



Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 29, 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 *Werde munter, mein Gemüte* (Walther) Karen Schlabaugh, organ
Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn (Walther)
Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren (Walther)

Introit *Somebody's knocking at your door* (arr. Page)
Chancel Bell Choir; Suzanne Burch, director

Call to worship, prayer Dave Linscheid

*Hymn of praise *I'll praise my maker* **HWB 166**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Bethany Schrag

Worship music *Ring to the Lord a new song* (Moklebust) Chancel Bells

Scripture reading Psalm 146; Luke 16:19-31 Alahna Wheat

Sermon *Economic Spirituality* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Brothers and sisters of mine* **HWB 142**

Kingdom Report: *Creation Care* Dwight Platt and Kathy Stucky

Prayer of God's people

Offering

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew.
When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

Offertory *Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut* (Walther)

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

*Dedication hymn *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Thuma mina* **HWB 434**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *A Gaelic Blessing* (Rutter/arr. Parrish) Chancel Bells

*Postlude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* (Walther)

*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.

Plan to attend the congregational meeting today at 2 pm in the sanctuary. 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 were in your mailboxes last Sunday; **Copies of the proposed policy for Care and Accountability for Sexual Offenders will be in church mailboxes at 12:45 pm today. Please bring them to the meeting.**

Wednesday suppers are coming **Oct. 9 thru Nov. 20.** We hope you can join your friends in Fellowship Hall Wednesday at 6 pm for good food and conversation. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in the coming weeks.

The Next Week at BCMC: September 29—October 6, 2019

Sunday, September 29, 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—*Fire by Night*, book study
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*My life with coastal art*, Mary Goering
- **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—*Live stream from the Land Institute Prairie Festival with Bill McKibben*
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Beloved community: all abilities belong*, Elizabeth Schmidt

2:00 pm Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 30

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

7-9 pm OVM-Prison Ministries Orientation—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 1

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm B7

Wednesday, October 2

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, October 3

7:00 pm Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, October 5

11:00 am Memorial Service for Viola Unruh—Sanctuary

Pastor Renee is looking for volunteers to make a pan of bars or a batch of cookies for the Bethel College women's Bible study held each Wednesday evening. If you are interested in reaching out to college students in this way, please contact Renee at renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org.

Interested in working together to care for our earth? Visit the *Climate Change Challenge* table in the Gathering Space!

Pray for those receiving hospital care recently: John Banman at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to the family of Douglas Schmidt who died Sept. 15 in Hilton Head, SC. Douglas was the son of Gerald “Red” and Irva Lavonne Schmidt. Douglas is survived by his wife Mercedes and brother Donovan of Hilton Head, and daughter Athina Schmidt.

Mark your calendars for the installation for the new pastor for pastoral care, Nathan Koontz, Oct. 6. Following the education hour will be a potluck meal in Fellowship Hall to welcome Nathan and his family to BCMC. Please bring your own tableware and a dish or two to share at the potluck. 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 today. Thanks to all in helping Nathan get to know us on a more personal level.**

The Library Committee is pleased to announce that most of the books are now cataloged onto the online website (almost 3100 books and counting). Books can now be looked up on the church computer as well as at home! If wanting to check book inventory at home, click on the TinyCat library link on the church website (on the BCMC website homepage go to Resources and then click on the Library button). By the end of the year, we hope to be using it for checkout as well – where you would even be able to place a hold on a book from home. Thanks for all of your patience as we have transitioned to this exciting new website. While cataloging books, we found duplicates and books that no longer fit the needs of our library. Please look these books over on the cart outside of the library and help yourself. Please place a donation in the basket. Thanks!

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.

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Sunday, October 6—World Communion Sunday and Installation of new pastor for pastoral care

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Renee Reimer; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

12:00 noon Potluck in Fellowship Hall to welcome Nathan Koontz, associate pastor for pastoral care

BCMC has a commitment to support New Hope Shelter which involves sending volunteers and evening meals once every 9 weeks. **Our 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.

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. Her family welcomes Ruth's BCMC and community friends to join them for this service.

September 22 at BCMC Attendance 208. General Fund \$3,068.05; Living Stones \$540; Women's Fellowship \$478; Media Supplies \$25; Caring Fund \$150; Coffee \$16; Catherine Wiens Mem. \$200.

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.

MCC needs representative(s) for Ukraine to provide leadership and programmatic direction to the Ukraine program. MCC Ukraine currently works in the areas of Material Resources, Education, Health, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Peace. Visit serve.mcc.org

Life Enrichment for Oct. 2 (Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium)

9:30 am *Teaching at Bethel College in the 1960s*, Keith L. Sprunger

10:35 am *Folklore and stories around Alta Mill*, Jerry Wall

11:30 am *Feeding the multitude at Circle of Hope*, Margaret Goering

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.

Camp Mennoscah is offering Monster (Cookies), water, and an assortment of souvenirs for sale at Bethel College's Fall Fest Oct. 12. Don't miss out on some monstrous goodies and \$5 old-style tees!

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

Save the date: Feb. 21-23, 2020 Hesston College Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship (AVDS) Series conference: Living More With More, Redefining the Good Life. Watch for further information and registration in December. <https://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/>

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the ministry of MMN's newly launched Sent Network that equips peace church planters to be mission workers in the context of the United States.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the many ways WDC congregations reach out to serve their communities through ministries of peace, justice, evangelism and hospitality.

This congregation: Pray for Nathan Koontz and his family--Esther, John, Simon, and Anne as they say good-byes at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, and transition into new roles and relationships at BCMC.

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

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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

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.
- **Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk** will be on the 2nd Saturday, Oct. 12, to coincide with Bethel College's Fall Festival. Meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton at 6:30 am.
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert,** Oct. 6, 3 pm, Memorial Hall
- **Artist reception for Kathy Schroeder, "Read the Pictures: Notes from a Visual Learner,"** Oct. 10, 6-8 pm, Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center

The Mennonite Central Committee Mobile Meat Cannery will be at MCC in North Newton from Oct. 24-Nov. 5. People of all ages are encouraged to sign-up, there's a job for everyone! **Youth/College Meat Canning Day is October 26,** for youth, youth groups and college-age young adults. Sign up by calling Jason Unruh at 620-381-4328 by Oct. 10. The times will be flexible depending on the needs of who signs up. Bring your friends, come to meet new friends and help to make quality protein possible for people in our communities and around the world.

Everence will hold informative Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton 3179 N. Main St., Oct. 10, 6:30 pm and Hutchinson, 524 E. 30th Ave., Oct. 17, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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.