



**Bethel College Mennonite Church
February 16, 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 *I sing the almighty power of God* (arr. Jordan)
I sing the mighty power of God (arr. Innes)
Will Friesen, organ

Call to worship, prayer Jim Robb

*Hymn of praise *All creatures of our God and King* **HWB 48**
(children come forward during the hymn for children's conversation)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Barb Koontz

Worship Music *Down by the riverside* (arr. Sherman)
Chancel Bells; Suzanne Burch, director

Scripture reading Matthew 6:25-34 Addison Zerger

Sermon *Multiple lenses* Nathan Koontz

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Don't be afraid* **STJ 105**

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 *Ich bete an der Macht der Liebe* (arr. Vincent)

*Dedication hymn *Fill now our life, O Lord* **STS 107**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Love the Lord your God* **STS 55**
Suzy Burch, guitar; Pat Friesen, piano

*Benediction

Postlude *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten* (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.

Pray for the BCMC youth and their sponsors at Rocky Mountain Mennonite
Snow Camp this weekend: Youth: John Koontz, Simon Koontz, Caleb Koontz,
Ben Gering, Jonah Schloneger, Elisabeth Friesen, Katherine Friesen, Emma
Claassen, Alice Claassen and Sponsors: Renee Reimer, Tim and Bethany
Schrag.

Staff: Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be out of the office Feb 15-Feb 22 for
study and visiting family and friends.

If you signed up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner as either a host or a
guest, either your food assignment or the number of guests to expect should
be on a slip in your mailbox. If you have any questions or somehow did not
receive the information, please contact Kathryn Simmons immediately (816-
719-1968). Thanks to all of you who are able to participate!

The Next Week at BCMC: February 16—February 23, 2020

Sunday, February 16, 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; **5–8th grade** in Room 26
- **Senior High students**—Room 22
- **Agape**—Rm B8
- **Bible Study**—Rm 14
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*Learning to know our pastors-Nathan Koontz*
- **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—*Climate Simulation Workshop*—Dwight Krehbiel
- **Sojourners**—*MCC Sunday*

Monday, February 17

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

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

6:45 pm Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

7-9 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 18—Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

2:00 pm Circle 2—Nancy Hilty's, 3001 Ivy Dr., Apt. 403, North Newton

3:00 pm Circle 1—Kidron Bethel Sun Room

7:00 pm Circle 3—Marlene Faul's, 3000 Wildwood Way, North Newton

7:00 pm Circle 4—Lenore Waltner's, 20 Lakewood Circle, North Newton

7:00 pm Worship Commission—Rm 23

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

10:00 am Bulletin announcement deadline

6:00 pm Wednesday Evening 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

Thursday, February 20

11:00 am Memorial service for Carolyn Voran—Sanctuary

2:30 pm Bereavement Support Group—Rm 14

3:00 pm Witness Commission—Rm B7

7:30 pm Safe Sanctuaries Task Force Group—Rm 14

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Sunday, February 23

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Renee Reimer; music by Menno Ringers

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

12 noon Guess who's coming to dinner event

During the season of Lent, BCMC pastors invite you to join them in interacting with the coming Sunday's preaching text, on Tuesdays, over the lunch hour (12-1pm), March 3 - April 7 in the BCMC chapel.

We offer sympathy to Jill, Adam, Gabby, and Jake Robb on the death of Jill's uncle, Craig Dickinson, Feb. 2, Newton. The memorial service was Feb. 10 at Koerner Heights Church, Newton.

We offer sympathy to Omar, Brad and Debbie Voran and their extended family on the death of Carolyn Voran, Feb. 13, Kidron Bethel Village. Visitation at Petersen's Funeral Home, 215 N. Main St., Newton, Feb. 16, 1-5 pm and Feb. 17, 1-5 pm. The memorial service will be Thurs., Feb. 20, 11 am, at BCMC.

A new members' orientation is being planned for this spring. If you have interest in deepening your connection to BCMC through church membership, please be in touch with Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms.

Check the items on the Lost and Found table in the Gathering Place. If it's yours, take it! Items not claimed by Feb. 19 will be taken to the Et Cetera Shop.

Paul Unruh, LCSW, will be resourcing our congregation on February 23, during the Sunday School hour, on the topic of Accountability and Care for Sexual Offenders. In advance of this meeting, Paul would like to know what questions you would like to have addressed? Please submit your questions for Paul by Feb 16 in the "questions" box in the Gathering Place.

February 9 at BCMC: Attendance 202; General Fund \$8,604; Living Stones \$1,245; Jr Hi Fund \$1,842; Sr Hi Youth \$450; Adult Choir \$110; Transfer-Sunday school-\$80; Coffee \$28.



