

Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 1, 2020 — Lent 1— 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 *Oh God, Thou faithful God* (Bach)
Verlene Garber, organ

Introit *Kyrie* (Stehle)
Chancel Choir; William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship, prayer Duane Friesen

*Hymn of praise *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven!* **HWB 63**
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Dawn Yoder Harms

Scripture reading Matthew 4:1-11 Abby Koontz

Prayer of illumination (sung) *Abre mis ojos (Open my eyes)* **STS 65**
verses 1, 2, 3, in Spanish

Sermon *Wilderness preparation* Dawn Yoder Harms

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of grace (read by congregation)

***God's grace is given, not grasped. Because we are forgiven, we
need not be empty, vulnerable, nor powerless ever again.***

Maren C Tirabassi and Joan Jordan Grant,

*Hymn of response *Come, thou fount* **HWB 521**

Communion *We remember you* (Dearman) Chancel Choir

Offering dedication prayer

Offertory *The old hundredth* (Walther) Verlene Garber, organ

Hymn of dedication *Praise God from whom* **HWB 119**
verse B

Prayer of God's people

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* **STS 57**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* (Walther)
Verlene Garber, organ

*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.

**Today: Listening Circles will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday
school hour to process how learnings about accountability and care for those
who offend sexually are reflected in our proposed policy.**

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.

•**The next sexual violence survivors' listening circle has been rescheduled**
for Tues., March 3, 7pm. in the Agape Center at Richert House (across the
street from BCMC).

The Next Week at BCMC: March 1—March 8, 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020

10:30 am Fellowship time in the Gathering Place

10:50 am Faith Formation—Sunday school elective 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**—Will attend elective in Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 2

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

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

7:00 pm Facilities Committee—Fellowship Hall

7-9 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 3

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

2:30 pm Caregivers Support Group—Rm 14

7:00 pm Creation Care Committee—Rm 14

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

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 Journey Club—Rm B8; Junior High Club—Rm 26

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

Thursday, March 5

7-9 pm Newton Chorale Rehearsal—Sanctuary **7:00 pm** Church Board—Rm 14

Saturday, March 7

1-4 pm Newton Chorale Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 8—Lent 2

9:30 am Worship: sermon by Nathan Koontz—music: Junior and Cherub Choir

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

2:30 pm Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association—Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

Receiving hospital care this week: Eldine Harder, Newton Medical Center.

Staff: Pastor Nathan Koontz will be attending a Transition into Leadership weekend Feb. 28-Mar. 1. Pastor Renee Reimer will be out of the office from Feb. 28-March 6 attending a Transition into Leadership weekend learning program and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Pastors and Leaders week in Indiana.

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 8, is the second Sunday in Lent. The lectionary texts for the coming Sunday are: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9.

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

As pastor of faith formation, Renee is working with a group of folks to form a new small group together. Right now, this group of folks are finding ways to plug into the life of church through service and fellowship. During the next several months, this group will be gathering for monthly meals outside of Sunday morning. If you or someone you know is looking for a way to plug into BCMC and gather with other young(er) adults, please let Pastor Renee know! Our first community meal gathering will be **Sun., March 8, beginning at 5 pm** in Renee's home.



It's Supper Time at BCMC! March 4, 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., Mar. 2. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

Meal reservation(s) for March 4

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

In the Gathering Place we are featuring art by Kent Sheriff who died last October. Kent enjoyed experimenting with objects from nature by creating many colored layers. He took art classes at Bethel College and enjoyed sharing his work with others. Thank you, Michelle, for making Kent's works available for all of us to enjoy.

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.

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.*

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk, March 7, 7:30 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.

“Secrets of an Inner World,” miniature painting by Ayesha Durrani, March 9—March 13 (one week only) – Regier Art Gallery, Bethel College; weekday hours 9 am-5 pm. **Artist talk by Ayesha Durrani, followed by a reception for “Secrets of an Inner World,” March 10, 7 pm,** Administration Building chapel and Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

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

- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah 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. Call or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.
- **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 today at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, 4-6 pm. 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.

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, today, 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.

Life Enrichment Mar. 4, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College

9:30 am *Songs and Stories of Peace, Hope, and Justice*, Tony Brown

10:35 am *A Journey back to the family farm*, Jason Schmidt

11:30 pm *The fall of the Berlin Wall*, Mark Jantzen

You are invited to celebrate the past and anticipate the future at the 100th annual meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc., March 6, 7 pm, at Kauffman Museum. During the business meeting editor Paul Schrag will announce the name of the new, independent journalistic ministry that will begin in September with the merger of MWR and The Mennonite. At 7:45 he will present “100 Years of Newsprint: A Century of Mennonite Publishing,” the story of the nonprofit company that publishes MWR.

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.

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.

February 23 at BCMC: Attendance 236. General Fund \$6,041.05; Living Stones \$40; Women's Fellowship \$611; Wed. Supper \$808; Plant Fund \$50; Adult Choir \$10; Coffee \$6.

The KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE is April 17-18:

- **Sign up to donate baked goods or to volunteer at the sale** starting Sunday, March 15, under the balcony after worship, OR
 - **Sign up to volunteer at the sale online** NOW at www.kansas.mccsale.org/ volunteer. Currently online signup is available for New Year Cookies, Plants and Things, and Feeding the Multitude Friday and Saturday.
 - **Run for Relief** registration forms are on the church bulletin board, due by April 1.
 - **Quilts and comforters made by BCMC members** will be displayed at the back of the sanctuary March 15, and delivered to the Mennonite Central Committee Center the following day.
 - **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

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.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group meets March 3 at 2 pm. Shana Gatschet, an occupational therapist who is dedicated to those with Parkinson's Disease and their families, will present the program. All are invited.

Everence Webinar Mar. 4, 2 and 8 pm, EST: A comparison between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plans. For info and to register: www.everence.com/national

Everence hosts a workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, in North Newton 6:30 pm, Mar. 10 and in Hutchinson, 6:30 pm, Mar. 12. Learn about Medicare plans and coverage; plans that supplement Medicare; enrollment details and deadlines. Workshop is free; space is limited. Reserve a spot with Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The new Mennonite Mission Network *Mission Mosaic Prayer Directory* is available in the Gathering Place. Help yourself to a copy.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and MMN, partner agencies, praise God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope it gives to 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read. Pray that leaders will be given the resources they need to continue this work.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC commissions as they meet in the coming month to nurture ministries of leadership, church planting, congregational resourcing and stewardship in the conference.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's Creation Care Committee as it seeks to encourage and resource our congregation on issues related to creation care and climate change.

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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, Day off : Monday—Phone: 316-283-3667

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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