



**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**November 3, 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 *Gather us in* (Honoré) Verlene Garber, organ  
*Toccata in Seven* (Rutter)

Introit *An hour of hallowed peace* (Steve Danyew)  
Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Dale Schrag

\*Hymn of praise *What is this place* **HWB 1**

(children come forward during hymn for children's conversation)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation Gwen Neufeld and Renee Reimer

Scripture reading Acts 2:41-47 Florence Schloneger

Worship Music *For the fruit of all creation* (arr. Hal Hopson) Chancel Choir

Sermon *A community of abundance* Dawn Yoder Harms

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**

Reception of new members: Jake and Jane Friesen, Mary and Homer Goering  
Congregational response: **HWB 794**

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 *Nun danket alle Gott* (Manz)

*Pony Express captains come forward during the dedication hymn  
for the dedication of the Pony Express process*

\*Dedication hymn *We give thee but thine own* **HWB 384**

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending song *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**

\*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.**

**Community of Abundance. Today is the beginning of BCMC's annual Pony Ex-  
press, a financial commitment process for the 2020 budget**, including a bless-  
ing as neighborhood captains, appointed by the Finance Committee, come for-  
ward during the dedication hymn. (*Captains, please pick up your Pony Express  
packet in the back of the sanctuary after the service*). Join the Pony Express by  
prayerfully anticipating your intentions to give for 2020. Fill out the intent form  
when materials arrive at your home, return the form according to the directions  
in the packet, and pass the packet on to your neighbor. The Pony Express con-  
cludes on Nov. 17, when captains return packets during worship.

**Text from *An hour of hallowed peace*, William Tappan (1794-1849)**

There is an hour of hallowed peace, for those with cares oppressed, when sighs  
and sorrows then shall cease, and all be hushed to rest.

'Tis then the soul is freed from fears and doubts, which here annoy; then they,  
who oft have sown in tears, shall reap again in joy.

There is a home of sweet repose, where storms assail no more; the stream of  
endless pleasure flows on that celestial shore; there, purity with love appears  
and bliss without alloy; there, they who oft have sown in tears shall reap again  
in joy.

## Faith Statements from those joining BCMC today

### **Jake Friesen—transferring from Trinity Mennonite Church, Glendale, AZ**

I was born to Russian immigrants and grew up on Vancouver Island. Being a PK, life revolved around the church. I was baptized at the age of 17 at the Black Creek United Mennonite Church upon the confession of my faith in God. My senior college year was at Bethel College in 1959-60. Then went to seminary (AMBS—Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary), where I met my wife. We both graduated in 1963. We then spent four years in Mennonite Central Committee partially as a result of my father's many stories of being kept alive because of the former MCC soup kitchens during the Russian revolution, when many people died of starvation. My flying hobby developed into my profession. During our many moves we were active in the local church. In our 27 years in Arizona we helped in the development of Goldensun, a faith-based community of adults with developmental disabilities, VORP, a victim offenders reconciliation program, and were very involved at Trinity Mennonite Church, from where we are transferring our membership. Micah 6:8 has been a very important verse throughout my life.

### **Jane (Herstine) Friesen—transferring from Trinity Mennonite Church, Glendale, AZ**

I was born in eastern Pennsylvania and grew up near Quakertown. For some reason I was baptized at age 3 by a Reformed minister. I accepted Christ as my Savior at Camp Men-O-Lan at age 10. After Catechism classes at age 13, I was baptized and joined the small General Conference Mennonite church near our home. Sunday school teachers had a profound influence on my life growing up and I became active in the church. Bluffton College and seminary at AMBS contributed to my faith development as a disciple of Christ. After Jake and I married, we served in MCC for four years, at Akron, PA and in Mississippi in the 1960s. During our moves around the country I worked with many pastors as secretary, taught all ages in Sunday school, and served in other ways. Prayer and growing in knowledge of the Scriptures have always been important to me, as well as enjoying fellowship in community with people in a variety of denominations. My life verse is Galatians 2:20; and Philippians chapter 2 has been especially important to me.

### **Homer Goering, transferring from Hope Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX**

I grew up on a farm near Pretty Prairie and was baptized as a teenager in the First Mennonite Church. My parents were dedicated Christians and their fervent efforts to keep me on the straight and narrow were mostly successful. After completing college and being employed in several different parts of the country, I joined the 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City in the

late '60s. I have been a Presbyterian ever since and was a member of Hope Presbyterian Church Austin, TX, for 30 years. I respect greatly the Mennonite traditions, particularly the commitments to serve the Lord by assisting people in need around the globe. I am very honored to join this body of believers.

