



Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 31, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

LENT 4: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast
God reaches out with open arms

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *Lord, whose love in humble service* arr. Wold
 Verlene Garber, organ
The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.

Introit *Here I am Lord* Schutte
 Cherub Choir; Addie Regier, director; Sharon Koehn, accompanist

Welcome and Call to worship (based on Psalm 63) Darlene Dick

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.
People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.
 Leader: We confess our sin to you, and you forgive us.
People: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.
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 *Sing praise to God who reigns* **HWB 59**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

Jesus loves me Cherub Choir & Junior Choir
Praise, I will praise you, Lord Bergèse/Frayssé
 Junior Choir; William Eash, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Scripture readings Psalm 32:1-7; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
 Francis Toews and Dawn Yoder Harms

Softly and tenderly arr. Rene Clausen
 Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Sermon *Coming home* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Confession Congregational response
In the morning and in the evening, we will listen to you.

*Hymn *Come, thou fount* **HWB 521**

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 *God so loved the world* Chilcott
 Chancel Choir
 People with March birthdays come forward for a blessing,
 please bring a hymnal

*Dedication hymn *Lord of all good* **STJ 60**
green book at end of bench

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *The Lord bless you and keep you* **STJ 76**
green book at end of bench

*Benediction

Som'landela (We will follow) [STS 40] Zimbabwean traditional
 Junior Choir

*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.

The Next Week at BCMC: March 31—April 7, 2019

Sunday, March 31, 2019

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

• **Adult Sunday School elective in the sanctuary with Dr. Joel Garber.**

- **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—Presentation on “Job” in the sanctuary
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—Presentation on “Job” in the sanctuary
- **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— Presentation on “Job” in the sanctuary
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—Presentation on “Job” in the sanctuary

Monday, April 1

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

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 2

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

Wednesday, April 3

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

6:00 pm Wednesday night supper —Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Program—*Continuing the Conversation.... What about restorative justice?* Sheryl R. Wilson, Director of Kansas Institute For Peace and Conflict Resolution

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, April 4

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14 **7:00 pm** Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Friday, April 5—Candidating Weekend for Renee Epp Reimer

11:30 am Renee Epp Reimer has lunch with the Search Committee

2:00 pm Sojourners and Catacombs Classes meet with Renee Epp Reimer

3:00 pm Fine Arts and Bible Study Classes meet with Renee Epp Reimer (all meetings are in the BCMC Gathering Place)

6:00 pm Meal with Church Board and Renee Epp Reimer

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Saturday, April 6

9:00 am Senior High Youth Sponsors meet with Renee

10:30 am Issues & Christianity and Open Circle Classes meet with Renee

Noon Lunch with Faith Formation Commission and Renee

3:00 pm Fellowship and Mosaic Classes meet with Renee

4:00 pm Seekers & others not affiliated with a group meet with Renee

6:00 pm Meal with Renee Epp Reimer and the Agape Class

Sunday, April 7—Lent 5

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Renee Epp Reimer; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—**Elective in the sanctuary**—Renee will speak about her faith journey and respond to questions

Noon Lunch with the Senior High Youth and sponsors—Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Renee Epp Reimer Meal with the Search Committee

Today’s Sunday school elective is led by Dr. Joel Garber, lecturing on the music of J. Harold Moyer and Moyer’s composition of the oratorio, *Job*. Joel is Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Denison University, Granville, OH. He is the son of Verlene and Ron Garber.

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.

Staff: Pastor Susan Wheeler is out of the office until April 2.

Wednesday evening conversations related to sexual misconduct conclude Apr. 3, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall with Sheryl Wilson, director of KIPCOR, presenting on the topic, ***What about restorative justice?*** **NOTE:** there will not be a wrap up session on Sun. afternoon, April 14, as originally planned.

We offer sympathy to Elvera Voth and the family of Lester Ewy. Lester died May 27 at Kidron Bethel Village. The memorial service will be Sat., Apr. 13, 11 am at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall (3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton) with lunch following.

It’s Supper Time at BCMC! Apr. 3, 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., Apr. 1. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. Please bring your own table service.

