



Bethel College Mennonite Church
November 10, 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 *Now thank we all our God (Manz)*
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Introit *Rain Down [STJ 49] (Cortez)*
Junior and Cherub Choirs; William Eash, director;
Karen Schlabaugh, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Carol Flickinger

*Hymn of praise *Brethren, we have met to worship* **HWB 8**
(children come forward during hymn for children's conversation)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Esther Koontz

Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* **HWB 327**
(Verse 1-Junior and Cherub Choirs; Verses 2-3 Congregation)
LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Scripture reading Psalm 17 Marlene Ewert

Sermon *The Embodiment of Grief* Renee Reimer

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Wade in the water* **HWB 446**

Kingdom Report Gifts Discernment Frank 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 *Brother James' Air (Dale Wood)*

*Dedication hymn *Take my life* **HWB 389**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending song *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* **HWB 352**

*Benediction

*Benediction response

*Postlude Postlude on *Vexilla Regis* (Robert J. Powell)

*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.

BCMC's Pony Express, the financial commitment process for preparing the 2020 budget, is on its way. Packets of materials are circulating in local neighborhoods and materials were mailed to non-resident members. If you do not receive a call or a letter and want to participate, please contact the church office. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 17, when captains return packets during worship. If you are not in a neighborhood group, please return your intent form to the church office by Nov. 17.

The Gifts Discernment Committee has distributed a survey which aids in identifying and calling on BCMC participants to share their gifts with the congregation and the community. Everyone aged 12 and up is encouraged to fill out a survey—either on paper or on-line by going to bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org and clicking on **READ MORE** in the Gifts Discernment Survey article. The GDC uses this tool to identify leaders for the next two years along with commissions, committees, task forces and Church Board. Additional surveys are available by the mailboxes. Please return the surveys to the box in the Gathering Place or preferably on-line by Dec. 8.

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.

Love to knit? We want your help! The visual arts committee would like to create a knitted display illustrating temperature changes throughout the years in BCMC's history (see www.tempestryproject.com for an example of a finished project). We will have limited space as each "tempestry" is 10-12" wide by 4' tall, so we're looking for interest to see how many knitters we can accommodate. If you're interested in knitting a tempestry, please add your name to the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary before Dec. 11.


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 (bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

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*

Staff: Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be gone Nov. 10-13 to participate in a Ministry Integrity Circle Program through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, MI.

October 30 at BCMC Attendance 238. General Fund \$10,826.50; Living Stones \$2,570; Wed. Supper \$220; MCC Meat Canning \$270; Gen Fund 2020 \$1,400; Adult Choir \$100; Coffee \$10; Kent Sheriff Mem. \$150.



 **You are invited to share a poinsettia** for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Worship Decorating Committee will purchase the poinsettias, and have them delivered to the church. To contribute, fill out the section below, attach payment of \$7.99 to BCMC (designated "Flower Fund") and place in offering plate or bring to church office **by Dec. 1.** Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157, for more information. Contributors may pick up a poinsettia Dec. 24 after the 7 pm Christmas program or after the Christmas Eve, 11 pm program; or, if you can, leave them for the service on Dec. 29.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

The Next Week at BCMC: November 10—17, 2019

Sunday, November 10, 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—*Between the Testaments*, John Esau
- **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 28—*White Fragility* book study
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*Bethel College: What's going on now? In the future?*, Brad Kohlman

Monday, November 11

1-5 pm Mission Quilters (all quilters welcome!)—Rm B5

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

Tuesday, November 12

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, November 13

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

7:15 pm Journey Club—Rm B8; Junior High Club—Rm 26

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

Saturday, November 16

5:30-9:30 pm BC Diversity Council Friendsgiving Meal—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 17—The Pony Express Returns

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; communion served; Pony Express envelopes returned; music by Chancel Choir

10:30 am Fellowship in the Gathering Place **10:50 am** Faith Formation

Thanks for visiting the Climate Change Challenge table in the Gathering Space! Check it out this month to learn about Energy Vampires and add your reflections on going meatless to the Community Journal!

We, the family of Kent Sheriff, thank the Bethel College Mennonite Church community for all the prayers, cards, food, hugs, and words of sympathy and concern showered upon us in response to Kent's death. Your loving kindness and friendship have indeed been the light of Christ for us during this hard time. Thank you. ~ Michelle and Jarett Sheriff, Karen and David LeVan, Elsie and John Sheriff

Every three years, First Mennonite Church, Newton presents Handel's *Messiah* with an 80 voice choir, orchestra and soloists. You are invited to join the choir. Rehearsals are Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, and 8 from 1:30-3 pm in the First Mennonite Church Sanctuary, 429 E. 1st. Bring your own Messiah book or purchase one for \$15 at the first rehearsal. Dress rehearsal is Dec. 14 from 10 am-12 pm and the presentation is Dec. 15 at 7 pm. Contact Matthew Graber at 605-310-1656 or email mgrab2013@gmail.com with questions.

Western District Women in Mission hosts the event "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" Jan. 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, featuring speakers from Everence who will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life.. Look for more information soon on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or at our web page <https://communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm>.

