



Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 6, 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 *Neno lake Mungu* (Tanzanian Tune) Verlene Garber, organ
(Listen, God is calling)
Come down O love divine
 Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymn of praise *For we are strangers no more* **HWB 322**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Mary Ellen Hodge

Scripture reading Luke 17:1-10

Sermon *An Invitation to the Table* Renee Reimer

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *You've got a place* **STJ 4**
 Eric Massanari, djembe; Suzy Burch, guitar; Bethany Schrag, song leader

Membership Reception: Nathan and Esther Koontz and John Mark Koontz
We welcome you, Esther, Nathan, and John Mark as members of this body. We join together as companions seeking the way of Christ, bearing one another's burdens, and sharing our gifts with the world.

Service of Installation for Nathan Koontz Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Hymn *I sought the Lord* **HWB 506**

Communion *When I survey the wondrous cross* (arr. Moyer)
 Chancel Choir

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 *Offertory on Two Traditional Tunes* (Bristol)

*Dedication hymn *You are holy* **STS 34**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *We will follow* **STS 40**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude

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.

The church office will be open mornings Oct 14-18 while Monica is on vacation.

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, will have its first gathering Oct 17, 2:30-4 pm, at BCMC, room 14. If you have interest in participating, please contact Orlyn Zehr or Pastor Nathan: nathan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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Installation Litany for Nathan Koontz, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Western District Conference: Today we celebrate the installation of Nathan Koontz as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

John Waltner, Church Board: We are the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We worship, nurture faith, care for one another, welcome and serve others, and proclaim God's good news in the world.

Dave Linscheid, Staff Congregation Relations Committee: We call our pastors to guide us in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus who become the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We are grateful that Nathan has answered the call to pastoral ministry among us.

Dawn Yoder Harms, Pastor: I am grateful that I will have a gifted partner in ministry. I affirm your leadership among the people of Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Kathy: Nathan, seeing that the grace of God has called you into pastoral leadership in this church, I now ask you: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, to carry out the responsibilities of Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care?

Nathan: I do.

Kathy: Will you seek to be faithful in prayer, in setting forth the Scriptures, and in seeking the good of this congregation? And will you seek to live honestly, openly and justly with your brothers and sisters in this congregation?

Nathan: I will.

Kathy: Will you exercise the authority that has been entrusted to you in the loving spirit of Christ; and will you build up and equip members and seekers for a deeper walk with Jesus, a stronger relationship with God, a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit, and a deeper love for all people?

Nathan: I will.

Kathy: (to congregation) Christian friends, you have heard the commitment that Nathan has made in accepting the call to serve as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Do you receive him as one sent by God to provide pastoral leadership in this congregation, and do you offer your support and prayers for his ministry among you? If so, please answer, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

Nathan: *(brief words of response)*

Kathy: Now let us join in a spirit of prayer, as we ask God's blessing on Nathan: O God, you call your people to service through the church. Bless the covenant made this day between Nathan Koontz and Bethel College Mennonite Church. We thank you for the calling to pastoral leadership, and pray for Nathan as he accepts that role in this congregation. Be a source of strength to him. Endow him with the gifts of the Holy Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Bind us to one another in the bond of peace.

And now, O God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us that which is pleasing in your sight. Amen.
Through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Text for *Come down, O love divine* Author: Bianco da Siena

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;

O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing:

true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

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

The BCMC Witness Commission encourages you to contact your congressperson concerning the ongoing situation at our country's southern border. Copies of the Churchwide Statement on the Abuse of Child Migrants, adopted at the recent Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, are available if you wish to include them in your letters. A sample letter for you to view as well as congressional contact information is available under the balcony. A collection box for donations for MCC detainee kits is also located under the balcony. Lists for the kits can be found with the collection box.

The Next Week at BCMC: October 6—October 13, 2019

Sunday, October 6, 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**—Rm 14—*Fire by Night*, “God of neighbors”
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*My life with flowers and gardens*, Helen Pauls
- **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—Discussion of *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*The Bible and Me*, Dale Schrag

12 pm Potluck in Fellowship Hall—Everyone is welcome!

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

4:00 pm Visual Art Committee—Rm 14

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

Thursday, October 10

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 14

Saturday, October 12—Fall Fest at Bethel College

10—11:30 am Alumni Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Sunday, October 13—Fall Fest Sunday

9:30 am Worship with reflections and music by the Bethel College Concert Choir
No Sunday school today

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.

