



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**November 17, 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 *Allegro Brillante op 19 (Willem Ten Have)*  
Callie Ross, violin; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Renee Reimer

\*Hymn of praise *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* **HWB 71**

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

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Kingdom Report: *Christmas Programming Preview* Adam Robb

Worship Music *I hear thy voice (LaBarr)*  
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Scripture reading *Acts 4:32-35 and Acts 6:1-7* Phil Koontz

Sermon *Into the messiness* Dawn Yoder Harms

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *Put peace into each other's hands* **STJ 87**

Prayer of confession (based on STJ 132) bulletin insert

Communion *We remember you (Dearman)* 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 *Now Thank we all our God (Bach-Means)*  
Verlene Garber, organ

\*Dedication hymn *What gift can we bring* **HWB 385**

*Pony Express captains bring packets forward during the dedication hymn*

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *Go, my children* **HWB 433**

\*Benediction

Benediction response *Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter)* Chancel Choir

\*Postlude *Trumpet Tune (Purcell)*

\*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.

**BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process** for preparing the 2020 budget, concludes today as neighborhood captains return packets during the offering time. Please return any additional intent forms to the church office as soon as possible. If you did not receive a call or letter and want to participate, please contact the church office. Information from the intent forms will be combined to determine total commitments for 2020. Based on this, Church Board will recommend a final budget for approval at the congregational meeting on January 26, 2020. Thank you for your participation!

**The Next Week at BCMC: November 17—24, 2019**

**Prayer of Confession adapted from *Sing the Journey* #132**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we are your body not because we have chosen that name, but because you have given it to us. While we marvel at this great privilege, we also regret our failures.

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: If, through false pride or selfish independence, we have said, “I am not part of the body. . .”

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: If, through superiority or lack of love, we have said, “I don’t need you . . .”

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: If we have known that other parts of your body suffer, and have refused to share their pain . . .

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: If we have seen other parts of your body rejoice, and have suspected or scorned their happiness. . .

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader: If, in place of you, the head of the body, we have served our own theology, tradition, or prejudice, and loved only those who loved or looked like us. . .

**All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.**

(silence)

Leader: Lord Jesus, here is your body: it is frustrated and fallible; it is flawed and gullible; it is tired, but through you it can be made new. As your body, we wait on your word.

(silence)

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.

(silence)

In the name of Christ our Lord,

AMEN.

**Sunday, November 17, 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**—Rm B8
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Book study: *Fire by Night*
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Between the Testaments*, John Esau
- **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 28—*White Fragility* book study
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*A restorative justice approach to sexual abuse: A time to learn*, Patty Shelly, Marlene Ewert, Erin Brubacher

**Monday, November 18**

**1-5 pm** Mission Quilters (all quilters welcome!)—Rm B5

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

**Tuesday, November 19—Women’s Fellowship Circle Meetings**

**2:00 pm** Circle 2—MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton

**3:00 pm** Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

**6:00 pm** Circle of Hope Thanksgiving Meal in Fellowship Hall

**7:00 pm** Circle 3—Lois Preheim’s, 3005 S. Kansas Rd., Newton

**7:00 pm** Circle 4—Karen Penner’s, 928 Spruce St., Newton

**7:00 pm** Worship Commission—Rm 23

**Wednesday, November 20**

**8:00 am** Staff worship planning —Rm 14

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**5:00 pm** Safe Sanctuaries Task Force and Leadership Team—Rm 14

**6:00 pm** Wednesday supper—Fellowship Hall

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

**7:00 pm** Finance Committee—Rm 14 **7:00 pm** Senior High Youth

**7:15 pm** Journey Club—Rm B8; Junior High Club—Rm 26

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

**Thursday, November 21**

**2:30 pm** Bereavement Support Group—Rm 14

**3:00 pm** Witness Commission—Rm B7 **7:00 pm** Deacon Commission—Rm B7

**Sunday, November 24—Thanksgiving Sunday**

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Bells

**10:30 am** Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 am** Faith Formation

**Callie Ross is a senior music major at Bethel College.** Her senior violin recital will be Nov. 24, 7 pm in the BC Chapel. Callie is from Overland Park and will be doing her student teaching there in spring. Thank you Callie for preparing us for worship this morning.

**We offer sympathy to** Myrna Krehbiel and Dwight and Bonnie Krehbiel, and their families on the death of Myrna's husband, Dwight's brother, Randy Krehbiel, Nov. 12, Comfort Care Homes, Newton. The memorial will be Dec. 14, 3 pm, at Menno Hall, Kidron Bethel Village.

**The Gifts Discernment Committee has distributed a survey** which aids in identifying and calling on BCMC participants to share their gifts with the congregation and the community. Everyone aged 12 and up is encouraged to fill out a survey—either on paper or on-line by going to [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) and clicking on **READ MORE** in the Gifts Discernment Survey article. The GDC uses this tool to identify leaders for the next two years along with commissions, committees, task forces and Church Board. Additional surveys are available by the mailboxes. Please return the surveys to the box in the Gathering Place or preferably on-line by Dec. 8.

**Thanks for visiting the Climate Change Challenge table** in the Gathering Space! Check it out this month to learn about Energy Vampires and add your reflections on going meatless to the Community Journal!

**Harvey County Habitat for Humanity** holds its annual fundraiser Nov 21, 6:30 pm at Faith Mennonite Church. Dinner, music, and auction. Free tickets available from Sondra Koontz and Sylvia Bartel.

