



Bethel College Mennonite Church
May 26, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am

GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude *Little Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* (Bach) Verlene Garber

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

Introit *Hallelujah* (Cohen/Raney) Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director

Call to worship, prayer Brad Kohlman

*Hymn of praise *All creatures of our God and King* **HWB 48**
(verses 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7)
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Worship music *Bound for the Promised Land* (arr. Hakes) Chancel Bells

Scripture Leviticus 25:25-28, 39-43, 55 Gwen Neufeld
Ruth 1:1-8, 14-22

Sermon *Remembering in Community* Susan Jantzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song* **STJ 14**
(verses 1, 2, and 4, then repeat verse 1)

Prayer of God's people

Offering *Those with May birthdays please come forward for a blessing (bring hymnals)*

Offertory *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (Held)
*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 Give thanks for life **STJ 108**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Congregational Benediction *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**
(sing two times through)

*Postlude *All glory be to God on high* (Manz)

*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)

Reading for Women of the congregation, read the **bold**:

Reading A: "And the women said, **"Is this Naomi?"**

Reading B: "The women said to Naomi, **"Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! [This child] shall be to you as a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."**

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.

Mark your calendars for June 21-23: Candidating weekend for Nathan Koontz, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

Staff: Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms is on vacation May 20-June 1.

There is an opening for Cherub Choir Director beginning Aug 21, working with children grades K - 4). If you have interest, please be in touch with BCMC Music Coordinator, Barbara Thiesen.

The Next Week at BCMC: May 26—June 2, 2019

Sunday, May 26, 2019

10:30 am Fellowship in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Share, Review, Plan
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—Celebration of the end of the Sunday school year
- **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—*What would they say now: Hezekiah*
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*A change of senses: Death in community*, Susan Jantzen

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day—Office will be closed; building will be locked

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

Tuesday, May 28—Vacation Bible School starts

8:45 am to 11:45 am VBS at BCMC

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

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Library Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, May 29

8:45 am to 11:45 am VBS at BCMC

10 am Bulletin announcement deadline

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

Thursday, May 30

8:45 am to 11:45 am VBS at BCMC

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Friday, May 31

8:45 am to 11:45 am VBS at BCMC

Sunday, June 2—Vacation Bible School Sunday!

10:00 am Worship planned by the participants of Vacation Bible School

No Sunday school today

11:45 am Hamburger Fry in the BCMC picnic/playground hosted by the Senior High Youth Group as a fundraiser for their trip to MCUSA Convention in Kansas City—Please bring lawn chairs

12:30 pm Orientation for chairs of commissions/committees—KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave., North Newton

Summer Sunday School will be offered the four Sundays of June that follow June 2 (our VBS Sunday). Deb Gering is coordinating this Kg through 8th grade summer option. We will meet starting June 9 at 10:50 am in B-8.

We offer sympathy to Don and Carolyn Penner on the death of their sister-in-law, Kaye Penner, (wife to Don's brother, Virgil), May 11, North Newton. The memorial service was May 15 at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Newton.

We offer sympathy to Gladys Niles and Gail and Mark Stucky and their extended family on the death of their husband and father, Clarence Niles, May 14. There will be a visitation with the Niles family June 2 from 6-8 pm at Kidron Bethel Village Menno Hall. The memorial service will be June 3, 11 am at BCMC.

We offer sympathy to John and Judy Kliewer and John and Sang-eun Kliewer and their extended family on the death of John's mother, Ruth Kliewer, May 22 at Palm Village, Reedley, CA. The memorial service will be June 1, 2 pm, at the Palm Village Chapel.

Receiving medical care this week: Rosemary Moyer has recently begun hospice care. Your prayers for Rosemary and her family are appreciated during this time of transition.

Blessings and thanks to you, BCMC faith community, for your kindness to me while I was recovering from a stroke. ~ *Helen Ruth Unruh*

VBS is here! In a season of graduations and change, we welcome this week's Vacation Bible School as a long-standing community-building event for our congregation. We meet this Tuesday through Friday, 8:45 to 11:45 am. Please join us in anticipation and prayer as we are Detectives of Divinity looking for God in the world. Here are our four Bible stories: Rebekah at the well (Genesis 24), The Book of Jonah, Choosing Fisherman (Luke 5:1-11) and the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

The Youth Fundraiser Hamburger Fry is coming on June 2, the Sunday following our BCMC VBS week! When worship has ended we will gather in the picnic/playground area to the east of the church building. **The youth group has a goal of \$2,000 for this fundraiser to help them attend Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City this summer. To help out with having to take less chairs out to the picnic area, please bring lawn chairs.**

This year on National Trails Day® (a program of the American Hiking Society), the city of North Newton has declared Jacob D. Goering Trail Day. Goering died Jan. 12, on his 101st birthday. He was a founder and a driving force behind the development of Sand Creek Trail on the Bethel College campus. June 1, members of the Sand Creek Trail Committee will have water available for walkers at the Memorial Grove trailhead of Sand Creek Trail from dawn to dusk.

The Visual Arts Committee has a table at the back of the sanctuary with photos from recent church retreats and VBS. You are welcome to take photos that are of interest to you and leave a donation for visual arts at BCMC.

Take time to stop by the table in the Gathering Place naming the six worst plastic pollution culprits and what we can do about it.

Are you passionate about caring for creation, particularly as our world experiences climate change? If you are interested in helping our congregation engage with these issues, please contact Dawn Yoder Harms.

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

- **Part-week nurse needed** for Junior High I camp June 13-15. Nurses need to be licensed in Kansas and be an RN (or equivalent).
- **Camp is looking for a few more kitchen staff** for certain weeks in the summer. Contact camp for dates.
- **Summer Youth Camps still have openings.** The summer theme is *Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers*.

