



Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 17, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

LENT 2: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast
God Gathers Us

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Wood
He Comes to Us as One Unknown Behnke
 Karen Unruh, organ
The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.

Introit *Rain Come Down* Kirchner
 Trio:
 Cherie Wedel, Colleen White, Dawn Yoder Harms; Pat Friesen, piano

Welcome and Call to worship Susan Wheeler
 L: O God, you are our God. We seek you.
P: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
 L. The Lord is our light and our salvation—we shall not be afraid.
P: We will wait for the Lord, and take courage, for we will see God's goodness.
All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

*Hymn of praise *Here in this place* **HWB 6**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Barb Koontz

Worship music *Wehrlos und verlassen sehnt sich [STJ] 93* Trio
 Congregation join in on the refrain as printed below
 Under your soft wings of mercy
 my soul rests and is renewed,
 for you shelter me with kindness,
 keep me covered, close to you

Scripture readings Exodus 19:1-8; Psalm 36:5-9; Luke 13:31-35
 Chuck Friesen

Sermon *God gathers* Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer of confession Susan Wheeler

Congregational Response:
In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon the Lord.
 (a closing word from the leader follows)

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

Kingdom Report Pastoral Search Committee

Prayer of God's people

Offering
 Offertory *As the Deer Runs to the River* Uehlein

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 *This is a story full of love* **HWB 315**
 (verses 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Sing praise to God who reigns* **HWB 59**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*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.

The Next Week at BCMC: March 17—March 24, 2019

Sunday, March 17, 2019

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

- **Infants & Toddlers**—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 2nd grade in **B4**; 3–4th grade in **B3**; 5–8th grade in **Room 26**
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Lectionary-2nd Sunday in Lent
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Grace Bible Institute Beginnings and Endings*, John Esau
- **Fellowship**—Rm B7
- **Fine Arts**—Rm 24
- **Issues & Christianity**—Rm 23
- **Mosaic**—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- **Open Circle**—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- **Seekers**—Rm 28—*Immigration*
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Stories from Abolitionist Ancestors*, Zona Platt Galle

Monday, March 18

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

Tuesday, March 19—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

2:00 pm Circle 2—Evelyn Quiring's, 3001 Ivy Dr., #404, North Newton

3:00 pm Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

7:00 pm Circle 3—Marlene Faul's, 3000 Wildwood Way, North Newton

7:00 pm Circle 4—Mennonite Central Comm., 121 E. 30th St., North Newton

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, March 20

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

8:00 am Staff meeting—Rm 14 **10 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

5:00 pm Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

6:00 pm Wednesday night supper —Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Program in Fellowship Hall—*Continuing the conversation...*

Guidance from the wider church regarding congregational response to sexual abuse with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister, Western District Conference

6:30 pm Junior Choir—Rm 28 and Cherub Choir—Rm 24

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

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

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, March 21

3:00 pm Witness Commission—Rm B7

4:00 pm Visitation Team—Rm 14 *calendar continued on the next page*

Weekly calendar continued

Saturday, March 23

11:00 am Memorial for Jacob Goering—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 24—Lent 3

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

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.

Our Lenten Banners illustrate a progression created around the motif of the crown of thorns. The series is about the contrasts, emotion, and movement of the Lenten season. The artist, Anne Friesen Birky, lives in Denver, CO with her family and is the daughter of Duane and Elizabeth Friesen.

Lent-at-Home booklets are available in the Gathering Place. Please feel free to take a copy! Songs, readings and activities are offered for each week, making this resource adaptable for all ages.

We offer sympathy to Allan Bartel and Susan Gaeddert Bartel on the death of Allan's brother, Stan Bartel, Feb. 28, Manhattan, KS. The memorial service was March 9 at First United Methodist Church, Manhattan.

If you have you been wishing for an opportunity to shoot some baskets for a good cause join the Education and Service Scholarship Committee (ESSC) for the 3rd annual Baskets for Bethel fundraiser during and after Wednesday night supper, March 27. ESSC raises money to help support our students at Bethel College and our goal this year is \$5000. All ages are invited to shoot baskets and earn money for the ESSC fund. Hear from current Bethel students about their experiences. Win Bethel souvenirs! Let Margaret Toews or another ESSC member (Aaron Tschetter, Carol Flickinger) know if you would like to participate! We want to encourage high school seniors to apply for scholarship funds to Bethel or other Mennonite schools for the 2019-2020 academic year, and for young adults considering service opportunities to apply as well. See Monica or an ESSC member for an application.

It's Supper Time at BCMC! Mar.20, 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., Mar.18. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for March 20

Number attending meal ___ Name: _____

During the Sunday school hour on March 31, there will be an Adult Sunday school elective in the sanctuary led by Dr. Joel Garber. Dr. Garber will lecture on the music of J. Harold Moyer and Moyer's composition of the oratorio, *Job*. Joel is the son of Ron and Verlene Garber.

The Visual Arts Committee is still accepting submissions for the timeline on display in the Gathering Place. Place submissions in the basket under the podium, or email electronic submissions to prouty.austin@gmail.com

BCMC Women and Girls and their friends: save the date for the Women's and Girl's Banquet sponsored by the BCMC Women's Fellowship, Apr. 16, 6 pm in the BCMC Fellowship Hall.

 **The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE (KMRS) is April 12-13**
•**Sign up to donate baked goods or to volunteer at the sale** at the table under the balcony after worship today, or on another Sun. through April 7.

