

Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 12, 2020 — 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 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* (Manz) Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *The glory of the father* (Hovland)
Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Nathan Koontz

*Hymns of praise *Shall we gather at the river* **HWB 615**
O let all who thirst **HWB 495**

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Margaret Goering

Worship Music *As the wild deer* (Palestrina) Chancel Choir

Scripture reading Matthew 3:13-17 Doris Whillock

Hymn *Bright and glorious is the sky* (verses 1, 2, 3, 4) **HWB 219**

Sermon *Come to the Water* Renee Reimer

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

Prayer of God's people



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The Next Week at BCMC: January 12—19, 2020

Sunday, January 12, 2020

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—There will be a large group meeting in the sanctuary resourced by Safehope, focused on learning more about the experience of victims and survivors of abuse.

- **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—Will attend elective in sanctuary
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—Will attend elective in sanctuary
- **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—Will attend elective in sanctuary
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—Will attend elective in sanctuary

Monday, January 13

- 1-5 pm** Mission Quilters (all quilters welcome!)—Rm B5
- 2:30 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
- 6:45 pm** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7
- 7:00 pm** Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 14

- 12:45 pm** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living
- 2:00 pm** Hospitality Commission—Rm 14
- 4:00 pm** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 15—No Cherub Choir/Junior Choir Practice or Menno Ringers during the month of January

- 8:00 am** Staff worship planning —Rm 14
- 10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline
- 6:00 pm** Junior High Sponsor Meeting—Rm 14
- 6:30--7:30 pm** Senior High Youth meet at Et Cetera Shop
- 6:30 pm** Chancel Bells **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, January 16

- 3:00 pm** Witness Commission—Rm 14
- 7:00 pm** Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 19

- 9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Peter Goerzen, music by Chancel Choir
- 10:30 am** Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 am** Faith Formation
- 3:00 pm** Memorial service for Anne Neufeld Rupp—Sanctuary

Mark your calendars for a congregation meeting January 26, 2020, 1 pm, in the Sanctuary. Financial Report booklets will be in your mailboxes Jan. 19. **In your mailboxes today is the agenda for the congregational meeting on Jan. 26.** **Senior High Youth group members will be serving a Soup and Dessert lunch Sun., Jan 26** in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for their service week this summer. If you are interested in donating bread for this event, please be in touch with Ben Lichti (benlichti@gmail.com). You are encouraged to bring your own table service.

We offer sympathy to Esther Rinner and her family on the death of her brother, Charles (Chuck) Lehrman, Jan. 5 in Buhl, ID.

Receiving medical care this week: Glen Ediger, Kansas Spine Hospital, Wichita.

The BCMC Witness Commission thanks all who contributed to this year's Advent Project benefitting the Bethel College Food Pantry. A total of 206 items were collected and delivered to Bethel's Student Life office. Donations of food and money will continue to be accepted at Bethel College Student Life office in the lower level of the administration building.

Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will take place at a different place and time than previous years. All are invited to Memorial Hall Jan. 20, for activities starting at 2 pm. (or come and go as your schedule allows) with an informal time of snacks and mingling, followed by special music by the Bethel Worship Center band, and a step dance performance by the Junior People of Color (POC) Step Team from Leavenworth. Michelle Vann of Wichita, an author, teacher, speaker, radio show host, blogger and active church and community member, will speak at 3 pm, and the afternoon will end with a reception.

Newton Community for Racial Justice hosts MLK Day of Service opportunities on Mon., Jan. 20 between 9 am-1 pm. Visit Newton Community for Racial Justice Facebook page or email newtoncrj@gmail.com for service locations and sign up link.

January 5 at BCMC: Attendance 200. General Fund \$10,176.36; Living Stones \$4,355; Gen Fund 2019 \$2,900.

Hesston College's Martin Luther King (MLK) Day celebration will start Sun., Jan. 19 with Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, speaking at Hesston Mennonite Church, in the 10:30 am worship service. He will speak at a free community building workshop Mon., Jan. 20 at 7 pm. Visit www.hesston.edu/MLK for more information. **Hesston College artist-in-residence and peace ambassador** Tony Brown will give his MLK Day tribute to the 20th century civil rights activist Paul Robeson Sun., Jan. 19, 7 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in Word and Song*, will be narrated by Victor Hogstrom, President of KPTS Channel 8 in Wichita (PBS). Tickets are \$12 for all adults, available at the Hesston College Bookstore in Erb Hall or at 620-327-8104, as well as at the door. Students college-age and younger are free. Visit www.hesston.edu/MLK for more information.

