



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**September 15, 2019 — Worship 9:30 am**

**Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.**

**PEACE SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Prelude *Lord Jesus Christ, be present now* (Walther)  
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *Longing for light* [STJ 54] Junior and Cherub Choirs  
William Eash, director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Welcome Dawn Yoder Harms

Prayer Elaine Schurr

\*Hymn of praise *Praise with joy the world's Creator* **STJ 16**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation Kathy Stucky

Worship music *What does the Lord require of you?* [STS 54]  
Junior and Cherub Choirs

Scripture reading Luke 18:9-14 Karen Penner

Sermon/Reflections *Donald Trump is racist, and so am I*  
Karin Kaufman Wall

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *Let there be light, Lord God* **STJ 67**

Kingdom Report Tom Jackson

Prayer of God's people Brad Born

Offering

Offertory *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* (Wood)  
*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 *Let justice roll like a river* **STS 33**  
(refrain only)

\*Dedication prayer Elaine Schurr

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* **STS 57**

\*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.**

**Thank you to the Witness Commission** for planning and leading worship this morning.

**Thank you** to Karin Kaufman Wall for being our guest speaker on this Peace Sunday. Karin is the Peace and Justice Education Coordinator at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States. Following the worship service, Karin will join us in the sanctuary for a second hour alternative to answer questions and help educate our congregation on issues of social justice and the role MCC is currently playing in these issues.

**The floral arrangement this morning** is provided by the Creation Care Committee, with flowers from BCMC's Peace Garden.

**Pray for those receiving hospital care recently:** Helen Voth was dismissed from Newton Medical Center; Paul Harder at Kansas Heart Hospital; Glen Ediger, Kansas Spine Hospital

**Pause for Justice for Immigrants** is an ecumenical group comprised of Wichita and Newton churches. Sept. 22, the group is having a postcard writing campaign where you are welcome to write postcards at your local congregation or join Shalom Mennonite Church at 4 pm to write a postcard. The cards will be hand delivered to the Wichita offices of Senator Moran, Senator Roberts and Representative Estes. The BCMC Witness Commission plans to have pre-printed postcards available for signing Sun., Sept. 22. You may send your card via US Mail or have it hand delivered to the Wichita offices. Join us in opposing funding for detention, deportations and border walls in any spending bill and opposing bill S. 1494 which would significantly undermine asylum protections for families and unaccompanied minors seeking safety in the U. S.

**Nonviolence Week—Sept. 16-22** Join Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) next week as they team up with Peace Connections, Bethel College, Newton Ministerial Alliance, Offender Victim Ministries and Harvey Arts Connect in recognition of the **2019 National Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action**. Activities start with a **Poverty Simulation** sponsored by Peace Connections, 6:30 pm, Mon., Sep. 16 in Memorial Hall at Bethel College. On Wed., Sept. 18, the Colorado-based organization **RAWtools** will be on the college campus starting at 2 pm. RAWtools will transform guns into gardening tools to demonstrate its commitment to nonviolent problem-solving, with simultaneous activities inside Memorial Hall. RAWtools will also be at a **Community Cookout**, Thurs. evening, 5:30 pm, at the First Church of God, 620 Fairview Ave., Newton. The Ministerial Alliance-sponsored cookout will also feature a letter-writing campaign by Offender Victim Ministries, a community-created mural by Harvey Arts Connect, and a post-cookout film, *Inside Peace*. To cap off the week, Sun., Sept. 22, 7 pm, KIPCOR will host a lecture in Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium by **Palwasha Kakar**. The Bethel graduate and current U.S. Institute of Peace Senior Program Officer will speak on "Women's Role in Ending Violence and Building Peace: Reflections from Afghanistan and USIP." All events are free and open to the public. Check out the kipcor.org website for more details.