Meal reservation(s) for April 3

Number attending meal ___ Name: _____

Attention Women, girls and their friends! Plan on attending a Mystery Dinner and AARPiano Duo by Kathy Baker and Velma Lippoldt Apr. 16, 6 pm in BCMC Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy fellowship and fun guessing the menu items and listening to music afterwards. Please RSVP by April 12 to Lois Goertzen at 283-4049 or ogoertzen@cox.net. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 ages 10 and younger.



The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE 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 April 7.
- **Help make bohne beroggi** next Sat., Apr. 6, in Moundridge. Ask a BCMC liaison for more information
- **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 Sun., 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.
- **More sale information** 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 Dick.

We have openings for two more delegates to represent BCMC at the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention this coming July 2-6 in Kansas City. If you would like to help facilitate positive change in MC USA, consider this invitation to become a BCMC delegate to this convention. Registration fee is covered by BCMC. Get complete information about the convention at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org>. Contact Francis Toews, Gifts Discernment Committee chair, as soon as possible for more information.

Camp Mennoscah Retreat forms are in your mailboxes, or available in the church office. Please return these to the box in the Gathering Place, Adam Robb's mailbox, or to Monica in the office by Apr. 24. Questions: contact Adam Robb. BCMC will have a worship service at BCMC on the Sunday of the retreat this year. There will be a fishbowl offering with proceeds going toward the Mennonite Camping Scholarship Fund.

March 24 at BCMC Attendance 231. General Fund \$7,130.96; Living Stones \$140; Wed. supper \$311; Flower Fund \$57; Transfer-Funeral \$415; Coffee \$10; Norma Preheim Mem. \$100.

VBS for 2019 is coming! Faith Formation is excited about plans for the morning VBS sessions Tues., May 28 through Fri. morning, May 31. A Sunday morning celebration of the week will be June 2. Details coming soon.

This is to inform you that Apr. 8, 2019 at 7:15 pm the Board of Community Playschool will hold their Annual Corporation meeting. We will meet in Room 14 at BCMC. This meeting is open to all members of sponsoring churches as corporation members and to the public. This is a great way to hear all about what is happening at Community Playschool. We hope you can join us!

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group meets Apr. 2, 2 pm, Kidron Bethel Village, Menno Hall

The Warkentin House Association Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House Apr. 28, 3 pm. Following a brief business meeting, September River, featuring Doug and Jude Krehbiel, will perform. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required, and donations will be accepted. All are welcome.

Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at Mennonite Central Committee, North Newton, Apr. 9, 7 pm. The film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks provided while you watch the movie. For info: contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

Everence will hold Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton and Hutchinson in April. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; enrollment details and deadlines. North Newton presentation: 3179 N. Main St., Apr. 2, 6:30 pm. Hutchinson presentation: 524 E. 30th Ave., Apr. 11, 6:30 pm. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.



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: _____

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

- **Men and Boys Retreat is April 5-7**, a retreat for all ages of men and boys. There is no pre-registration, but lodging is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Saturday supper is the first meal provided. Questions? Contact Kevin Neufeld, 316-322-5515 or kevinneufeld2@gmail.com
- **Camp needs kitchen helpers** for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees!
- **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:

- **Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I & II at Mojos has been cancelled.**
- **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Apr. 6, 7am**, meet at museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton.
- **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum: "Down to the Countryside: Perspectives on the Chinese Cultural Revolution,"** a panel of Zhuojin Jiang, Jim Goering and Esther Kreider Eash, moderated by Raylene Hinz-Penner, Apr. 7, 3 pm, Kauffman Museum
- **Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert, Apr. 7, 4 pm**, Bethel College Mennonite Church
- **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

Newton Et Cetera Shop, 619 N. Main, is hiring an **outdoor gear & clerk manager** for 35-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations, trains and supervises volunteers, prepares volunteer projects and work spaces, helps manage the sales floor, and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and application are available at the store, via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due April 15 and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita) in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.

This congregation: Pray for Associate Pastor of Faith Formation candidate Renee Epp Reimer and our congregation as we prepare to interact together this coming weekend (April 5-7).

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;
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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