MCC has a new service opportunity called Seek! It's an intentional discipleship program which focuses on exposing young adults in what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, from an Anabaptist faith perspective. We're looking for a coordinator to provide leadership for the program in East Jerusalem, Israel. The Seek Coordinator will provide leadership and assume responsibility for the spiritual direction, development and implementation of the program. See vacancy online for more details! Application close date 11/30/19. serve.mcc.org

MCC is hiring an Alumni Engagement Coordinator! The person in this salaried position will coordinate the alumni experience and support colleagues in strategic engagement of alumni. Application close date 11/18/19. For more information and to apply, please visit: serve.mcc.org

Please pray for the MCC Mobile Cannery as it travels through Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Iowa this fall. Pray for the four MCC canners, the volunteers who donate money and time at each canning site and the recipients of canned meat. Find out more at mcc.org/canning.

Bethel College announcements:

- **Register 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," with David M. Bailey and Urban Doxology of Richmond, VA. See www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium for more information. Cost for individuals as part of one group is \$25. **If you are interested in attending as part of the BCMC group** please email Pastor Renee [by Nov. 11 at renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) and bring your check (made out to Bethel College Mennonite Church) to the church office. Brochures are on the bulletin board.
- **Life Enrichment Nov. 13—Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium**
9:30 am *From Mexico: Building Bridges, Not Walls*, Jesus Martinez
10:35 am *Everyone Belongs*, Heidi Classen
11:30 am *Communication through singing together*, William Eash
- **KIPCOR Film Series 2019-2020 continues** with the film, "Dawnland", Nov. 17, 3 pm, in Krehbiel Auditorium. Post-film discussion led by Dan Wildcat, Professor of Indigenous and American Indian Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University. Go to www.kipcor.org for more information.
- **Bethel College Bible Lecture with Melissa Archer**, associate professor of biblical studies, Southeastern University, Nov. 10, 7 pm, "Liturgy and the Apocalypse;" **2nd lecture Nov. 11, 11 am**, "Worship Marks Us" (on Revelation 13:11-17), Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, "Star Wars," Nov. 15, 7:30 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- **Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College:** "Braid/Work" by Sarah Beth Woods, through Nov. 23.
- **Friends of the MLA program, Nov. 24, 3 pm**, "Remembering the Vietnam War" with Rachel Pannabecker (50-year anniversary of Bethel's participation in the Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam), Kauffman Museum



t's Supper Time at BCMC! Nov. 13, 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., Nov. 11. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

Meal reservation(s) for November 13

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

As a way of addressing matters involving food equity and the growing number of students who are in need of food or a meal, the Bethel College Food Pantry is set to open its doors Mon., Nov. 4. The Bethel College Food Pantry will be located in the lower level of Haury Hall. Interested in making a donation? Food donations may be dropped off at the Student Life Office in the lower level of the Administration Building. Monetary donations may be sent to the Institutional Advancement office. Make checks payable to Bethel College and in the memo line indicate it is a donation for the Bethel College Food Pantry. IN-KIND GIFT forms are available for food donations. A food list for the pantry is available on the BCMC bulletin board (on pink paper!)

Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020. We are 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. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

Come to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), North Newton, Nov. 14, 12-1 pm for lunch and hear from Pastor Rosie Epp about her recent trip to Ukraine. Rosie traveled with the boards from MCC U.S. and MCC Canada to where MCC's work began nearly 100 years ago and visited the work currently happening in Ukraine. Please RSVP by Nov. 11: 316-283-2720, or pat-sydirksen@mcc.org. Suggested donation for lunch is \$10 and please let us know if you have a food allergy. Find out more at mcc.org/lunchandlearn.

You are invited to the annual Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Soiree, Dec. 12 from 5-7 pm, at MCC in North Newton. Everyone is welcome to join us for snacks, fellowship and Christmas cheer!

Everence® will host an informative webinar Nov. 14, 2 pm and 8 pm (EST). Participants will learn about steps to take to build healthy financial habits, how to prevent debt with spending and savings strategies and what financial health means to you. For more information, or to register, visit www.everence.com/national or contact Melissa Short at 800-348-7468 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat at Camp Mennoscah Nov. 15-17. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff positions Nov. 13, 6:15 pm at Papa John's in Newton. Response needed! Please let us know you plan to come at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. (No responses = no pizza gathering.)

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: A delegation of MMN alumni and staff are on a service-learning tour in Arizona. Pray for participants this week as they worship with Shalom and Trinity Mennonite congregations, learn about immigration, walk along the border wall, visit Peace Academic Center, and participate in a SOOP workday.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as it equips congregations for faith formation, justice and peacemaking, safe sanctuaries, evangelism and community connections, historical storytelling, and other aspects of congregational ministry and outreach.

This congregation: Give thanks for the opportunity to join time, skills, and energy with the ministry of this congregation and for the Gifts Discernment Committee, who helps facilitate this process.

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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Website: bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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: Nathan Koontz, Days off: Monday and Wednesday—Phone: 316-238-3667; cell phone: 316-212-4593

Email: nathan@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

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

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen

Menno Ringers Director and Chancel Bells Director: Suzy Burch

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