



Bethel College Mennonite Church
October 20, 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 *Morning Song of Praise* (Leavitt) Pat Friesen, piano
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (arr. Rodriguez)

Call to worship, prayer Bill Swartley

*Hymns of praise *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven* **HWB 63**
Come, thou fount **HWB 521**
Junior and Cherub Choirs: verse 1
congregation verses 2-3
(children come forward during hymn for children's conversation)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading Luke 18:1-8, 15-17 Elaine Schurr

Sermon *Walking humbly with God* Nathan Koontz

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Blest are they* **STJ 94**
Junior and Cherub Choirs: verses 1-3
Congregation joins in following verse 3

Kingdom Report Pony Express Al Peters

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 *Aria on Jewels* (Dale Wood)
*Dedication hymn *Praise to God, immortal praise* **HWB 91**
*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending song *You are all we have* **STJ 29**
Junior and Cherub Choirs only

*Benediction

*Sung response *You are all we have* **STJ 29**
Congregation and choirs

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.

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.

Thank you to the Cherub and Junior Choirs, directed by William Eash and accompanied by LaVera Schrag, for leading us in worship this morning!
And thank you, soloists: Adam Oswald, Mara Oswald, Abigail Koontz, Anne Koontz, Lucy Birch, Maisie Brubacher, Emma Gering.

Receiving medical care this week: Elvera Voth, Newton Medical Center; LaVern Stucky, Wesley Medical Center.

Today there is an orientation for new members beginning during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall.

We extend sympathy to the family of Fern Goering, who died Sunday, Oct. 13. A family graveside service was held Oct. 16 at Eden Mennonite Church cemetery. Beaty Robb and Valetta Seymour of this congregation are nieces of Fern.

We extend sympathy to the family of Kent Sheriff, who died Tuesday, Oct. 15. A memorial service will be held here tomorrow, Oct. 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please keep Michelle and Jarett, John and Elsie, and Karen and David Le Van, their children Will and Brett LeVan and their extended families in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, Mark Kreider, for the photography exhibit in the Gathering Place. Mark is a graduate student at Utah State University, where he studies climate change and forest regeneration. His photography highlights nature's vulnerability and how we participate in the natural processes.

Thank you, BCMC, for your generous financial contributions to support the ministry of this congregation. **We are currently projecting that income will fall short of expenses for the year.** We encourage your continued generosity through the end of the year--*The Finance Committee*

The Pony Express is coming soon. It's BCMC's way to express support for the 2020 budget, connecting over 200 families in over 30 neighborhoods in 14 days starting November 3. Most members are already included in a neighborhood. If you are a newer participant, learn more about stewardship at BCMC at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/> and the Pony Express at <http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/pony-express/>. Let the church office know if you would like to be included.

Menno Simons Lectures with Alain Epp Weaver begin next Sunday evening, Oct. 27, 7 pm. The series topic is "In the Name of Christ: Missiological Reflections on Mennonite Central Committee's Past, Present and Future."

Additional lectures: Oct. 28, at 11 am and 7 pm, and Oct. 29, 7pm; Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College. Dr. Epp Weaver will also bring the message during our worship next Sunday morning.

Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be out of the office on retreat, Oct. 22-25.

The Next Week at BCMC: October 20—October 27, 2019

Sunday, October 20, 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**—Rm B8
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14—Book study: *Fire by Night*
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Serving with MCC—Stories from our congregation*
- **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—Climate change, Dwight Platt
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*The Bible and Me*, Dale Schrag

Monday, October 21

2:00 pm Memorial service for Kent Sheriff—sanctuary

2:30 pm BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care
No quilting for today; quilting will be Friday, Oct. 25.

Wednesday, October 23

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday supper—Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 pm Senior High Youth

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, October 24

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Sunday, October 27—Stewardship Sunday

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dr. Alain Epp Weaver, 2019 Menno Simons Lecturer; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 am Fellowship in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation

October 13 at BCMC Attendance 464. General Fund \$3928.00;
MCC Meat Canning \$425.00; Coffee \$20.00.

Your postcards written to Kansas representatives and senators regarding justice for immigrants were hand-delivered to legislative offices in Wichita this past week. You can continue your support of immigrants by making donations for MCC detainee kits in the collection box located under the balcony.

—the Witness Commission

Justice is more than an idea or a norm.

Justice is a divine concern.

—from *The Prophets* by Abraham Heschel

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.

