



**Bethel College Mennonite Church  
January 26, 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 *Little prelude and fugue in F major* (JS Bach)  
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Call to worship, prayer Doug Siemens

\*Hymns of praise *Here in this place* **HWB 6**  
*Beloved, God's chosen* **STJ 38**

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

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation Esther Kreider Eash

Worship Music *Lift every voice and sing* (arr. V. Smith)  
Chancel Bells; Suzanne Burch, director

Scripture reading Matthew 4:12-23; I Corinthians 1:10-18 Darlene Dick

Sermon *Inhabiting empathy* Nathan Koontz

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

\*Hymn *I bind my heart this tide* **HWB 411**

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.*

*Those with January birthdays please come forward for a blessing  
(bring Sing the Journey song book)*

Offertory *Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh' all zeit* (Pachelbel)

\*Dedication hymn *Let there be light, Lord God* **STJ 67**

\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

\*Sending hymn *Heart with loving heart united* **HWB 420**

\*Benediction

Postlude *Allegro* (J.S. Bach)

Please be seated for the 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.

**The congregational meeting is today, Jan. 26, 1 pm in the Sanctuary.** **Financial Report booklets** were in your mailboxes. Extra copies are available in the Gathering Place by the mailboxes. **Senior High Youth group members will be serving a Soup and Dessert lunch** in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for their service week this summer. All are welcome! (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, make a check payable to BCMC and enter Senior High Youth Fund in the memo line along with the amount that is a charitable contribution).

## The Next Week at BCMC: January 26—February 2, 2020

### Sunday, January 26, 2020

**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
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Newton's Main Street through the Years*, David Haury
- **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—*Two Popes*
- **Sojourners**—*The Johannine Tradition: What is in John*, John Esau

**12 noon Soup Lunch in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Senior High Youth Group—All are welcome!**

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

### Monday, January 27

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

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

**7:00 pm Library Committee**—Rm 14

**7-9 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal**—Sanctuary

### Tuesday, January 28

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

### Wednesday, January 29

**8:00 am Staff worship planning** —Rm 14

**10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline**

**7:00 pm Youth Group**—Rm 22

**7:30 pm Chancel Choir**—Sanctuary

**8:30 pm Chancel Bells**—Rm B7

### Thursday, January 30

**10:00 am Coffee at Kidron Bethel Menno Hall for residents and friends living at Kidron Bethel Village**

**2:00 pm Newsletter Team**—Rm 14

### Sunday, February 2

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

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

**10:50 am Faith Formation**

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Carol Buller, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita; Omar Voran, Newton Medical Center.

**We offer sympathy to** Karen and Larry Penner and family on the death of their brother-in-law (Karen's sister, Marilyn Suderman Hiebert's husband) Paul W. Hiebert, Jan. 9, Bridgeton, MO. The memorial service is Jan. 25 at Arlington United Methodist Church, Bridgeton.

**We offer sympathy to** Vernabelle Stayrook and her family on the death of Miller Stayrook, Jan. 21, Schowalter Villa, Hesston.

**We offer sympathy to** Richard and Francis Siemens and Doug Siemens, LuAnn Zook, Angus and Zoe Siemens, and their extended family, on the death of Richard's sister, Maureen Hean, Jan. 23 at Kidron Bethel Village. A date for the memorial will be announced later.

**Attending Rocky Mountain Mennonite Snow Camp** this weekend are sponsors Heather Zerger, Matt Koontz, and Doug Harms and youth Lucy Burch, Payne Claassen, Adah Hodge, Abby Koontz, Anne Koontz, and Lily Schloneger.

**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.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, an annual event** hosted by the Hospitality Commission, is right around the corner. You can either sign up as a host or a guest. The Host decides the maximum number of people he/she will host plus provides the main dish, the beverage and maybe the bread. The guest provides either a vegetable, salad, dessert and maybe the bread. Feb. 16, the guests find out what dish they provide and the hosts find out the number of guests. On the morning of Feb. 23, the guests are given their destination. At noon, the hosts find out who their guests are. It's a fun event that encourages time to get to know others in a relaxed setting and an added bonus of helping chase away the winter blues! Sign up in the back of the church on Feb. 2 or Feb. 9 or email [kthrnssimmons@gmail.com](mailto:kthrnssimmons@gmail.com).

**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 fellowship hall for food, conversation, and a time of putting together care packages for our college students!

