



Bethel College Mennonite Church
April 7, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am
LENT 5: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *Christ lag in Todesbanden* Verlene Garber, organ
 J.S. Bach

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
 as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Introit *In this still room*
 Gwyneth Walker
 Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Welcome and Call to worship (based on Psalm 63 and 126) Dawn Yoder Harms

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: The Lord does great things for us, and we rejoice!

People: The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.

**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 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* **HWB 71**
 (children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation *My coins count* Dave Linscheid
 and Renee Reimer

Old Testament reading Isaiah 43:1-7 Austin Prouty

Worship music *Ave Verum Corpus* Chancel Choir
 William Byrd

Gospel reading John 12:1-8 Austin Prouty

Sermon *A Peculiar Preparation* Renee Reimer

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Confession Congregational response
In the morning and in the evening, we will see the new work of God

*Hymn *The Lord is my light* **STJ 97**
green book at end of bench

Prayer of God's people

Offering
 Offertory *Were you there* Chancel Choir
 Chilcott

*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 *You are all we have* **STJ 29**
 congregation joins on third time through

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Amen* Chancel 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 to Renee Reimer, candidate for associate pastor of Faith Formation.
 Renee will be sharing her faith story and answering questions during the Sunday
 school hour in the sanctuary.

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: April 7—April 14, 2019

Sunday, April 7, 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 Renee Reimer**

- **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—Attend elective in sanctuary
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—Attend elective in 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— Attend elective in sanctuary
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—Attend elective in sanctuary

Noon Renee Reimer will have lunch with the Senior High Youth and sponsors—Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, April 8

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

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 23

7:15 pm Community Playschool Board Meeting—Rm 14

Tuesday, April 9

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

6:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, April 10

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

6:30 pm Doris Whillock Pastor Review Group—Rm 14

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

7:15 pm Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, April 11

7:00 pm Women's Fellowship Board Meeting—Rm 14

Saturday, April 13

11:00 am Memorial for Lester Ewy—Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall

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Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship: sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms. Music: Chancel Bells

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place—Junior Sunday School children, their parents and teachers, are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a pancake brunch

10:50 am Faith Formation

10:50 am Rosalind Andreas Pastor Review Group—Agape Center, Richert House

10:50 am Patty Shelly Pastor Review Group—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave., NN

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the church service on April 14 to vote on the candidate for associate pastor of Faith Formation at BCMC.

Place on your calendars these Easter Week services:

- **Maundy Thursday Service April 18, 7pm** in the sanctuary
- **Easter Sunrise service: 6:45 am, April 21, rain or shine**, at the home of Hank and Elaine Prouty. Bring a lawn chair, warm clothes, and breakfast food, and greet the Easter sunrise with the Senior High Youth as they lead us in worship.
- **Easter Sunday worship begins at 10 am; no Sunday School following.**

Staff: Pastors Dawn Yoder Harms and Susan Jantzen will attend “Who Cares About Climate Change? Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair” at Camp Mennoscah from 5 pm Monday, Apr. 8 to 1 pm Wednesday, Apr. 10.

Receiving medical care this week and next week: John Zerger, Kansas City; LaVern Stucky, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita; Jim Robb, Mercy Hospital, Moundridge.

Hospitality Commission appreciates the smooth transition of no name tags to most of you wearing name tags on a regular basis. Please let us know if you need a replacement name tag or you are a new attendee and are ready to have your own permanent name tag. Thanks! Kathryn Simmons, 816-719-1968 or kthrsimmons@gmail.com

Education and Service Scholarship Committee thanks all who contributed and participated in Baskets for Bethel on March 27. It was great to see the young and young at heart shooting baskets for a good cause. We raised nearly half of our goal of \$5000. Additional gifts toward that goal are always welcome! Thank you, *Margaret Toews on behalf of the ESSC*

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.

We offer sympathy to Richard and Lois Reimer on the death of Richard's sister, Evelyn (Reimer) Buller, March 31 at the Comfort Care Home, Newton. Visitation with the family will be Apr. 7 from 1-5 pm at Petersen Funeral Home. The memorial service is Apr. 8, 11 am, at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing.

Women, girls and their friends are invited to a Mystery Dinner and AARPiano Duo by Kathy Baker and Velma Lippoldt Apr. 16, 6 pm in BCMC Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fellowship and fun guessing the menu items and listening to music. 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.

Western District Conference encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC as we share together in God's work in 2019. In his book *A spirituality of fundraising*, Henri Nouwen writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." Contributions to WDC may be made online at <http://mennowdc.org> or sent to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!



The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is next weekend, April 12-13

- **My Coins Count** concludes today, with children returning their coin-filled bottles during worship. Thank you, children, and thanks to all who donated coins and cash!
- **Sign up to donate baked goods to the sale** at the table under the balcony after worship today. Today's your last chance!
- **Help make venenike** this coming Tues., April 9, in Hillsboro. Ask a BCMC liaison for more information.
- **Handcrafted items** by BCMC members are on display today. After church, the liaisons will pack them up to deliver to the sale next weekend.
- **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 Dick.

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.

Would you be interested in being a delegate to the Western District Annual Assembly this summer? It will be held on the Bethel College campus, July 26-27. BCMC is eligible to send 18 delegates to this assembly. Registration fee for delegates will be paid by BCMC. Please contact Francis Toews, Gifts Discernment Committee chair for more details. It would be nice to have full representation at this assembly.

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!

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 a Medicare workshop at Everence office, 524 E. 30th Ave. , Hutchinson, April 11, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; enrollment details and deadlines. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Spend the day Sat., April 27 working in the woods at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp to care for the spruce trees. We will hang small packets of spruce beetle repellent to keep beetles from attacking more trees this spring and summer. Bring hiking boots and a T50 stapler, if you have one. There's a chance we might need snowshoes and camp has some, but bring yours if you have them. We'll begin at 8:30 am. Sign up online at www.rmmc.org or call the camp at 719-687-9506. Thank you for considering this way to help.

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

- **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. Register online or call.

Bethel College announcements:

- **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
- **The KIPCOR Film Series presents *This Little Light***, Apr. 14, 3 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium
- **Bethel College Men’s Ensemble joins the Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus**, Apr. 14, 7 pm, Memorial Hall
- **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.

The first issue of the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force newsletter was recently sent to churches to be distributed to all members. If you'd like to get alerts when future issues are posted online, send your name & email address to wdc@mennowdc.org indicating it is for Israel-Palestine Task Force newsletter.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Paul and Serena Manickam of MMN have been working with the Mennonite churches in the area around Iquitos, Peru. Recently, their request for visa renewal was denied. Pray for God’s comfort and guidance as they discern next steps.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors and church members gathering at Camp Mennoscah this week for a retreat on “Who Cares About Climate Change? Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair.”

This congregation: Pray for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and all those who are giving leadership and participating to make this sale a success.

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

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

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

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

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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

March 31 at BCMC Attendance 245. General Fund \$10,080; Living Stones \$780; Wed. supper \$379; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$2,932; Transfer-General \$20; Flower Fund \$77; Coffee \$23; Norma Preheim Mem. \$500.