



Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 19, 2020 — 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 *Sonata VI* (Mendelssohn)
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *O Come, let us worship and bow down* (Moyer)
Chancel Choir; Riley King, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Dawn Yoder Harms

*Hymns of praise *Holy Spirit, come with power* **HWB 26**

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Carol Flickinger

Worship Music *If Ye love me* (Tallis) Chancel Choir

Scripture reading Matthew 5:38-48 Mary Ann Boschmann

Sermon *Proclaiming the gospel of peace* Peter Goerzen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Be thou my vision* **HWB 545**

verses 1,2, 4, 5

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 *Simple Gifts* (arr. Held)

*Dedication hymn *Praise God from whom* **HWB**

119

verse B

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Go now in peace* **HWB 429**

*Benediction

Postlude *Holy God we praise Thy name* (Peeters)

*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.**

We encourage you to participate in the Listening Circle process in the Fellowship Hall during the Faith Formation hour today, focused on how care for those having experienced sexual violence is reflected in the proposed policy for Accountability and Care for Sexual Offenders. You are welcome to participate even if you were not present for the Safehope presentation last Sunday. Please bring your copy of the proposed policy and arrive promptly following the worship service, as we hope to begin the conversation at 10:50.

For those who may not feel safe in Listening Circles, particularly those who have experienced sexual violence:

- room 14 is available for writing, drawing, praying, etc. (hosted by Yolanda Kauffman)
- a survivor-centered circle will meet Mon., Jan 20, 7 pm, in the Richert House/Agape Center, facilitated by LaDeen Frey. Questions for conversation will be: 1) What would you like our congregation to know about what helps church be a safe space for you? What gets in the way?
2) How does the draft policy for accountability and care for sexual offenders reflect care for victims/survivors? What might you change or add?

The Next Week at BCMC: January 19—26, 2020

Sunday, January 19, 2020

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Care for Victims and Survivors listening circles in the fellowship hall

- **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—Will attend elective in fellowship hall
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—Will attend elective in fellowship hall
- **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—Will attend elective in fellowship hall
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—Will attend elective in fellowship hall

3:00 pm Memorial service for Anne Neufeld Rupp—Sanctuary

Monday, January 20—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Office closed; building will be locked

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

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

Tuesday, January 21—Women’s Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 pm Circle 2: Helen Ruth Unruh host, Assisted Living Private Dining Room

3:00 pm Circle 1: Kidron Bethel Sun Room

7:00 pm Circle 3: Meet at MCC Center for a work night

7:00 pm Circle 4: Dianne Epp’s, 11 Lakewood Circle, North Newton

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, January 22

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline **6:30 pm** Chancel Bells

7:00 pm Youth Group—Rm 22

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, January 23

4:30 pm Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 26

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Bells

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

12 noon **Soup Lunch in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Senior High Youth Group—Please bring your own table service**

1:00 pm **Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary**

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.

Pray for those receiving medical care this week: Dale Schrag, Newton Medical Center; Carol Buller, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

We offer sympathy to Brad, Diane, and Connor Born and their extended family on the death of Brad’s mother Bertha M. Toews Born, Jan. 8, Presbyterian Manor, Newton. A gathering of friends and family to honor Bertha is scheduled for 3-5 pm Sat., Jan. 25 at Petersen Family Funeral Home, Newton. A memorial service and burial of Bertha and Floyd’s ashes will take place in Lustre, Montana in July 2020.

We offer sympathy to Susie and Bill Swartley and their family on the death of Susie’s mother, Bea Brunk, Jan. 12 at Pine Village, Moundridge.

Many thanks for your expressions of care and prayers when I had hip replacement surgery. I am gradually regaining my strength and ability to walk without pain. ~ *Monica Gross*

Mark your calendars for a congregational meeting, Jan. 26, 1 pm in the Sanctuary. **Financial Report booklets** are in your mailboxes today. **Senior High Youth group members will be serving a Soup and Dessert lunch Sun., Jan 26** in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for their service week this summer. If you are interested in donating bread for this event, please be in touch with Ben Lichti (benlichti@gmail.com). You are encouraged to bring your own table service.

After the worship service Feb. 2, the members of the Jr. High Club will be selling an assortment of Super Bowl snacks. Snacks will be sold by donation. Donations will go toward the Junior High Fund, which is used to support activities like Snow Camp and Know Jesus. The goal for this fundraiser is \$1500. (IRS allows charitable deductions for the amount of the contribution in excess of the value of the item received. To receive a record of your charitable donation, please make a check payable to BCMC and enter Junior High Fund in the memo along with the amount that is a charitable contribution). We appreciate your support of our Jr. High Club members.

There will be a mentor/mentee gathering Sun., Feb. 2 following Sunday school. Please RSVP to Pastor Renee no later than Thurs., Jan. 30 so we know how much pizza to provide. Meet in the fellowship hall for food, conversation, and a time of putting together college care packages for our college students!

Newton Community for Racial Justice hosts MLK Day of Service opportunities on Mon., Jan. 20 between 9 am-1 pm. Visit Newton Community for Racial Justice Facebook page or email newtoncrj@gmail.com for service locations and sign up link.

Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration: All are invited to Memorial Hall Jan. 20, for activities starting at 2 pm. (come and go as your schedule allows) with a time of snacks and mingling, followed by special music by the Bethel Worship Center band, and a step dance performance by the Junior People of Color (POC) Step Team from Leavenworth. Michelle Vann of Wichita will speak at 3 pm; afternoon ends with a reception.

Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Jan. 20, but resumes Jan. 27. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 pm in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. All are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Hesston College artist-in-residence and peace ambassador Tony Brown will give his MLK Day tribute to the 20th century civil rights activist Paul Robeson Sun., Jan. 19, 7 pm, at Hesston Mennonite Church. *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in Word and Song.* Tickets are \$12 for all adults, available at the Hesston College Bookstore in Erb Hall or at 620-327-8104, and at the door. Students college-age and younger are free. www.hesston.edu/MLK for more information. **Hesston College's Martin Luther King (MLK) Day celebration** will have Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, speaking at Hesston Mennonite Church at a free community building workshop Mon., Jan. 20 at 7 pm. Visit www.hesston.edu/MLK for more information.

Celebrate Kansas Day! at Kauffman Museum Sat., Jan. 25, starting at 11:30 am with food trucks in the museum parking lot; 1-4 pm there will be special activities and programs with the theme of "Kansas Symbols," in and around the museum; presentations begin at 1:15 with Jay Price, Ken Rodgers and Lorna Harder. See the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

There will be a brief winter parent meeting Sun., Feb. 9 beginning promptly at 9 am. We will meet in fellowship hall while the cherub and jr choirs are warming up for worship. Coffee and some very light refreshments will be available!

Registration is now open for Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) Feb. 21—23. This year's conference, in partnership with Everence Financial, is ***Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life***, and will focus on stewardship of finances, resources and hospitality. Content will have interest points for all life stages from high school-age youth to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Go to hesston.edu/avds for more information and registration.

All are invited to a farewell reception for Western District Conference Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer Jan. 22, at 10-11 am (come-and-go, with remarks at 10:30 am) at the WDC conference room, 2517 North Main Street. Come join in as we offer our prayers and best wishes for Byron as he concludes his ministry with WDC at the end of January.

If interested in learning more about creation care, Feb. 27, 6:30 pm, Western District Conference will host a gathering at their conference room, 2517 N. Main, for anyone to watch a webinar sponsored by Mennonite Creation Care Network, followed by conversation together. For more information, see *Caring for climate: Beyond denial and despair.* Since the webinar is around a mealtime, you are invited to bring some "creation-friendly" finger-foods to share. Drinks will be provided. (You can also watch the webinar on your own, or sign up to receive a link to a recording afterwards).

Western District Conference Immigration Task Force encourages you to watch the 33-minute film, *Strangers in Town*, about how immigrants in Garden City, KS are shaping that town in positive ways. The free film can be found at: <https://filmfreeway.com/StrangersinTown> .

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. More information is on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or the WDC web page <https://communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm>. Registration forms are on the church bulletin board.

January 12 at BCMC: Attendance 240. General Fund \$10,928.44; Living Stones \$5; Transfer-Funeral \$1,000; Coffee \$12; Ralph Lehman Mem. \$190.

Bethel College Organ Recital Series: KU graduate students Mark Campbell and Edward Poston, featuring Kimberly Poston, soprano, Feb. 11, 7 pm, Administration Building chapel. This is a change in schedule; Shirley Sprunger King will play in the series April 17.

Mark your calendar for this year's **KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE, April 17-18.**

- Invite relatives and friends at a distance to visit you in mid-April, so you can all attend the sale together.
- Support this year's operating budget through your Sunday School offering. Contacts, look for more information in your mailbox soon.
- Email photos of auction items for the sale brochure to photos@kansas.mcc.org by Feb. 13. Photos mailed after that may still be posted on the sale website.
- Join a sale committee that has an opening: KMRS Treasurer, Coffee makers, Verenike/Sausage booth, New Year Cookies, Verenike frying, Feeding the Multitude Saturday sausage cooking chair.
- Go to <https://kansas.mccsale.org> for more information.
- This year's BCMC liaisons are Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Kathy and Dennis Campbell, Dale and Margo Schrag.

2020 is the 100 year anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, KS 67501. Questions: Contact BCMC liaisons Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (316) 283-1182, Kathy and Dennis Campbell (316) 283-5151, or Dale and Margo Schrag (316) 283-6031, or KMRS Board Chair Jim Robb (620) 747-0186.

Anyone who has an interest in serving the community through New Hope Shelter is encouraged to attend New Hope's Volunteer Training, this Mon., Jan. 20, 6:30 pm. This training is informal so no RSVP required.

Date change for April Women's Fellowship Meeting: Due to upcoming kitchen renovations Women's Fellowship will meet **April 14** instead of April 21. Please mark your calendar.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Stanley W. Green's faithful leadership of MMN since 1993. Pray for guidance and wisdom as a search committee looks for a new executive director to lead, mobilize, and equip the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA in holistic witness to Jesus Christ.

Western District Conference: Pray for leaders and participants gathering January 24-25 for "Let's Talk...Women, Money and Faith," a conference sponsored by Western District Women in Mission in collaboration with Everence.

This congregation: Pray for Jr High youth and their sponsors as they travel to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for Snow Camp, Jan. 24-25. Sponsors: Heather Zerger, Matt Koontz, Doug Harms; Youth: Lucy Burch, Payne Claassen, Adah Hodge, Anne Koontz, Lily Schloneger.

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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