**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: September 15—September 22, 2019

### Sunday, September 15, 2019

**10:30 am** Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

- **2 & 3 year olds**—Room B6
- **K through 4th grade** in Room B3; **5–8<sup>th</sup> grade** in Room 26
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study, Catacombs, Seekers, Sojourners**—Will attend elective—Sanctuary
- **Fellowship**—Room B7
- **Fine Arts**—Room 24
- **Issues & Christianity**—Room 23
- **Mosaic**—Room 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- **Open Circle**—Room 21—Worship reflection and response

### Monday, September 16

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

### Tuesday, September 17

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

**6:30 pm** Women's Fellowship General Meeting—Fellowship Hall

**7:00 pm** Worship Commission—Rm 23

### Wednesday, September 18

**8:00 am** Staff worship planning —Rm 14

**10:00 am** Bulletin announcement deadline

**1:30 pm** Worship Decoration Committee—Rm 21

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

**6:30 pm** Safe Sanctuaries Task Force/Leadership Team—Rm 14

**7:00 pm** Senior High Youth

**7:15 pm** Menno Ringers—Rm B7

**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary **8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Sunday, September 22

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Peter Goerzen; music by Chancel Choir

**10:30 am** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

**12:00 noon** BCMC Usher Orientation—Fellowship Hall

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**Plan to attend the Sept 29 congregational meeting at 2 pm in the sanctuary.**

**There will be no potluck meal before this congregational meeting.** A draft policy for the "Care and Accountability for Sexual Offenders" will be presented at this meeting. After opportunities for discussion September 2019 through April 2020, there will be opportunities for a congregational decision at the April 16 congregational meeting.

**Elsie Flaming** will be moving to Iowa on Sept. 20. Her new address will be: Northridge Village, 3300 George Washington Carver Ave., Ames, IA, 50010.

**Thanks for the prayers, card and visits.** They were greatly appreciated. It is good to be a part of such a caring church community. ~ *Dorothy Harder*

**Thank you for the food, cards, and prayers** during John's illness and death. We felt truly loved by a caring church family. ~ *Margaret Hiebert and family*

**A belated Thank You to all of you that helped make our Bethel College New Student Brunch a success.** Over 150 students and staff enjoyed our hospitality and good eats as part of the opening of a new school year. We couldn't have done it without your generous donations of food and clean up help. Thanks again for making this important link to BC possible. ~ *Hospitality Commission*

**An orientation to the congregation and reception of new members is being planned for this fall.** If you are interested in deepening your connection to Bethel College Mennonite Church by becoming a member, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

**Mark your calendars for the installation for the new pastor for pastoral care, Nathan Koontz, Oct. 6.** The worship service will be followed by a potluck meal in Fellowship Hall to welcome Nathan and his family to BCMC. The Hospitality Commission would like to welcome our new pastor with another Getting Acquainted Notebook to be presented at the potluck on Oct. 6. Please fill out the cardstock questionnaire found in your mailbox once more (and hopefully for the last time in a long time!) and place it in the box between the mailboxes **by Sept. 29**. Thanks to all in helping Nathan get to know us on a more personal level.

**September 8 at BCMC** Attendance 223. General Fund \$4,154; Living Stones \$5; Coffee \$25.

**Life Enrichment for Sept. 18 (Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium)**  
**9:30 am** *100 Years of milling in Kansas*, Mike Ginal, Ardent Mills, Newton  
**10:35 am** *Dinner Theater in the Prison*, Larry Temple and Dawn Abrahams  
**11:30 am** *An update on the Kansas agricultural economy*, Steve McCloud

**Dorothy Nickel Friesen**, author of *The Pastor Wears a Skirt*, will give a talk, followed by a book signing, at 7 pm, Sept. 16, at the Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak. All are welcome to attend.

**The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride** will be Sept. 21, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. The event is to raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria, with rides of 35, 45, or 65 miles and a shorter family ride. Brochures are on the bulletin board or the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride) where you can register. To contribute to this project, make check payable to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117.

