



Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 22, 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.

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 Selections from *Water Music Suite* (Handel)
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *Jesus stand among us* (Filitz/Pennefather)
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymn of praise *All hail the power of Jesus' name* **HWB 285**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Margaret Goering

Worship music *All hail the power of Jesus' name* (Mulholland)

Scripture reading Luke 13:18-21; Revelation 7:9-17 Mary Jane Waltner

Sermon *Grand Vision of Small Things* Peter Goerzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Alleluia, the great storm is over* **STJ 71**
Soloists: William Eash, Renee Reimer, Anne Koontz
Suzy Burch, guitar
Congregation join on refrain

Prayer of God's people

Offering *Largo from Sonata II* (Bach)
Offertory
*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 *Fill now our life* (verses 1 & 2) **STS 107**
*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *My soul cries out* **STS 124**
*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 Peter Goerzen, Bethel College campus pastor and instructor of Bible and Religion, for bringing us the sermon this morning.

The floral arrangement this morning is in honor of Harold and Esther Thieszen's 66th wedding anniversary which was September 18. Congratulations Esther and Harold!

Happy Birthday to Martha Graber who turns 100 on September 26! The Fine Arts Class is celebrating her birthday **today**. So, pick up your coffee downstairs, and come to the small kitchen and classroom on the top floor for some lemonade and other refreshments. Personally tell Martha "Happy Birthday" in the Fine Arts Classroom (Room 24), leave a card if you wish, and help sing Happy Birthday to her.

There will be an inurnment service for Ruth Unrau at the BCMC Peace Garden on Sat., Oct 19, 10 am. Ruth died June 20, 2018, in Bluffton, Ohio. Ruth's family welcomes Ruth's BCMC and community friends to join them for this service.

Pray for those receiving hospital care recently: John Zerger, Overland Park Regional Medical Center.

Thanks for the cards, visits, prayers, and food which were much appreciated. I'm happy to be part of such a caring community. ~ Louise Thieszen

Pause for Justice for Immigrants is an ecumenical group comprised of Wichita and Newton churches. **Today**, 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 has pre-printed postcards available for signing **today, under the balcony**. 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 Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) teamed 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**. **Today, 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.

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.

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.

Sunday, September 22, 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; **5–8th grade** in Room 26
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Bible Study Class: *Fire by Night*, book study, introduced by Dorothy Nickel Friesen
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*My experience with Robert Shaw*, Marles Preheim
- **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
- **Seekers**—Room 21—Bill Swartley on the Opioid Epidemic
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Sojourner Home Churches: Hillsboro*

12:00 noon BCMC Usher Orientation—Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 23

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

7:00 pm Library Committee—Rm 14

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

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

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

Thursday, September 26

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, September 29

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

2:00 pm Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary

Today BCMC leads the worship at Kidron Bethel Village, Menno Hall, at 3 pm.

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 26 congregational meeting. Copies of the agenda for the meeting are in your mailboxes today.

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 15 at BCMC Attendance 265. General Fund \$12,676.33; Living Stones \$1,475; Service Scholarship \$100; Coffee \$21; Catherine Wiens Mem \$50.

Life Enrichment for Sept. 25 (Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium)
9:30 am *Almost a decade: coming together as Newton community for racial justice*, Sara Dick, Larry Lee
10:35 am *The rise and fall of poor farms in Kansas*, Wes Brummer
11:30 am *Eric Liddell, the Flying Scotsman*, Jim Goering

The BCMC Witness Commission encourages you to contact your congressperson concerning the ongoing situation at our country’s southern border. Copies of the Churchwide Statement on the Abuse of Child Migrants, adopted at the recent Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, are available if you wish to include them in your letters. A sample letter for you to view as well as congressional contact information is available under the balcony. A collection box for donations for MCC detainee kits is also located under the balcony. Lists for the kits can be found with the collection box.

Mennonite Central Committee needs Representative(s) for Northeast Asia: This position maintains relationships with MCC partners in Democratic People Republic of Korea and South Korea and represents MCC to churches, agencies, community groups and their leaders, and the government. visit serve.mcc.org.

All are welcome to attend Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Meeting, today, 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 to let them know you’re coming.
The annual removal of the dam at Camp Mennoscah is Oct. 6, starting at 2 pm with some preparations before this time. Everyone is welcome to help or watch the process. Dress for the weather and your choice of activity!
Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 15-17. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

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 or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating their 100th 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 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.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will be Oct. 18, 6 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be served (by donation.) (Chicken and Meatless burritos available by request.) There will be a short program with greetings from Marco Güete, Director. This is a great opportunity to come support IBA that equips Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency’s Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at 316-281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for and working toward *A Peace that surpasses all understanding*.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC youth pastors, mentors, sponsors and other leaders as they nurture faith formation and support young people in our congregations and communities.

This congregation: Pray for our congregation's children and youth and all those among us who invest time and energy in nurturing their faith.

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.

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

- **Bethel College Theater presents *A Shayna Maidel*** by Barbara Lebow, Fri., Oct. 11, 7:30 pm, Sat., Oct. 12, 3:30 pm, Sun., Oct. 13, 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm, or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.
- **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.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church, 10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, invites you to their 4th Annual Hog Roast today, 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.

Join a discussion on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery led by John Stoesz and Florence Schloneger in the sanctuary of the Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, continuing 9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, & 11/13, at 6:45 pm. This series is part of Whitestone's Wednesday evening program called 'Connect', which begins with a meal (by donation) at 5:45 pm. The “Doctrine of Discovery” is a philosophical and legal framework dating to the 15th century that gave Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize indigenous lands and dominate indigenous Peoples. The class introduces the subtle, and not so subtle, ways that this framework has shaped the history in the United States and around the world. Class members will be encouraged to examine their own family stories, look at how this philosophy shapes the world today, and to consider how a faith in Jesus should shape response to this philosophy.

Join Mennonite Central Committee for a South Texas Borderlands learning tour, Nov. 3-8. Connect with people who have lived the immigrant experience, visit Mennonite churches on the border, hear perspectives from south of the border, and visit a detention center. The cost for the trip is \$700, plus airfare. Please contact anahinojosa@mcc.org or jordanpenner@mcc.org for more information.

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

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

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Junior and Cherub Choirs Director: William Eash