



Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 27, 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 *A Mighty Fortress is our God* (J. Bender)
Greta Hiebert, organ

Call to worship, prayer Nathan Koontz

*Hymn of praise *Praise with joy the world's Creator* **STJ**
16

(verse 4 in unison)

(children come forward during hymn for children's conversation)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Esther Koontz

Worship Music *Nocturne in E Minor* (Dobrinski)
Chancel Bells; Suzanne Burch, director

Scripture reading Luke 24:13-35 Dale Schrag

Worship Music *A Gift to be Simple* (arr. Emiliani) Chancel Bells

Sermon *The ministry of reconciliation* Alain Epp Weaver

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Now thank we all our God* **HWB 86**

Prayer of God's people

Offering *O God, Thou Faithful God* (J. Brahms)
*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew.
When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

*Those with October birthdays please come forward for a blessing
(bring hymnals)*

Offertory

*Dedication hymn *Praise God, the Source of Life* **HWB 95**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending song *Move in our midst* **HWB 418**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*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.

A warm welcome to our guest speaker, Alain Epp Weaver, 2109 Menno Simons lecturer. For the past 10 years, Alain has directed strategic planning for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) , working from Akron, PA. He previously worked with MCC in the Middle East for 11 years. Epp Weaver is a 1991 graduate of Bethel College and holds a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Chicago and is the author and editor of several books, including *Mapping Exile and Return: Palestinian Dispossession and a Political Theology for a Shared Future* (Fortress). He is the son of BCMC's, Dianne Epp.

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.

Interested in working together to care for our earth? Visit the *Climate Change Challenge* table in the Gathering Space!

Join us TODAY, **Oct. 27 from 3-7 pm at the P and M Pumpkin Ranch.** Faith Formation Commission will be sponsoring this event and has already handed out 50 tickets. If you did not receive a ticket, you can still join us for food, fun, and fellowship by purchasing a ticket (at a discounted group rate) at the door. A large campsite has been reserved for BCMC to enjoy a bonfire, hot dog roast, and place to relax. Hope to see you there!

The Sr high youth group have all been invited to attend a fall youth retreat at the Stutzman Retreat Center near Hesston, Nov. 2-3. We will meet in the church parking lot at BCMC at **4 pm, Sat., Nov. 2** to carpool to the retreat center. We will arrive back in the church parking lot in time for worship on Nov. 3. Please let Pastor Renee know if you are able to attend by Wednesday, Oct. 30.

A new BCMC Bereavement Support Group is being formed to provide support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group, facilitated by Orlyn Zehr and Pastor Nathan Koontz, had its first gathering Oct 17. If you have interest in participating, please contact Orlyn Zehr (oznjan@cox.net), or Pastor Nathan (bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

The Pony Express is coming soon. It's BCMC's way to express support for the 2020 budget, connecting over 200 families in over 30 neighborhoods in 14 days starting Nov. 3. Most members are already included in a neighborhood. If you are a newer participant, learn more about stewardship at BCMC at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/> and the Pony Express at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/pony-express/>. Inform the church office if you would like to be included.

Menno Simons Lectures in Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center, free and open to the public.

Lect. 1—**Sun., Oct. 27, 7 pm**—"Constructing Christian Service: Landscapes of MCC"

Lect. 2—**Mon., Oct. 28, 11 am** (convocation)—"Listening and Waiting: MCC and Shifting Understandings of Christian Service"

Lect. 3—**Mon., Oct. 28, 7 pm**—"First to the Household of Faith? MCC, Humanitarianism, and the Church"

Lect. 4—**Tues., Oct. 29, 7 pm**—"Accompanying, Connecting, Measuring, Dismantling: Missiologies in Tension within MCC"

The Next Week at BCMC: October 27—November 3, 2019

Sunday, October 27, 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**—Rm B8
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Book study: *Fire by Night*
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—Alain Epp Weaver, Menno Simons Lecturer
- **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—Climate change, Dwight Platt
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*The Bible and Me*, Dale Schrag

Monday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday supper—Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Sunday, November 3—Stewardship Sunday—A Community of Abundance

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir
Pony Express Dedication

10:30 am Fellowship in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Oct. 30, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, ■ complete this form and place in the offering, ■ or call the church office at 316-283-3667, ■ or email the office by 10 am Mon., Oct. 28. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal.

Please bring your own table service.

✂ Meal reservation(s) for October 30

Number attending meal ____ Name: _____

Thank you, BCMC, for your generous financial contributions to support the ministry of this congregation. **We are currently projecting that income will fall short of expenses for the year.** We encourage your continued generosity through the end of the year ~*The Finance Committee*

Your postcards written to Kansas representatives and senators regarding justice for immigrants were hand-delivered to legislative offices in Wichita. You can continue your support of immigrants by making donations for MCC detainee kits in the collection box located under the balcony. ~ *The Witness Commission*

Justice is more than an idea or a norm.

Justice is a divine concern.