### **Mary Goering, transferring from Hope Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX**

Although I was not raised as a Mennonite, I embrace the BCMC Common Purpose Statement. I believe in following Jesus' example of accepting others, no matter their beliefs or circumstances, and interacting with them in a caring way. Baptized and raised in England in the Episcopal tradition and then being involved for 30 years in a Presbyterian Church in Austin, TX, my faith has been tested and strengthened many times. Worship is a meaningful and important part of my faith journey, regularly affirming my love of God. I strive to serve others, especially using the skills I learned and practiced as a Stephen Minister, by listening and being the heart and hands of Christ to those in need. I appreciate the welcoming environment of BCMC. I hope to use my gifts, guided by the Holy Spirit, to participate in the programs of this congregation.

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**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.

**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).

**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!)

**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*

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## The Next Week at BCMC: November 3—10, 2019

### Sunday, November 3, 2019—Stewardship Sunday—A Community of Abundance

**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**—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 21
- **Sojourners**—Chapel

**4:00 pm** **Bethel Sings**, featuring the Women's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, Women, Open Road, Concert Choir, and soloists—Sanctuary

### Monday, November 4

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

### Tuesday, November 5

**2:30 pm** Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

**4:30 pm** Springs Forth! Meeting—Rm 21

**7:00 pm** Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

### Wednesday, November 6

**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** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 14

**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

### Thursday November 7

**7:00 pm** Church Board—Rm 14

### Sunday, November 10

**9:30 am** Worship with sermon by Renee Reimer; music by Junior and Cherub Choirs

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

## 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](http://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. 6—Bethel College Fine Arts, Krehbiel Auditorium**  
**9:30 am** *Hope for Harvey: D-FYing the Drug Trend*, Benjamin Meier  
**10:35 am** *Stories about Bethel College students in Europe*, Merle Schlabaugh  
**11:30 am** *Story of KNORK*, Matt Wray
- **Organ Recital Series: Michael Bauer, D.M.A.**, University of Kansas, Tues., Nov. 5, 7 pm, Ad Building chapel at Bethel College.
- **Jasmyn Story, KIPCOR Peace Lecture, "I'm Not Trash, and Neither Are You,"** Thurs., Nov. 7, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Story is deputy director of the Office of Social Justice and Racial Equity for the Birmingham, AL mayor's office.
- **Save the Date for the continuation of the KIPCOR Film Series 2019-2020**, with the film, "*Dawnland*", Nov. 17, 3 pm, in Krehbiel Auditorium. ***Dawnland* synopsis:** Post-film discussion led by Dan Wildcat, Professor of Indigenous and American Indian Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University. Go to [www.kipcor.org](http://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.

**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat at Camp Mennoscah** Nov. 15-17. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

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

For those wishing to process together the news of Ted Mueller's arrest, there will be opportunity for circle conversation and prayer during the Sunday school hour today in the Fellowship Hall.

**October 27 at BCMC** Attendance 235. General Fund \$3,692; Living Stones \$2,140; Wed. supper \$320; MCC Meat Canning \$1,365; Adult Choir \$175; Bequest \$82,539.33; Coffee \$6; Eleanor Kaufman Mem. \$50.

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

**Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group** meets Nov. 5, 2 pm, Menno Hall. Program: Constance Gehring's acupuncture to help those with Parkinson's.

**You are invited to join Mennonite Church USA staff in Newton**, 718 N Main, to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Workers in Ecuador, Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, Nov. 8, 10 am. Peter and Delicia coordinate Ecuador Partnership roles with intercultural and indigenous churches, and ministries such as Quito's church refugee program and after-school support for children.

**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](mailto: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](http://mcc.org/lunchandlearn).

**Mark your calendars for 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!

**It's Supper Time at BCMC! Nov. 6, 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. 4. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

**✂ Meal reservation(s) for November 6**

Number attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** When Ecuador's president, Lenín Moreno, ended fuel subsidies last month, unrest erupted. Indigenous and other marginalized people seized the opportunity to protest inequalities in government policies. MMN requests prayer for negotiations as the government and indigenous people work to create a just policy that will lead to peace.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Prairie View, a regional mental health center and institutional partner of WDC, as it nurtures healing and hope and offers resources for members of our communities and congregations.

**This congregation:** Give thanks for the opportunity to join our financial gifts with the ministry of this congregation. Pray for the Pony Express process as envelopes begin circulating today.

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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 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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