Open Circle Sunday School Class is offering \$200 to help with expenses for someone at BCMC to join this learning tour. Contact Jeanette Stucky if interested.

Register now for the 5th biennial Worship & the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, Nov. 21-23, “Many Cultures, One Worship: A Foretaste of a Reconciled Heaven in a Broken World.” See www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium for more information. Contact Pastor Renee Reimer or the church office if you are interested in attending. There is a **fee reduction when 3 or more members of one congregation register as a group.**

Registrations requested by Nov. 11.

It’s Supper Time at BCMC! Oct. 23, 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall.

To make reservations for supper,

- complete this form and place in the offering,
- Or call the church office at 316-283-3667,
- Or email the office by 10 am Mon., Oct. 21.

Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal.

Please bring your own table service.

----- **Meal reservation(s) for October 23** -----

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

Life Enrichment for Oct. 23 (only two sessions this week)

Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium

9:30 am *From the Middle East to Sterling, KS: Researching the Health Benefits of “Arum Palaestinum”,* Gene Zaid

10:50 am *Etzonia: The lost city in Kansas,* Sandy Randel

11:50 am Evaluation questionnaire handout

The Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton Oct. 29-31. Envelopes are in your mailboxes if you wish to make a contribution to meat canning. Lowell Stucky is under the balcony today with sign-up sheets for volunteers to work on the canner. There are also sit-down jobs for the label application process. ~ *Lowell Stucky, BCMC Meat Canning representative*

The Safehope Holiday Gala will be held Friday, Nov. 8, at the Newton Meridian Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with live auction at 7:00 p.m. Your donation at the Gala will help Safehope’s work in advocacy and outreach for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. RSVP by Oct. 30 by calling Safehope at 316-284-6922 or online at safehope.net.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 15-17. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff positions at Bethel, Hesston, McPherson and Tabor colleges Nov. 11-14.

Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP’s ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information, go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

A new BCMC Bereavement Support Group is being formed to provide support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group, facilitated by Orlyn Zehr and Pastor Nathan Koontz, had its first gathering Oct 17. If you have interest in participating, please contact Orlyn Zehr (oznjan@cox.net), or Pastor Nathan (nathan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

Connor Born is our MMN (Mennonite Missions Network) service volunteer this year. He sent us this update.

The time I've spent so far in Alamosa has flown by, likely because I've been so busy. At the same time, my quick integration into the community should also not be discounted. Work at the restoration project is diverse, and I've done everything from licking envelopes to wading waste deep in a river. Because the organization is so small, any work I take on feels crucial towards its maintenance, especially given the enthusiasm and think-big attitude of the director, Emma Reesor. In my free time the rest of my housemates and I have been taking advantage of the weather while it's nice, going on hikes nearly every weekend. We also try and make it to community events, either through volunteering our time or just attending. I've observed that the Greater-Alamosa community, especially those in water related fields, has a sense of closeness born from needing to solve issues with limited resources. Experiencing this is very compelling towards my goals and ambitions as a volunteer. —Connor

You are invited to join area faith leaders to organize the performance of a powerful play by Alison Brookins entitled *We Own This Now*. The play is about the Doctrine of Discovery and looks at love of land, loss of land and what it means to “own” something. The organizational meeting will be Mon., Oct. 28, 12 noon until 1:30 pm at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland in Wichita. The week of April 19-25, 2020, has been reserved for Kansas showings. Besides Wichita, performances are planned for Manhattan, Topeka or Lawrence and Kansas City. The play will benefit the Kanza Heritage Society. *We Own This Now* provides a starting point for further conversation: What does it mean to “own” something? What is the relationship between “owning” and “taking” and what is the relationship between “ownership” and (taking) responsibility?

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN is grateful to Eric and Kelly Frey Martin who have worked as Colombia Mennonite Church youth leaders for nearly three years. Pray for a smooth transition back to the United States for Eric and Kelly, and confidence for the youth leaders as they take on more responsibilities.

Western District Conference: Pray for participants and leaders from WDC and beyond, attending a transitional ministers' training this week hosted by Camp MennoScah and sponsored by Amigo Centre (associated with Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference).

This congregation: Give thanks for newcomers who are joining our fellowship, and pray for BCMC's Membership Orientation taking place today.

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 the 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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Chancel Choir Director: William Eash **Junior and Cherub Choirs Director:** William Eash