



**Bethel College Mennonite Church
February 23, 2020 — Worship 9:30**

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 Partita on *St. Thomas* (Raymond Haan)
Karen Schlabaugh, organ

Call to worship, prayer Nathan Koontz

*Hymn of praise *I owe the Lord a morning song* **HWB 651**

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Alahna Wheat

Kingdom Report Emma Claassen and John Koontz

Hymn *My hope is built on nothing less* **HWB 343**

Scripture reading Matthew 7:24-28 Lois Brubacher

Sermon *Come play in the sand* Renee Reimer

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *My life flows on* **HWB 580**

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 February birthdays please come forward for a blessing (bring the Sing the Journey song book)

Offertory Aria on the tune *Jewels* (Dale Wood)

*Dedication hymn *Halle, halle, hallelujah!* **STJ 17**

*Dedication prayer

SENDING

*Sending hymn *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**

*Benediction

Postlude Postlude on *Veni, Redemptor gentium* (Robert J. Powell)

*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.

Paul Unruh, LCSW, will be resourcing our congregation today, during the Sunday School hour, on the topic of *Accountability and Care for Sexual Offenders*. All are welcome.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: If you signed up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner as a guest, you will learn your host's name today (look for a slip in your mailbox.) If you have any questions or did not receive the information, contact Kathryn Simmons immediately. (816-719-1968).

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The Next Week at BCMC: February 23—March 1, 2020

Sunday, February 23, 2020

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Sunday school elective in the sanctuary

- **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—Will attend elective in the sanctuary
- **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 the sanctuary
- **Sojourners**—Will attend elective in the sanctuary

12 noon Guess who's coming to dinner event

Monday, February 24

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

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

7-9 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

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

6:45 pm Senior High Youth

7:15 pm **Ash Wednesday Service—Sanctuary**

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 27

7-9 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

7:00 pm Deacon Commission—Rm B7

Friday, February 28

6-9 pm Community Playschool Family Night—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 1—Lent 1

9:30 am Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir; communion will be served

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

During the season of Lent, worship will invite us to *Open Our Eyes*. Together, we will be reflecting on people who Jesus meets and are invited by him to see in new ways that lead to a new life. You will see in our worship services for Lent a few additions and changes. Before the start of each sermon we will sing a prayer of illumination (*Abre mis ojos*). Following the sermon we will have a time of confession and assurance. You will also notice the service ends in a slightly new way. Please join together in opening our eyes and hearts as we experience worship together in a new way during this season of Lent.

Next Sunday, March 1, is the first Sunday in Lent. The lectionary texts for the coming Sunday are: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

During 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.

Be sure to check out Creation Care focused Lenten devotional calendars on the Creation Care Table in the Gathering Place or access it electronically at this link: http://www.creationjustice.org/uploads/2/5/4/6/25465131/cjm_2020_lent_calendar.pdf

Receiving medical care this week: LaVonne Sawatzky, Newton Medical Center.

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.

February 16 at BCMC: Attendance 208. General Fund \$9,664.46; Living Stones \$50; Wednesday night supper \$90; Coffee \$20.75.

The Newton Community for Racial Justice presents a Book Discussion Series at the Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak. The discussion on Feb. 26, 7 pm, is on the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo. Karin Kaufman Wall, Peace and Justice Education Coordinator at Mennonite Central Committee, Central States, is the discussion leader.



It's Supper Time at BCMC! February 26, 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. 24. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

Meal reservation(s) for February 26

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

Life Enrichment Feb. 26, Krehbiel Auditorium, (Fine Arts Center) Bethel College
9:30 am *Teaching at Bethel College in the 1960s: Student Protests and Student Rights*—Keith Sprunger, Bethel professor emeritus of history
10:50 am *The Tanganyika Story*, Matt Fouts, Tanganyika Wildlife Park

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

The Bethel College spring musical: *The Theory of Relativity* by Neil Bartram and Brian Hill, will be Thurs., Mar. 12, Fri., Mar. 13, Sat., Mar. 14, 7:30 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; tickets in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, weekdays 8 am-5 pm, or at the door, subject to availability. *Content warning: rated PG-13 for adult themes and language.*

Camp Mennoscah announcements—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org; www.campmennoscah.org

- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah Feb. 28-March 1 and March 6-8.** Register online.
- **Youth Camp registration:** Go to www.campmennoscah.org, click on Register Online in the upper left corner.
- **Retirees Retreat** is April 20-22.
- **Camp is looking for kitchen staff** for the summer youth camp weeks. No great skills needed, just basic kitchen knowledge. Call or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Parents can receive a full camper discount.
- **PreJunior II needs an RN** for July 5-9. Call or email: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.
- **Camp Mennoscah's Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction** is March 1 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, 4-6pm. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of hymns, fellowship and bidding on desserts made by camp supporters to raise funds to renovate the amphitheater used for evening campfires.
- **Youth Volunteer Weekend** is March 13-14, for grades 7—graduating seniors. Registration is through the summer youth camp registration.

All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper, March 12, 6 pm for the meal, 7 pm for the program, at Faith Mennonite Church. The guest speaker, Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, will present “My Journey through Scripture”. Reservations required: Call Darlene at 316-323-9762 or email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. Cost is \$10, payable at the door.

Newton Community Children’s Choir Talent Show and Chili Supper is today, Feb. 23, 4:30—7:30 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, 225 S. Poplar St., Newton. Talent show begins at 4:30 pm. Chili supper is by donation.

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: <http://mennoniteusa.org/climatejustice/webinar/>. 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).

Seeing Each Other's Light, a program of story and song that provides understanding of diverse people, cultures and faith traditions of the Wichita community, will be held at Emanu-El Congregation Reform Synagogue, 7011 E. Central Ave., Wichita, Mar. 1, 4 pm. The program is part of Hesston College's Peacing It Together Foundation and is also sponsored by Wichita's Global Faith in Action, and features Hesston College students, baritone Tony Brown, the Emanu-El Klezmer band and congregation choir. Free and open to the public. More info: www.hesston.edu.

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.

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 at address listed above.

The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is April 17-18:

- **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.

- **What else can you do to support the sale?** Donate items to the General, Silent, and Children's Auctions. Woodwork, needlework, cotton tea towel sets, hobby items, and other quality handmade creations sell at Kansas Crafts. Divide houseplants and start vegetable plants for Plants and Things. Run, jog, or walk in the 5K Run for Relief.

- **More sale 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

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.

The next Everence Webinar will be Feb. 26, 2 and 8 pm EST on how gifting farm commodities is one of the most tax-efficient strategies available for donors. Visit www.everence.com/national to view more information or to register.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher and their family have served with MMN in South Korea since 2007. Pray for them as they work for God's peace through organizations such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.

Western District Conference: Pray for church planters and emerging congregations in WDC, that God would bring growth to the seeds of faithful witness in their communities.

This congregation: As we begin this season of Lent, pray that we might open ourselves to God's healing and restoration of mind, body, and spirit.

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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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