**Every three years**, First Mennonite Church, Newton presents Handel's *Messiah* with an 80 voice choir, orchestra and soloists. You are invited to join the choir. Rehearsals are Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, and 8 from 1:30-3 pm in the First Mennonite Church Sanctuary, 429 E. 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring your own Messiah book or purchase one for \$15 at the first rehearsal. Dress rehearsal is Dec. 14 from 10 am-12 pm and the presentation is Dec. 15 at 7 pm. Contact Matthew Graber at 605-310-1656 or email [mgrab2013@gmail.com](mailto:mgrab2013@gmail.com) with questions.

**Next Sunday (Nov. 24) is the annual fish bowl offering for the Caring Fund** The fish bowl will be in the back of the sanctuary before, during, and after the church service. Money collected is used to help those in the larger community who find themselves in need. The Deacons are thankful for your generosity and your willingness to share with others.

#### **Bethel College announcements:**

- **KIPCOR Film Series 2019-2020 continues** with the film, "*Dawnland*", Nov. 17, 3 pm, in Krehbiel Auditorium. Post-film discussion led by Dan Wildcat, Professor of Indigenous and American Indian Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University. Go to [www.kipcor.org](http://www.kipcor.org) for more information.
- **All are invited to attend an Urban Doxology worship experience**, Nov. 22, 7 pm, featuring the Urban Doxology worship band from Richmond, VA, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **This part of the biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium requires no pre-registration and is free and open to everyone.** A freewill offering will be taken for Harvest of Love.
- **Artist talk by Sarah Beth Woods, followed by a reception for "BRAID/WORK,"** Nov. 21, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium and Regier Art Gallery. **Now in the Regier Art Gallery "Braid/Work"** through Nov. 23.
- **Friends of the MLA program**, Nov. 24, 3 pm, "**Remembering the Vietnam War**" with Rachel Pannabecker (50-year anniversary of Bethel's participation in the Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam), Kauffman Museum
- **All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas** Dec. 7, at Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Bethel College Women's Association will be selling baked goods, (Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed roll and cinnamon rolls ), crafts, and poinsettias. Please bring your items Dec. 6 from 1:30-4:30 pm or on Dec. 7, 7-8 am in the Fine Arts Center Room 140 which is behind the Box Office.

**You are invited to the Treble Clef Christmas Vespers program**, Dec. 1, 3 pm (with a 2:45 pm prelude) at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Ave, Newton, featuring Rojean Loucks, harp, Treble Clef Chorus, Blake Crawford, saxophone, Prairie Bronze-Handbell Choir, Hearts 4 Him, Men's Ensemble.

**November 10 at BCMC** Attendance 205. General Fund \$7,190; Living Stones \$105; Wed Supper \$304; Media Supplies \$20; Gen Fund 2020 \$5,500.11; Adult Choir \$20; Flower Fund \$23.97; Bethel College Schol. Fund \$1,000; Fern Goering Mem. \$30.



**It's Supper Time at BCMC! Nov. 20, 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., Nov. 18. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**  
**Meal reservation(s) for November 20**

Number attending meal \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_


**As a way of addressing matters involving food equity and the growing number of students who are in need of food or a meal**, the Bethel College Food Pantry opened its doors Mon., Nov. 4. The Bethel College Food Pantry is located in the lower level of Haury Hall. Interested in making a donation? Food donations may be dropped off at the Student Life Office in the lower level of the Administration Building. Monetary donations may be sent to the Institutional Advancement office. Make checks payable to Bethel College and in the memo line indicate it is a donation for the Bethel College Food Pantry. IN-KIND GIFT forms are available for food donations. A food list for the pantry is available on the BCMC bulletin board (on pink paper!)

**Wednesday, November 20 is the final day for fall suppers.** The youth group would like to host an intergenerational game night to wrap up the fall season together. All ages are welcome to attend! Please bring your favorite table games to share. Game playing will begin around 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and end by 8 pm. You are welcome to come and go as you wish. Hope to see you there!

**Love to knit? We want your help!** The visual arts committee would like to create a knitted display illustrating temperature changes throughout the years in BCMC's history (see [www.tempestryproject.com](http://www.tempestryproject.com) for an example of a finished project). We will have limited space as each "tempestry" is 10-12" wide by 4' tall, so we're looking for interest to see how many knitters we can accommodate. If you're interested in knitting a tempestry, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary before Dec. 11.

**2019 budget update:** As of October 31, expenses were \$28,509.69 in excess of contributions. Based on history, we do expect to reduce this shortfall by December 31, but not eliminate it completely. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider their giving through the end of the year. ~ *Finance Committee*



 **You are invited to share a poinsettia** for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Worship Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$7.99 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 1**. Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia Dec. 24 after the 7 pm Christmas program or after the Christmas Eve, 11 pm program; or, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 29.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of : \_\_\_\_\_

Or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Loren and Rachel Johns are serving through MMN to offer hospitality at SEMILLA, the Anabaptist seminary in Guatemala. Pray for them as they welcome national and international guests, and for Loren as he also teaches seminary courses.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Peter Emery, as his ordination is celebrated today at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation in Topeka.

**This congregation:** Pray for the Finance committee, as it gathers up and discerns responses from the Pony Express process.

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

**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](mailto: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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**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