

Bethel College Mennonite Church
May 5, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am



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GATHERING

Lighting of the Christ candle

Prelude	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i> <i>Petites litanies de Jésus</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson Gabriel Grovlez Katie Hoody, piano
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*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
 as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Call to worship, prayer	Roger Juhnke
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Psalm reading	Psalm 148
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*Hymns of Praise	<i>Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah</i> <i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> (children come forward during hymn)	HWB 50 HWB 117
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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation	Susan Jantzen
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Worship Music	<i>Campfire Medley</i>	Vada Snider and Pat Friesen
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Scripture readings	Psalm 139: 1-10, 23-24	Rosalind Andreas
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Hymn	<i>Lord, you have come to the lakeshore</i> verses 1 and 2	HWB 229
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Scripture reading	John 21:1-17	Rosalind Andreas
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Sermon	<i>Face to Face with God</i>	Susan Jantzen
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RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn	<i>I saw a tree by the riverside</i>	STS 116
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Prayer of God's people

The Next Week at BCMC: May 5—May 12, 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019

10:30 am Fellowship in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

- **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 texts for the 3rd Sunday of Easter*
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*The Art and Power of Poetry*, Eric Massanari and Karen Sheriff LeVan
- **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
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Border Crossing, Solidarity and Hope*, Del & Michelle Hershberger

Monday, May 6

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

7:00 pm Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 7

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Group—Rm 14

5:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Task Force Group—Rm 14

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, May 8

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

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group—Rm 22

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm No Chancel Bell practice today

Thursday, May 9

6:30 pm Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

Friday, May 10

6:00 pm Community Playschool End of Year Program—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 12

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir, Junior Choir, and Cherub Choir

10:30 am Fellowship in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Everyone is welcome!

We welcome you to worship here in our sanctuary while some of our congregation are at Camp Mennoscah near Cheney, Kansas. There is a fishbowl offering for the Mennonite Camping Scholarship Fund.

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.

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.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: John Hiebert, Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at Newton Medical Center; Mildred Voran, Newton Medical Center.

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.

May 12 at 10:50 am in the sanctuary, our Junior Choir will share songs they have learned this year. All ages are invited to come and enjoy the music together during our Faith Formation hour!

What do smelly camels, a big fish, and detectives have in common?! They're all part of this year's Vacation Bible School, May 28-31 from 8:45-11:45 am at BCMC! We will be "Detectives of Divinity," looking for God in the world as we read Bible stories of God's work! **Parents & grandparents** are invited to register their children in the back of the sanctuary today or check by the mailboxes for registration forms (there is no cost to attend this year). **Volunteers** are invited to sign up in the back of the sanctuary today - **to help or to donate items** needed for snacks, crafts, and other activities! See Mary Hodge or Megan Kohlman with any questions!

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.

Summer Sunday school is being offered the four Sundays of June that follow June 2, our VBS Sunday. This is for Kg through 8th grade and Deb Gering will be leading. More details coming.

VBS for 2019 is coming Tues., May 28 through Fri. morning, May 31. A Sunday morning celebration of the week will be June 2. Details coming soon.

Is there a graduation in your family's near future? If so, please contact the church office so we can share this news with the congregation and celebrate with you!

Bethel College announcements:

- **Bethel College Masterworks concert with the Bethel Oratorio Chorus and Philharmonia orchestra: Gounod, *Saint-Saens*, selections from Bach's *Christ lag in Todes Banden*, *Faure's Requiem*, today, 3 pm, Memorial Hall (tickets available at the door)**
- **Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, May 8, 8 pm** (Krehbiel Auditorium if rain)
- **Acting Showcase by Bethel College students, May 9, 7 pm**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Woven (women) and Open Road (men) joint a *cappella* concert, May 12, 7 pm**, Memorial Hall at Bethel College

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

- **Camp needs nurses** for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and **kitchen staff** for June 23-29. There are a few single openings for kitchen staff on some weeks. Nurses can receive a stipend or a camper discount. Kitchen staff can receive a camper discount up to full fees. Free tee shirts for all nurses and kitchen staffers.
- **With small numbers for the September Work & Play Camp** these past few years, Camp is trying something new. The service project camp will be four Saturdays during the year--Apr. 27, May 25, Sept. 14, and one in October and will be from 8:30 am-2:30 pm, leaving four hours at the end of the day to enjoy camp or head home. Service projects are available for many skills and abilities. A simple lunch will be provided. These weekends are for all ages; under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Please let them know you are coming so they can add you to the meal count.
- **Summer Youth Camps still have openings.** The summer theme is *Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers*.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village meets, May 7, 2 pm in Menno Hall. Carole Stevens, head nutritionist for Bluestem Community, will present the program. All are welcome.

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.

You are invited to attend the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting May 23, 6 pm, at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. Cost for the meal is \$15/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or 620-543-6863. RSVP deadline is May 19.

Save the Date of June 26 for the annual Volunteer Appreciation event at Mennonite Central Committee in North Newton from 5-7 pm. Celebrate the work MCC volunteers do by enjoying an indoor summer picnic together.

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 a retirement planning workshop including when to begin taking Social Security benefits, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, at the North Newton Everence office, 3179 N. Main, May 6, 6:30 pm. Register with Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The Kansas Senate needs our encouragement to allow access to health care for 150,000 Kansans. Medicaid Expansion now rests in the hands of the Kansas Senate. Not only would this help provide medical care for these Kansans but it would also increase access to care for mental health and substance abuse treatment. Copies of a recent op-ed written by the Executive Director for the Association of Community Mental Health Centers for Kansas, Kyle Kessler, outlining the importance of Medicaid Expansion on mental health in Kansas are available in the Gathering Place. The Witness Commission urges BCMC members to write our Kansas legislators, encouraging the passage of Medicaid Expansion for mental health and include a copy of the op-ed and/or write letters to the editor of the *Newton Now* and the *Newton Kansan* showing support for expansion with an emphasis on mental health. A majority of Kansans favor Medicaid Expansion and Governor Kelly has indicated she will sign an approved bill. Please consider contacting our legislators and advocate for the House bill to come to the Senate floor for debate and a vote. Contact information is available in the Gathering Place.

