

Bethel College Mennonite Church
January 5, 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

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Thou didst leave thy throne* (arr. Steve Vincent)
Nun ist sie erschienen (arr. by Steve Vincent)
Will Friesen, organ

Call to worship, prayer Dave Linscheid

*Hymns *All beautiful the march of days* **HWB 159**
Christ, whose glory fills the skies **HWB 216**

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture readings Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12 Lois Preheim

Hymn *Bright and glorious is the sky* (verses 1, 2, 3, 4) **HWB 219**

Sermon *Following the light* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Holy Child within the manger* **STS 28**

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.*



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The Next Week at BCMC: January 5—12, 2020

Sunday, January 5, 2020—Epiphany

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—*Restorative Justice Approach to Sexual Abuse: A Time to Learn*, Patricia Shelly, Marlene Ewert, Erin Brubacher
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*The Life and Music of Robert Shaw* (film)
- **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
- **Sojourners**—Chapel—*The Synoptic Tradition of Matthew, Mark and Luke: Who Copied from Whom?* John Esau

4:00 pm Service of remembrance for BCMC members and friends who died In 2019

Monday, January 6

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

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

Tuesday, January 7

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

2:30 pm Caregiver's Support Group—Rm 14

4:30—7 pm Springs Forth Board Meeting—Rm 21

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, January 8—There will be no Cherub Choir/Junior Choir Practice or Menno Ringers during the month of January

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

7:00 pm Senior High Youth

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

Saturday, January 11

11:00 am Memorial for Ralph Lehman—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 12

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—Everybody is welcome!

Receiving medical care: Helen Voth is currently in the Progressive Rehab Academy at Schowalter Villa and will move to health care at Schowalter Villa, Hesston.

A big “thank you” comes from Ruthann and Marvin Dirks for the kind sharing of memories through the scrapbook gift. Ruthann and Marvin moved to Loveland, CO on December 27.

We offer sympathy to Mike and Renae Crawford and their family on the death of their brother-in-law (Mike's sister Teresa's husband) Dean Gallagher, Jan. 2 in Oklahoma City.

Thanks for visiting the Climate Change Challenge table in the Gathering Space! Look for ideas about adding some green to your New Year's Resolutions!

On January 12, during the Faith Formation hour, there will be a large group meeting in the sanctuary resourced by Safehope, focused on learning more about the experience of victims and survivors of abuse. Safehope, based in Newton, provides advocacy and support to all survivors and secondary victims of domestic and sexual violence in Harvey, Marion, and McPherson counties.

In order to continue the important work of providing meals and support to New Hope Shelter, we always need volunteers to replace those who are no longer available. Please consider helping those in need of shelter and other help. Contact Valetta Seymour at 620-217-7536 or seymour2314@gmail.com if interested.

Newton Et Cetera Shop thanks you for your generous support in 2019! We invited you to SHOP, DONATE and VOLUNTEER, and YOU DID! With the help of 260 volunteers, we've sold over 500,000 items this year! If you'd like to join our volunteers, please attend an upcoming **new volunteer orientation on Thurs., Jan. 9, 6-7 pm or Tues., Feb. 11, 6-7 pm.** We're currently seeking volunteers to help with costumes, greeting cards, holiday items and clerking. Blessings for the new year to you from Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors, volunteers and employees!

December 29 at BCMC: Attendance 179. General Fund \$12,022.91; Living Stones \$105; Bethel College \$100; Gen Fund 2020 \$5,075; Caring Fund \$73.63; Transfer-Funeral \$1425; Coffee \$16.

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.

The Great Winter Warm Up is a month away and a poster on the church bulletin board lists all the GWW events taking place in Kansas. Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6500 comforters to break the record for most blankets donated to a charity in 24 hours.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for people for summer staff (lifeguards, office assistants, music and crafts leaders, a naturalist and grounds/maintenance) for 2020. Information available online or contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Apply for a position online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps.

Boots, Buckets and Barrows: In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. presents the original play *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, in conjunction with an auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items, along with 'flash auctions' to fund the tools and volunteers MDS needs to help rebuild homes ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds benefit the work of MDS. Admission is free! Come prepared to bid, Fri., Jan. 31, 7 pm at Hesston Mennonite Church and Sat., Feb. 1, 7 pm at Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson. Sponsored by Kansas MDS Unit, Hesston College Disaster Management Program, and Journey Mennonite, South Hutchinson.

Mennonite Central Committee Learning Tours for 2020: Travel to Haiti March 21-28, 2020 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours, May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and Oct. 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for more details.

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 church bulletin board.

Everence will host the workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton, Jan. 7, 6:30 pm, and 524 E. 30th Ave., Hutchinson, Jan. 9, 6:30 pm. Learn about Medicare plans; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Save the date: Feb. 21-23, 2020 Hesston College Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship (AVDS) Series conference: Living More With More, Redefining the Good Life. Go to <https://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/> for more information.

Centering Prayer resumes tomorrow, Mon., Jan. 6. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 pm, in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Jan. 7, 2 pm, in Menno Hall. Emily Schultze, dance instructor for Rhythm Connections for Parkinson's Disease, will present the program. Everyone is invited.

The Neuf 9K and 2 mile run returns to the campus of Bethel College on Jan. 11, 2020 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10 am outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register and read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.

Offertory *Of the father's love begotten* (arr. Wilbur Held)

*Dedication hymn *As with gladness men of old* **HWB 218**
(verses 1 and 3)

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Arise, your light is come!* **STS 30**

*Benediction

Postlude *Praise ye the Lord of Hosts* (Saint-Säens/Bish)

*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 photo on the front cover was taken by Claire Unruh.

Staff: Pastor Renee Reimer will be on vacation from Jan. 2-5, 2020. Mike Crawford will be away from the church Jan. 4-5.

2019 budget update: The final numbers are in. Thanks to your generosity and commitment to BCMC, all the goals set as part of the 2019 budget have been met, and we have a surplus of \$890! We are grateful, and look forward to 2020! ~ *Michael Claassen, Finance Manager*

The memorial service for Ralph Lehman will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 11 am, at BCMC.

The memorial service for Anne Neufeld Rupp will be Sunday, Jan 19, 3 pm, at BCMC .

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Deb Byler of MMN has just returned to Guatemala after three months on North American Assignment. Pray for her as she continues to work with Mennonite women in Bible studies, trauma healing, and leadership training.

Western District Conference: Pray for youth in WDC congregations, and the leaders who mentor, teach and accompany them in their faith journey.

This congregation: As we enter this New Year, pray that we will grow in love, courage, skill and imagination, even in the face of doubt and struggle.

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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