—from *The Prophets* by Abraham Heschel

The Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton Oct. 29-31. Envelopes were in your mailboxes if you wish to make a contribution to meat canning. Lowell Stucky is under the balcony today with sign-up sheets for volunteers to work on the canner. There are also sit-down jobs for the label application process. ~ *Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning representative*

Join Mennonite Central Committee for a South Texas Borderlands learning tour, Nov. 3-8. Connect with people who have lived the immigrant experience, visit Mennonite churches on the border, hear perspectives from south of the border, and visit a detention center. The cost for the trip is \$700, plus airfare. Please contact: anahinajosa@mcc.org or jordanpenner@mcc.org for more information. **Open Circle Sunday School Class is offering \$200** to help with expenses for someone at BCMC to join this learning tour. Contact Jeanette Stucky if interested.

Register now for the 5th biennial Worship & the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, Nov. 21-23, “Many Cultures, One Worship: A Foretaste of a Reconciled Heaven in a Broken World,” with David M. Bailey and Urban Doxology of Richmond, VA. See www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium for more information. Cost for individuals as part of one group is \$25. **If you are interested in attending as part of the BCMC group** please email Renee at renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org and bring your check (made out to Bethel College Mennonite Church) to the church office. Registrations requested by Nov. 11. Brochures are on the bulletin board.

Life Enrichment for Oct. 30—Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium
9:30 am *Living life with autism*, Barbara Moran
10:35 am *Free does not mean welcome*, Carmaletta Williams
11:30 am *Free does not mean welcome*, continued

Bethel College instrumental ensembles concert Fri., Nov. 1, 7:30 pm at Krehbiel Auditorium.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Sat., Nov. 2, meet at 8 am in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton for a walk with experienced birders of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Bethel Sings, Sun., Nov. 3, 4 pm, featuring the Women’s Chorus, Men’s Ensemble, Woven, Open Road, Concert Choir, and soloists, at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Organ Recital Series: Michael Bauer, D.M.A., University of Kansas, Tues., Nov. 5, 7 pm, Ad Building chapel at Bethel College.

Jasmyn Story, KIPCOR Peace Lecture, “I’m Not Trash, and Neither Are You,” Thurs., Nov. 7, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Story is deputy director of the Office of Social Justice and Racial Equity for the Birmingham, AL mayor’s office.

Save the Date for the continuation of the KIPCOR Film Series 2019-2020, with the film, “*Dawnland*”, Nov. 17, 3 pm, in Krehbiel Auditorium. ***Dawnland* synopsis:** “*My foster mother told me ... she would save me from being Penobscot.*” For most of the 20th century, government agents systematically forced Native American children from their homes and placed them with white families. As recently as the 1970’s, one in four Native children nationwide were living in non-Native foster care, adoptive homes, or boarding schools. Many children experienced devastating emotional and physical harm by adults who mistreated them and tried to erase their cultural identity. Now, for the first time, they are being asked to share their stories. Post-film discussion led by Dan Wildcat, Professor of Indigenous and American Indian Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University. Go to www.kipcor.org for more information.

October 20 at BCMC Attendance 230. General Fund \$6,833; Living Stones \$625; Wed. Supper \$235; Women’s Fellowship \$670; MCC Meat Canning \$130; Ruth Unrau Mem \$100.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 15-17. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff positions at Bethel, Hesston, McPherson and Tabor colleges Nov. 11-14.

The Safehope Holiday Gala will be Nov. 8, 6 pm, at the Newton Meridian Center, with live auction at 7 pm. Your donation at the Gala will help Safehope's work in advocacy and outreach for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. RSVP by Oct. 30 by calling Safehope at 316-284-6922 or online at safehope.net.

You are invited to join area faith leaders to organize the performance of a powerful play by Alison Brookins entitled *We Own This Now*. The play is about the Doctrine of Discovery and looks at love of land, loss of land and what it means to "own" something. The organizational meeting will be Mon., Oct. 28, 12 noon until 1:30 pm at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland in Wichita. The week of April 19-25, 2020, has been reserved for Kansas showings. Besides Wichita, performances are planned for Manhattan, Topeka or Lawrence and Kansas City. The play will benefit the Kanza Heritage Society. *We Own This Now* provides a starting point for further conversation: What does it mean to "own" something? What is the relationship between "owning" and "taking" and what is the relationship between "ownership" and (taking) responsibility?

The annual Swiss Mennonite and Historical Association banquet is Nov. 7, 6 pm, at the Pine Village Wellness Center, Moundridge. Patricia Goering Smith, a graduate of Moundridge High School, will talk about her book, *Revolution Revisited: Behind the Scenes in East Germany, 1989*, which tells the story of East Germany's non-violent revolution. The organization and actions of a small group of activists mobilized the movement for democratic reforms and ultimately brought down the East German state and the Berlin Wall. Cost of the meal is \$20 per plate payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693, by Nov. 2.

Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information: swap.mcc.org or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, the International Central Council for ministries in Africa begin a week of meetings in Burkina Faso. MMN representatives join members of seven other agencies and churches to evaluate last year's work and formulate a vision for 2020. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and provide all that is needed.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Benjamin Woodward Breckbill, Associate Pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, as they celebrate his ordination today.

This congregation: Pray for Mennonite Central Committee, a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches that seeks to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

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 the 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

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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash **Junior and Cherub Choirs Director:** William Eash