It's Supper Time at BCMC! February 19, 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., Feb. 17. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

Meal reservation(s) for February 19

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

Attending all of the meals Yes _____ No _____

Life Enrichment Feb. 19, Krehbiel Auditorium, (Fine Arts Center) Bethel College
9:30 am *How you can support area youth facing adversity*—Shelly Chinberg and Haley Butts, Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, Harvey County
10:50 am *Kansas climate + Health declaration*—Rachel Myslivy

You are invited to a joint concert, *How Firm a Foundation*, with the Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, Sun., Feb. 23, 7 pm, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel. The choirs will also be joined by members of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Chancel Choir. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah Feb. 28-March 1 and March 6-8. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org. Questions: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org.

Youth Camp registration: Go to www.campmennoscah.org, click on Register Online in the upper left corner. Graduating seniors should register now for the best chance to attend Senior High Camp. Call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org.

Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: “Hotel Tempus,” works by Tasha Wentling, through Feb. 28. Regular gallery hours: weekdays, 9 am-5 pm, Sundays, 2-4 pm.

Everence[®] Financial will host a workshop, *Maximizing giving through donor advised funds*, at 3179 N. Main St, Ste 1B, North Newton, Feb. 20 at 10 am and 6:30 pm. Learn about how a donor advised fund works, ways to increase your impact on causes you care about, how to minimize taxes and more. Reserve a spot by contacting Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or Darlene.buller@everence.com.

Mark your calendars for the Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper March 12, 6 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, with special guest speaker Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. Additional information coming soon.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites area organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants! Download applications at newtonetceterashop.com and submit by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com by April 13. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2020, in amounts up to \$5,000. For more information, contact Sara Dick, general manager, Newton Et Cetera Shop, 619 N. Main Street, Newton KS 67114; phone 316-283-9461 or e-mail localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com.

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.

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).

In 2019 Everence Sharing funds provided \$3,000 to match funds from our BCMC Caring Fund to support Community Playschool, Inc. and special needs within our congregation and community. Our sharing fund amount is based on the 36% of BCMC members who own or participate in products and services from Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union. Special thanks to all who use these services. Find out more at everence.com or ask Elizabeth Raid our BCMC Everence Advocate.

Friends of the MLA program by Keith Sprunger, Bethel College professor emeritus of history, *Remembering Bethel in the Sixties: A Turning Point?* Feb. 22, 2 pm, Mantz Library lounge (ground floor) at Bethel, with light refreshments to follow.

Dr. James Juhnke will be the speaker at the March 8, 2:30 pm, annual meeting of the **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** in the BCMC Fellowship Hall. The presentation is: *Mennonite Museum in Uzbekistan*, about the history of the Mennonite community that lived for 50 years near the city of Khiva, and the community is now celebrated in a new museum in Khiva. The Chancel Bells (handbell choir) of BCMC will provide music. Election of SMCHA officers for 2020 will be held and there will be an opportunity for members to give counsel and ask questions. Refreshments will be served. No reservations are needed.

The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is April 17-18:

- **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.
 - **Handcrafted items made by BCMC members** will be displayed April 5. Please bring your woodwork, sewn item, needlework and other creations that Sunday, or arrange with our liaisons for pickup in advance.
 - **Email photos of general and silent auction items** for the sale website to photos@kansas.mccsale.org
 - **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.
- This year's BCMC liaisons** are Wes and Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Kathy and Dennis Campbell, and Dale and Margo Schrag. More information is on Facebook and at <https://kansas.mccsale.org>

The Mennonite Central Committee Central States board of directors meets Feb. 28 and 29 at MCC in North Newton. A brief annual meeting will be at 2:30 pm, Feb. 29. You are welcome to attend.

You're invited to join Mennonite Central Committee for an evening of centennial celebration and giving, *We've Come This Far by Faith*, at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Feb. 29, 7:30 pm. Bid on silent auction items, get a reproduction Mennonite Feeding Station sign from our limited supply, and join us for a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years, present and future! Find out more at mcc.org/events.

You're invited to the 13th annual Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church, Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder. Times are Mon. and Tues., 9 am to 5 pm, and Wed., 9 am to 4 pm. Blitz is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC. For more information check out mcc.org/comforter-blitz.

Sign up for monthly highlights from Mennonite Central Committee's 100 stories for 100 years to get images and stories from the breadth of MCC's work – from a graphic story on the 1920 trip that began MCC's ministry to accounts of women peacemakers now. Go to mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email to sign up.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Sophie Miller as she works with an indigenous organization in Guatemala that teaches sustainability from the worldview of the *Tz'utujil*, a Mayan people.

Western District Conference: Praise God for the many ways that WDC congregations are involved with Mennonite Central Committee, as MCC celebrates its centennial this year.

This congregation: Give thanks for BCMC Wednesday Night Suppers that begin Feb 19, and for our cooks, Ben Lichti, Brenda Turner, and Marty Warkentine, who prepare our delicious meals!

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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Email: office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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

cell phone: 316-212-1847; Email: dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

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