There will be an inurnment service for Ruth Unrau at the BCMC Peace Garden on Sat., Oct 19, 10 am. Ruth died June 20, 2018, in Bluffton, Ohio. Her family welcomes Ruth's BCMC and community friends to join them for this service.

The Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton Oct. 29-31. Envelopes are 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*

Life Enrichment for Oct. 9 (Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium)

9:30 am *Becoming a refugee in WWII*, Justina Neufeld

10:35 am *What you don't know about dementia* Panel Discussion

11:30 am *Elder abuse and common scams*, Marc Bennett

The annual removal of the dam at Camp Mennoscah is Oct. 6, starting at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to help or watch the process.

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

Camp Mennoscah is offering Monster (Cookies), water, and an assortment of souvenirs for sale at Bethel College's Fall Fest Oct. 12.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be Oct. 18, 6 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be served (by donation.) (Chicken and Meatless burritos available by request.) There will be a short program with greetings from Marco Güete, Director. This is a great opportunity to come support IBA that equips Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency’s Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at 316-281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org

Doctrine of Discovery training will be Oct. 14, 7-9 pm at Bethel College Memorial Hall; Oct 15, 9 am-5 pm and Oct 16, 9 am-4:30 pm at MCC Central States office. Mennonite Central Committee is committed to the ongoing work of education to engage the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. The training will introduce an analysis of the Doctrine of Discovery - the theological, philosophical and legal framework established by the Christian Church that gave European governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous peoples. Training includes *The Loss of Turtle Island* - a participatory learning experience. Registration: https://mcc_us.formstack.com/forms/dod_training.

Pies Needed! Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth at Fall Festival 2019. Bring your pies to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center from 3:30-6:30 pm, Fri., Oct. 11, or 8-11 am, Sat., Oct. 12. (no custard pies please) All proceeds go to Bethel College.

The students of Hesston College invite you to “their house” to share food, music, dance, games and other aspects of culture, Oct. 7, 7 pm, in the Community Center of Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main. Hesston has students from 26 countries and US territories - many of whom will be sharing their hearts during the **2019 Cultures Fair**. Contact Carlota Ponds, 620-327-8210 for info.

Fall Festival at Bethel College – Oct. 10-13 with most events Sat., Oct. 12; see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/ or Fall Fest 2019 on Facebook.

- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert,** Oct. 6, 3 pm, Memorial Hall
- **Artist reception for Kathy Schroeder, “Read the Pictures: Notes from a Visual Learner,”** Oct. 10, 6-8 pm, Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Bethel College Theater presents *A Shayna Maidel*** by Barbara Lebow, Fri., Oct. 11, 7:30 pm, Sat., Oct. 12, 3:30 pm, Sun., Oct. 13, 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm, or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office.
- **Kauffman Museum’s monthly bird walk** will be Oct. 12. Meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton at 6:30 am.
- **Register now for the 5th biennial Worship & the Arts Symposium at Bethel College,** “Many Cultures, One Worship: A Foretaste of a Reconciled Heaven in a Broken World.” See www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium for more information and online registration; **fee reduction when 3 or more members of one congregation register as a group.** Registrations requested by Nov. 11.

Everence has Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton 3179 N. Main St., Oct. 10, 6:30 pm and Hutchinson, 524 E. 30th Ave., Oct. 17, 6:30 pm. Learn about Medicare plans and what they cover; supplement plans to Medicare; enrollment details and deadlines. Reserve a spot with Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com

It’s Supper Time at BCMC! Oct. 9, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or call church office, 316-283-3667 or email the office by 10 am Mon., Oct. 7. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

Meal reservation(s) for October 9

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

Attending all 7 meals

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Kate Widmer is preparing for ministry in France through MMN. Pray that Kate will be guided by the Holy Spirit in language learning and building relationships as she assists at Paris Mennonite Center and serves alongside La Prairie Mennonite Church in community outreach programs in Montbéliard (Alsace region).

Western District Conference: Give thanks for Bethel College as it celebrates annual Fall Festival next weekend, and pray for college students, faculty, staff, administrators, and board members.

This congregation: Pray for Nathan Koontz, Renee Reimer, and Dawn Yoder Harms as they work together to form a new pastoral team.

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

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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: Nathan Koontz, Days off: Monday and Wednesday—Phone: 316-238-3667; cell phone: 316-212-4593

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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

Menno Ringers Director and Chancel Bells Director: Suzy Burch

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

September 29 at BCMC Attendance 208. General Fund \$5,381; Living Stones \$30; Transfer-Funeral \$851.14; Coffee \$42; John Hiebert Mem. \$1,285.