- Donate Quilters' Corner items** such as vintage linens, fabrics, supplies and unfinished quilting projects via the basket in the Gathering Place, where there are more details.
- My Coins Count** continues through April 7. Anyone may drop quarters in the Coin Tower in the Gathering Place. Adults, put your coins (and bills) in the jar in your Sunday school room or under the balcony. Children will return their coin-filled bottles during worship April 7.
- Handcrafted items by BCMC members** will be displayed Sunday, April 7. Please bring your woodwork, sewn items, needlework and other creations that day, or arrange with a liaison for pickup in advance. After church, the liaisons will pack them up to deliver to the sale the following weekend.
- Run for Relief** registration forms are on the church bulletin board, due by March 29.
- More sale information** is on Facebook and at <https://kansas.mccsale.org>. This year's BCMC liaisons are Cynthia and Dave Linscheid; Ada and Wes Schmidt-Tieszen; and Peggy Souder and Nate Dyck.

If you are interested in attending the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention this coming July 2-6 in Kansas City, MO, and being a BCMC delegate, BCMC will cover the cost of early registration (by March 19) for six delegates. Get complete information about the convention at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org>. Contact Francis Toews, Gifts Discernment Committee chair for more information.

March 10 at BCMC Attendance 206. Gen. Fund \$14,597.80; Kitchen Comm. \$8.22; Wed. Supper \$1,120; Sr Hi Youth \$15; Living Stones \$1,180; Transfer-Funeral \$2,388.68; Coffee-\$6; Orlando Fast Mem. \$130; Shirley Harms Mem. \$1,065.

Al Peters would like to know whether you have a new North Newton neighbor! As the only church in North Newton, BCMC has a tradition of welcoming new NN neighbors with an informational brochure and a tasty goody. If you know of a new neighbor, contact Al at alnprtrs@mainstaycomm.net or 316-804-7141. The Hospitality Commission would greatly appreciate it.

BCMC's retreat at Camp Mennoscah is coming up in a few weeks on, **May 4 and 5**, and will feature many of the favorite activities from years past - a hayrack ride, popcorn, singing, worship, fishing, and all the sand one can handle! We will partner again with First Mennonite of Halstead for the weekend, but unlike in years past, **there will still be a worship service at BCMC on that Sunday**. Plan to come for the day on Saturday, for the day on Sunday, or make a weekend of it! More details will be coming soon; watch your boxes for a registration form! If you have any questions, contact Adam Robb.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants which are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Download applications at: newtonetceterashop.com and must be submitted by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com by April 12, 2019. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2019 in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with the mission of Mennonite Central Committee.

Mennonite Central Committee Lunch & Learn on April 2, at MCC in North Newton. Together with Mennonite Mission Network, they will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA's a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Lunch will be provided, by donation, RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316-283-2720; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

The Beating Guns Tour with Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin is a national tour and will be at Hesston Mennonite Church Mar. 21, 7 pm. Inspired by the biblical prophets' call to "beat swords into plowshares," experience the transformation of a gun into a garden tool. This 90-minute event features music, art and stories of people impacted by gun violence. Registration is requested at hesston.edu/beating-guns and for more information visit beatingguns.com. Check out MCC's Lenten reflection on gun violence prevention (including education resources, action steps and more) at mcc.org/lenten-reflection.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org; www.campmennoscah.org

- **Camp will be putting in the dam at Camp Mennoscah on March 17, 2 pm.** Gather at the maintenance shed. If no one is there, check by the dam. Whatever the weather, it will be done (unless deemed unsafe).
- **Register online for summer youth camps.** If interested in counseling or volunteering as kitchen staff email: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.
- **Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah is April 27** with work projects starting at 8:30 am and ending at 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Please register online or call to let camp know you're coming. All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Retirees Retreat at Camp is April 22-24.** There will be sessions on trips to Central America and Ukraine and Reader's Theater and a steel drum concert and time for relaxation. Register online or call.

Bethel College announcements:

- **BC Concert Choir Home Concert, March 24, 7 pm,** Memorial Hall
- **Currently in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “Dichotomies II: Images of Fantasy and Reality,”** photography and photo abstraction by John Ellert. Regular gallery hours are 9 am-5 pm weekdays, 2-4 pm Sundays (hours may change for Bethel College spring break, March 17-24).
- **All interested singers are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks presentation of Faure’s *Requiem*, May 5. Rehearsals begin, April 22.** For more information, contact William Eash, 316-284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu

See the bulletin board if you could help New Hope Shelter organize their pantry shelves or their clothes closet. Extra copies of the New Hope Shelter flier are on window sill in Gathering Place.

New Address: Emmy Midkiff has moved to Spokane, WA. Her new address: 520 E. Holland Ave., #W-279, Spokane, WA 99218. Phone: 509-863-9929. New email: emfr57@comcast.net.



You are invited to share an Easter lily for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 21. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$7.00 per lily, place in offering plate or church office by Apr. 7. Make checks to BCMC designated “Flower Fund.” Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha, Joshua, and Asher Garber of MMN are looking for a new home in Catalonia as the building that housed Mennonite Evangelical Community of Barcelona’s residential program needs to be closed for repairs. Pray that each of the 18 people who lived there will find a place where they can flourish in the coming year.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations experiencing pastoral transition, as they determine next steps in congregational discernment and pastoral search processes.

This congregation: Pray for Bethel College Concert Choir and those accompanying them as they begin their tour to the West Coast.

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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Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Website: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Church office hours: 9 am–12:30 pm Mon–Fri; 1:30 –5 pm Mon—Thur

Church office is closed 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

Bridge Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Susan Jantzen—Day off: Friday

Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 620-877-7923;

Email: sjantzen@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday

cell phone: 316-706-0887; Email: susan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Admin. Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bells Director:** Vada Snider

Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Junior Choir Director: William Eash **Cherub Choir Director:** Addie Regier