**All are welcome to attend Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting, Sept. 22.** Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2 pm, with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Please register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) to let them know you're coming.

**Comforter Mini Blitz, Sept. 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton.** If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter. Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Help to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Fri., Sept. 27, 9 am to 5 pm and Sat., Sept. 28, 8 am to 4 pm. Find out more at [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316-283-2720.

**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah** happening soon!  
The Fall retreats are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hoping to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people in need around the world.** Get involved by tying a comforter Jan. 18, 2020. MCC is looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316-283-2720 or [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

**The Mennonite Heritage and Agriculture Museum**, Goessel, is sponsoring the Fall 2019 Heritage Lecture Oct. 5, 9:30 am, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel. The topic is: Seagoing Cowboys and Tractors to Poland. Hear the stories of bringing cattle and tractors to a starving and war-torn Europe 1945-1947. Event is free and open to the public. Donations to the museum welcome.

**Fall Festival at Bethel College – Oct. 10-13 with most events Sat., Oct. 12;** see [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/) or Fall Fest 2019 on Facebook.

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities through MMN. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral care, and train church leaders.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC as they provide leadership for congregations in the midst of change.

**This congregation:** Pray for our congregation as we discern how to faithfully and actively engage with the troubling issues of our world.

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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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Church office hours: 9 am–12:00 pm Mon–Fri; 1:00 –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

**Associate Pastor for Faith Formation:** Renee Reimer, Day off: Friday—Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 605-212-0081; Email: renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

**Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care:**

**Office/Facilities Manager:** Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

**Music Coordinator:** Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bells Director:** Suzy Burch

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

**Junior and Cherub Choirs Director:** William Eash

**BCMC has a commitment to support New Hope Shelter** which involves sending volunteers and evening meals once every 9 weeks. **Our next week to serve is Sept. 25 to Oct. 1.** We are always in need of more volunteers as some who have been serving are unable to continue due to health problems or aging. Please consider helping in this important ministry. Please contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com.

**Pies Needed!** Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth at Fall Festival 2019. Bring your pies to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center from 3:30-6:30 pm, Fri., Oct. 11, or 8-11 am, Sat., Oct. 12. (no custard pies please) All proceeds go to Bethel College.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp needs help** serving guests this fall. Call if you can help: 719-687-9506, email : info@rmmc.org, or sign up online rmmc.org to help in any of the following ways.

**Kitchen and Housekeeping:** prepping/serving meals, washing dishes, some light cleaning

Sept 20-22 – Church Retreat (First Mennonite Denver): 3 people

October 1-3 – Guest Group (men's group): 2 people

October 20-24 – Guest groups (MVS and school group): 2 people

October 31-Nov 3 – Fall Mennonite Quilters Retreat: 1 person

December 30-Jan 1 – Guest group (youth group): 3 people

**Maintenance:** connect new Edelweiss bathroom to camp septic system (digging trench, laying pipes, and covering trench) October 2-12

**Earthdeeds.org** is a website that makes it easy--and interesting--to calculate and "onset" your carbon footprint. While carbon offsets disappear into a large anonymous fund, Earthdeeds' "onset" model allows you to fund a wide range of local sustainability projects. The carbon calculator built into the site also provides you with carbon comparisons to other activities. For example, you flew from New York to London this year? You could have stayed home and watched 77,000 hours of TV instead. Or eaten 86,625 bananas. Either way, it's the same as the annual per-person emissions of someone living in Venezuela. *from Mennonite Creation Care Network e-newsletter*

**Grace Hill Mennonite Church, 10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, invites you to their 4th Annual Hog Roast Sun., Sept. 22.** Food served from 5-7 pm, entertainment until 8 pm. Come for food, yard games, fellowship and music by the Flannel Folks! Freewill donation accepted for area food banks.

**Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College:** "In Bloom," ceramics by Natalie Brown, through Sept. 27; gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 2-4 pm.