**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.

**January 19 at BCMC:** Attendance 223. General Fund \$7,923.05; Living Stones \$45; Media Supplies \$5; Plant Fund \$275; Columbarium Fund \$2,000; Caring Fund \$200; Coffee \$31; Ralph Lehman Mem. \$730.

**Centering Prayer will meet Mon., Jan. 27.** Centering Prayer meets Mondays from noon-1 pm in Agape Center in Richert House, Bethel College campus. All are welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

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

**Camp Mennoscah is looking for college-aged people** to fill summer staff positions (lifeguard, nature, music, crafts, office) and someone 21 or older to fill the new position of "director of support." This position is summer-long to assist the camp director, summer staff, program and support staff through management, coordination, and communication. Complete your application for any of these positions: [campmennoscahstaff.campbrainstaff.com](http://campmennoscahstaff.campbrainstaff.com) Questions can be directed to [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Registration for all 2020 Camp Mennoscah retreats** is now available at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org). Look for the Register Online link at the top of the page. Summer youth camp registration will open at the beginning of February.

**Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, Feb. 1, 8 am.** Meet in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

**KIPCOR Film Series: *The Great White Hoax*, Feb. 9, 3 pm;** talkback follows with Mark McCormick – Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College.

**New Hope Shelter** invites you to attend a "Celebration of Love" Valentine's Gala on Feb. 14, 7 pm at The Barn at Grace Hill. This fundraiser's proceeds go to the continuing ministry of New Hope Shelter. Tickets are \$60 per person. Purchase at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call 316-217-2519. Ticket sales end January 31. See the poster on the church bulletin board.

**Better understand your financial resources and philanthropy in terms of your goals and your faith** for both you and your church at the 2020 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference, Feb. 21 to 23 at Hesston College. In partnership with Everence Financial, weekend presentations will focus on understanding your personal history with money and resources, careers, hospitality, finances, generosity, trauma and economic injustice, health and wellness and more. Multiple registrants from the same congregation receive a registration discount, and clergy can attend at no cost. Register by Feb. 10 at [hesston.edu/avds](http://hesston.edu/avds).

**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).

**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.

**Young Adult Snow Camp** (anyone between ages 18 and 30) at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is Feb. 7-9. Join fellow young adults worship together, play group games, enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, and more. During the worship sessions Tory Bonners will share on the topic of "Structuring Our Faith" and how we live out faith in the context of our lives. The cost is \$100 to cover meals, lodging, and the program. Online registration is available at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org) or call 719-687-9506.

**Join an MCC learning tour to Palestine and Israel**, June 4-14, 2020, an impactful and informative trip which is open for 14 people. On this trip meet Palestinian Christians, hear from Israelis and Palestinians about their current challenges and joys and engage in education and advocacy on Palestine and Israel. Visit [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events) to find out more and sign up for the trip.

### **The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is April 17-18:**

- Invite relatives and friends at a distance to visit in mid-April, and attend the sale together.
- Email photos of general and silent auction items for the sale brochure to photos@kansas.mccsale.org by February 13. Photos emailed after that may be posted on the sale website.
- Support this year's \$84,525 operating budget through your Sunday School offering.
- Quilts and comforters made by BCMC members will be displayed at the back of the sanctuary March 15, and delivered to the MCC center the following day.
- Join a sale committee that has an opening: KMRS treasurer, coffee makers in Meadowlark, verenika/sausage booth, New Year's Cookies, verenika frying for Friday, and Feeding the Multitude Saturday sausage cooking chair.
- The sale benefits Mennonite Central Committee and is held at the Kansas state fairgrounds in Hutchinson. More information is on Facebook and at <http://Kansas.mccsale.org>. This year's BCMC liaisons are Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Kathy and Dennis Campbell, and 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.

### **Thank you for your work and participation in the Great Winter Warm Up**

at one of the 22 events around the Mennonite Central Committee Central States region! The comforter count right now is a little over 5,500 from across the U.S. and Canada. MCC is still gathering information from all the events and will have the official tally by the end of the month. If you are looking for another opportunity to make comforters for MCC, save the date for the Comforter Blitz in Yoder on March 2, 3, and 4.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for Joanne Brandt as she teaches at Union Biblical Seminary in India this trimester. Pray for wisdom and grace as she adapts her teaching to a new context and as she builds relationships with faculty, staff and students.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God's guidance for future direction and leadership.

**This congregation:** Pray for our congregation as we listen and make decisions at the congregational meeting this afternoon.

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