If you are looking for a way to save some money while you attend MCUSA Convention in Kansas City this summer and you like working with children, the Children's Program for MCUSA Convention held in Kansas City, MO July 1-6, needs eager people to spend part of their convention time volunteering with children 5th grade and under. Associate and part-time volunteers willing to work with elementary aged children, toddlers and infants, or willing to lead interest stations are needed. If you are interested in any of these lovely opportunities, please email Renee Reimer at: ReneeEReimer@gmail.com with your interest.

Western District Conference Resource Library Book Sale June 13-15. Support the Library by taking home some library discards and book donations. June 13, 14- 8 am-5 pm and June 15, 9 am-noon. WDC Offices, 2517 N. Main in North Newton.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, June 1, 6:30 am, meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

May 12 at BCMC Attendance 240. General Fund \$4,167; Living Stones \$5; Office Expense \$75; Adult Choir \$195; Bethel College Scholarship Fund \$100; Coffee \$15; Church Retreat \$2,326; Mennonite Camp Scholarship \$223.

May 19 at BCMC Attendance 440. General Fund \$5,747.33; Living Stones \$80; Rejoice \$243.20; Caring Fund \$100; Library Reserve Fund \$15; Transfer-Funeral \$510.26;

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

Staff Congregation Relations Committee invites anyone interested in BCMC's new, part-time Finance and Organization Manager position (replacing Treasurer) to check job description on church bulletin board, get a copy from the church office and/or visit with SCRC chair Dave Linscheid. Applicants will be interviewed. Anticipated starting date is July 1.

Everence® will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on June 1, 9 to 11:30 am. Topics include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning and is presented by Everence staff at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Offender/Victim Ministries is in search of a new Program Director for Prison Ministries. This part-time position coordinates our M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Check out the complete job listing on their website at www.offendervictimministries.org. Reviewing applications until position is filled.

Casa Betania welcomes donations of sellable items for a June 1 garage sale at 510 SE 2nd from 8 am-3 pm to support the church. Items can be dropped off at 510 SE 2nd May 25, 11 am-5 pm, or May 29, 6:30, 7 or 8- 8:30 pm. Large items can be delivered early on June 1.

Casa Betania will be selling pork and chicken tamales at their June 1 garage sale at 510 SE 2nd to support the church. Suggested cost is \$14 for a dozen or \$7 for six, with donations welcome. Tamales can be picked up from 8 am-3 pm on June 1. Advance orders by May 27 will help with planning. BCMC members may order through Margaret Goering mrgoering@outlook.com or text 316-836-7739

It's time to sign up for Summer 2019 Story Hour, "Farm Fun" at the WDC Resource Library, 2517 N. Main, North Newton, a fun, free activity and a wonderful way for parents/grandparents to bond with children while having delightful book adventures. Enroll your children ages 3-8 for story hour: Call/email: 316-283-6300, criib@mennowdc.org or register online at <https://forms.gle/AnSemnebkm8xr8gg6>. Dates and times: Mondays, June 17-July 22, 9:30 am.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Venezuela. Pray for peace and that God would pour out abundant blessings as Mennonite congregations share what little they have with their neighbors.

Western District Conference: Pray for chaplains in WDC who offer ministry in hospitals, health care and retirement communities, hospice programs and educational institutions in our local communities.

This congregation: Pray for all who have been planning and will be leading and participating in Vacation Bible School at BCMC May 28-31.

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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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—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
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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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Susan Wheeler; Day off Friday
cell phone: 316-706-0887; Email: susan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org
Office/Facilities Manager: 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

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp needs help in these areas: kitchen, maintenance, housekeeping for the following dates:
- June 2-8: Colorado Roots Music Camp (help needed in the kitchen)
- June through August: If you have a week you can offer to volunteer this summer call the camp (719-687-9506) or send an email (info@rmmc.org).

Centering Prayer will not meet May 27 (Memorial Day), but continues to meet most Mondays from noon-1 pm in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu

Western District Conference Immigration Task Force invites you to attend the July 2 pre-convention seminar "Welcoming Immigrants in 2019" prior to the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City. WDC has 5 (\$100 each) scholarships that would allow a delegate or other #MennoCon19 participant to register for this seminar and have at least part of an extra night in a convention hotel paid. Interested in a scholarship, email wdc@mennowdc.org as soon as possible. WDC has special permission to add names to this seminar even though it is past the deadline.

Mennonite Central Committee needs help to replenish supplies in the Material Resources Center. Needed are: black and white spools of all-purpose thread, minimum 250 yards, for Sewing Kits (each kit has 3 spools of each color in it). Lotion, minimum 10 oz, for Returning Citizen Care Kits and sanitary napkins, thin maxi, any count, for Relief Kits. MCC only distributes complete kits, so when we are low on one item the processing of the entire kit comes to a halt. Items for kits can be dropped off or shipped to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Check out the kits page at mcc.org/kits or contact katemast@mcc.org.

You are invited to attend the Bethel College Women's Association annual meeting, June 10, 7 pm, at KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave, North Newton. Donna Becker will present an historical sketch titled *Her Light Still Shines*, which is about a woman who was integral to the Bethel College Women's Association. Refreshments provided, and all are welcome.

BCMC does a bulk order for Rejoice! the MennoMedia daily devotional magazine for those who pay the **\$30.40** annual subscription fee. Copies are delivered to the church each quarter and put in church mailboxes. Subscription year is Sept. 2019-Aug. 2020. To place an order for *Rejoice!*, put check in offering or bring to church office **by Mon., June 10.** Make checks payable to Bethel College Mennonite Church; on check memo line write "Rejoice subscription."