Newton Et Cetera Shop thanks you for your generous support in 2019! We invited you to SHOP, DONATE and VOLUNTEER, and YOU DID! With the help of 260 volunteers, we've sold over 500,000 items this year! If you'd like to join our volunteers, please attend an upcoming **new volunteer orientation on Tues., Feb. 11, 6-7 pm**. We're currently seeking volunteers to help with costumes, greeting cards, holiday items and clerking. Blessings for the new year to you from Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors, volunteers and employees!

Offender/Victim Ministries will hold its Annual Meeting on Jan. 12, 2-5 pm, at the Mennonite Central Committee Center, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. The public is invited. In addition to a brief program and business meeting at 3 pm, Valentine letter/card writing materials will be available. For more information, contact OVM, 316-283-2038 or info@offendervictimministries.org.

Celebrate Kansas Day! at Kauffman Museum Sat., Jan. 25 -- 1-4 pm, activities, performances and demonstrations for all ages in and around Kauffman Museum, corner of Main and 27th Streets, North Newton.

The Great Winter Warm Up is a month away and a poster on the church bulletin board lists all the GWW events taking place in Kansas. Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6500 comforters to break the record for most blankets donated to a charity in 24 hours. **A new opportunity for participation in the Great Winter Warm-Up:** Low-key, come-and-go event at Mojo's on Sat., Jan. 18, from 8-ish am until 2-ish pm. Contact Carol Flickinger with questions, or just show up on the 18th!

Registration is now open for Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) Feb. 21—23. This year's conference, in partnership with Everence Financial, is ***Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life***, and will focus on stewardship of finances, resources and hospitality. Content will have interest points for all life stages from high school-age youth to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Go to hesston.edu/avds for more information and registration.

All are invited to a farewell reception for Western District Conference Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer Jan. 22, at 10-11 am (come-and-go, with remarks at 10:30 am) at the WDC conference room, 2517 North Main Street. Come join in as we offer our prayers and best wishes for Byron as he concludes his ministry with WDC at the end of January.

If interested in learning more about creation care, Feb. 27, 6:30 pm, Western District Conference will host a gathering at their conference room, 2517 N. Main, for anyone to watch a webinar sponsored by Mennonite Creation Care Network, followed by conversation together. For more information, see *Caring for climate: Beyond denial and despair*. Since the webinar is around a mealtime, you are invited to bring some "creation-friendly" finger-foods to share! Drinks will be provided. (You can also watch the webinar on your own, or sign up to receive a link to a recording afterwards).

Western District Conference Immigration Task Force encourages you to watch the 33-minute film, *Strangers in Town*, about how immigrants in Garden City, KS are shaping that town in positive ways. The free film can be found at: <https://filmfreeway.com/StrangersinTown>.

Western District Women in Mission hosts the event "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" Jan. 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, featuring speakers from Everence who will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. More information is on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or the WDC web page <https://communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm>. Registration forms are on the church bulletin board.

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 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (Brahms)*

*Dedication hymn *Take, O take me as I am* **STJ 81**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Water has held us* **STJ 82**

*Benediction

Postlude *As with gladness men of old (Hobby)*

Please be seated for the 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.

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.

We encourage you to attend the session in the sanctuary during the Faith Formation hour today focused on care for victims and survivors, resourced by Safehope. Please bring the copy of the policy and schedule which you will find in your church mailboxes today.

As the Wild Deer—Palestrina (translation)

As the wild deer is longing for the streams of fresh water.
So thus I also long for Thee, Lord God.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Hong Kong in this sixth month of unrest. Pray for the unity of all churches in the face of increasing repression by the Chinese government. Pray also for reconciliation between the authorities of China and Hong Kong and between the police and protesters.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC commissions in their ministries of equipping leaders, resourcing congregations, nurturing church planting, and encouraging generosity and stewardship.

This congregation: Pray for those participating in the Newton Community For Racial Justice Anti-Racism training this coming weekend, including those being sent by our congregation: Renee Reimer, Ben Gering, Beth Balzar, Tim Hodge.

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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