th birthday**, Sept. 14, 2-4 pm at Kidron Bethel Assisted Living.

**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.

**Plan to attend the Sept 29 congregational meeting at 2 pm in the sanctuary.** **There will be no potluck meal before this congregational meeting.** A draft policy for the "Care and Accountability for Sexual Offenders" will be presented at this meeting. After opportunities for discussion September 2019 through April 2020, there will be a congregational vote at the April 16 congregational meeting.

**The BCMC Leadership Team will be complete** with the addition of Nathan Koontz when he arrives in October. The Hospitality Commission would like to welcome our new pastor with another Getting Acquainted Notebook to be presented at the potluck on Oct. 6. Please fill out the cardstock questionnaire found in your mailbox once more (and hopefully for the last time in a long time!) and place it in the box between the mailboxes **by Sept. 29**. Thanks to all of you in helping Nathan get to know us on a more personal level.

**Mark your calendars for the installation for the new pastor for pastoral care, Nathan Koontz, on October 6.** The worship service on October 6 will be followed by a fellowship potluck meal in Fellowship Hall to welcome Nathan and his family to BCMC.

**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.

### Sunday, September 8, 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; **5-8<sup>th</sup> grade** in Room 26
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study**—Review summer and plan ahead
- **Catacombs**—*AMD and my pursuit of art*, Bob Regier
- **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—*Tribute to Toni Morrison*, Duane Friesen
- **Sojourners**—*Sojourner Home Churches: BCMC*; Gladys Niles, Richard Siemens, Rosalind Andreas. *Forty Years Presbyterians*, Richard and Frances Siemens

### Monday, September 9

**1:00 pm** Memorial for Catherine Wiens at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall

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

**7:00 pm** Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, September 10

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

**4:00 pm** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

**6:30 pm** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

### Wednesday, September 11

**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 12

**3:00 pm** Witness Commission—Rm 14

**7:00 pm** Finance Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 pm** Women's Fellowship—Rm B7

### Saturday, September 14

**11:00 am** Memorial Service for Roland Brown—Sanctuary

*Next Week, continued*

## **Sunday, September 15**

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Karin Kaufman Wall

**10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

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**KIPCOR's 2019-2020 Film Series** begins with "Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home", today, 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. Talk-back follows with James Wilson, Executive Director of the New Hope Shelter in Newton, and a member of the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team.

**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](http://www.everence.com/national) or contact Melissa Short at 800-348-7468 ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com)

### **Life Enrichment for Sept. 11 (Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium)**

**9:30 am** *The Darkest Period: The Kanza Indians and Their Last Homeland, 1846-1873*, Ronald D. Parks, author

**10:35 am** *The Darkest Period* continued

**11:30 am** Story drama: *The Lopsided Crane*, Laurel D. Gugler, storyteller. A young girl, from a family of conscientious objectors, struggles to determine her own stance on war.

**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](http://campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290.

Together with KIPCOR, the **Newton Ministerial Alliance (NMA)** is hosting a community cook-out on Sept 19, 5:30 pm at First Church of God, 620 Fairview Ave, Newton, featuring a demonstration by RawTools (turning guns into a plowshares) and the screening of the film *Inside Peace*. This event is part of the Campaign Nonviolence National Week of Action. All are welcome!

**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 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](http://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.

**The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR)** hosts Pal-washa Kakar, KIPCOR and Bethel College Alumna, as she speaks on, "Women's Role in Ending Violence and Building Peace: Reflections from Afghanistan and the U.S Institute of Peace," Sept. 22, 7 pm at Kaufman House. This is one of the free events held in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. See [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org) or call 316-284-5217 for more information.

All are welcome to attend **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting, Sept. 22**. 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](http://campmennoscah.org) to let them know you're coming.

**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](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316-283-2720.

**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah** happening soon!  
The Fall retreats are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hoping to collect 6,500 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](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN praises God for Mary Beyler's 45 years of ministry in Japan. Pray for her in these final weeks of teaching, preaching, and saying good-bye. Ask God for a happy transition to Greencroft, a retirement community in Indiana.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they gather for Fall Reference Council meetings next Saturday.

**This congregation:** Pray for the Community Playschool, directed by Jeanette Leary and Kasey Newell, as it welcomes children and their families back to school after summer vacation. The Community Playschool is housed in BCMC's basement, meets Tues - Fri mornings, and is a mission of our congregation.

**BCMC has a commitment to supporting New Hope Shelter** which involves sending volunteers and evening meals once every 9 weeks.

### **Our next week to serve is Sept. 25 to Oct. 1.**

We are always in need of more volunteers as some who have been serving are unable to continue due to health problems or aging. Please consider helping in this important ministry. If we are to continue in this partnership with New Hope, we must have people willing to volunteer. Please contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com if you can consider helping.

**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.

**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](http://mds.mennonite.net) or call 1-800-241-8111.

**Earthdeeds.org** is a website that makes it easy--and interesting--to calculate and "onset" your carbon footprint. While carbon offsets disappear into a large anonymous fund, Earthdeeds' "onset" model allows you to fund a wide range of local sustainability projects. Three projects related to Goshen College are among the options.

The carbon calculator built into the site also provides you with carbon comparisons to other activities. For example, you flew from New York to London this year? You could have stayed home and watched 77,000 hours of TV instead. Or eaten 86,625 bananas. Either way, it's the same as the annual per-person emissions of someone living in Venezuela.

*from Mennonite Creation Care Network e-newsletter*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)

**Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:**

**Office/Facilities Manager:** Monica Lichti, [office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto: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

<p><b>Sept. 1 at BCMC</b> Attendance 218. General \$8,822; Living Stones \$395; Funeral Fund \$275; Coffee Fund \$27; Eleanor Kaufman Mem. \$35.</p>
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