

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**March 15, 2020 — Lent 3— 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 *Be thou my vision* (Ashdown) Verlene Garber, organ

Call to worship, prayer Matthew Schloneger

\*Hymn of praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **HWB 37**  
(verse 4 in unison)  
(children come forward during the hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Children's conversation Jeanette Stucky

Scripture reading John 4:1-42 Joe and Lillian Peters

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

Sermon *Gathering at the well* Dawn Yoder Harms

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of grace (read by congregation)

***The wells of salvation have been offered to us. We will drink deeply  
of God's love and find healing, hope, and joy.***

\*Hymn of response *O let all who thirst* **HWB 495**

Offering dedication prayer

Offertory *Wondrous Love* (arr. Stearns)  
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 *Lobe den Herren* 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.

**Staff:** Pastor Renee Reimer will be out of the office March 14-20; Pastor  
Nathan Koontz will be out of the office March 16-18.

**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.

## The Next Week at BCMC: March 15—March 22, 2020

### Sunday, March 15, 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—Lectionary texts for Lent
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*What are you reading?*
- **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—Sermon and other topics
- **Sojourners**—*Home churches: Buhler-Inman* (Eldine Harder, Dorothy Harder, Howard Lohrentz); *Brethren in Christ* (Alma Shelly); *Lutheran* (Marlene Faul)

### Monday, March 16

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

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

### Tuesday, March 17—Women’s Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

**2:00 pm** Circle 2—Will not be meeting

**3:00 pm** Circle 1—Will not be meeting

**4:00 pm** Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm 14

**7:00 pm** Circle 3—Lois Brubacher’s, 6307 N. Hillside Rd., Walton

**7:00 pm** Circle 4—MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton

### Wednesday, March 18

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

**6:00 pm** Wednesday Evening Supper—Fellowship Hall

**7:30 pm** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

**8:30 pm** Chancel Bells—Rm B7

### Thursday, March 19

**2:30 pm** Bereavement Group—Rm 14

**3:00 pm** Witness Commission—Rm B7

### Sunday, March 22

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

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

**10:50 am** Faith Formation

**BCMC responding to the COVID 19 Virus:** We strongly encourage you to stay home if you are not feeling well, are coughing, sneezing, have a fever, or your health is compromised in some way. We also encourage you to adopt alternate greeting forms and refrain from shaking hands and hugging. BCMC leadership is listening closely to community partners regarding appropriate response and we will be sure to let you know if church services and activities are cancelled. Thank you for doing your part to help our community reduce the spread of COVID 19!

**Next Sunday, March 22, is the fourth Sunday in Lent.** The lectionary texts are: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

**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.

**Receiving hospital care this week:** Alice Suderman, Newton Medical Center; Judy Kliewer, KU Medical Center, Kansas City.

**My family and I wish to express our sincere thanks** to the congregation for the prayers, visits, cards, gifts, and other gestures of love and compassion that you showered upon Carolyn (and her family) during the long illness and finally her recent passing away. To us these were symbols of Christian confidence, hope and love, and we are very appreciative of your sympathy and support. ~ *Omar Voran and Family*

**March 8 at BCMC:** Attendance: 205. General Fund \$3,119.35; Living Stones \$130; Wed. Supper \$255; Sr Hi Youth \$100; Flower Fund \$14; Transfer-Funeral \$240.17; Coffee \$14; Carolyn Voran Mem. \$300.



**It’s Supper Time at BCMC! March 18, 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. 16

Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

### **Meal reservation(s) for March 18**

Number attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**We offer sympathy to** Steve and Kathryn Simmons on the death of Steve's mother, Lora Mae Fencil Simmons, Newton, March 9. There will be a visitation on Mar. 15, 1-5 pm at Petersen Funeral Home; the service is Mar. 16, 2 pm at Petersen Funeral Home.

**We offer sympathy to** Karen and Larry Penner on the death of Karen's brother, Gilbert W. Suderman, Hillsboro, March 10. The memorial service will be March 19, 11 am at Ebenfeld Mennonite Brethren Church, Hillsboro. Visitation with the family present will be at Jost Funeral Home, Hillsboro, March 18, 6 to 8 pm.

**While the elevator is not working**, the Hospitality Commission would like to provide wheelchair rides from the south door and front ramp, for Sunday morning worship, beginning March 22, at 9 am. Rides will be available after the service and Sunday School also. Several wheelchairs will be provided (or bring your own.) If you are interested and willing to provide assistance with pushing wheelchairs during the coming months, please contact the church office.

**BCMC Women's Fellowship Spring Fling** (for women and girls) Apr. 14, 6 pm will be a celebration of Weddings Now and Then. A program featuring wedding gowns modeled or displayed will follow a light supper. Please celebrate with us by sharing a wedding gown meaningful to you. Contact Lois Brubacher (loisbrubacher@yahoo.com or 620-837-3281) by March 17 or inform your circle leader at your March 17 meeting if you wish to model or display a gown. Reservations are due by April 7 with Lois Goertzen. Cost is \$10.00 payable at the door.

**Mark your calendars for April 1. Baskets for Bethel**, our 4th annual fund raiser for BCMC Bethel student scholarships, will be held in Fellowship Hall beginning around 6:20 after Wednesday night supper. Hear from Bethel students and win Bethel prizes by shooting free throws from our moveable free throw line! We invite participants of all ages, from preschool on up. Join us for the fun! ~ *Margaret Toews for Education and Service Scholarship Comm.*

**You are invited to share an Easter lily** for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, Apr. 12. The Worship Decoration Committee will purchase lilies. To contribute, fill out the section below; attach payment of \$7.00 per lily, place in offering plate or bring to church office by Mar. 29. Make checks to BCMC designated "Flower Fund." Contact Carol Buller, 283-6157 for more information. Contributors may pick up lilies to take home after the Easter worship service.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Enrichment for March 18 at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College has been cancelled.**

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

- **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.
- **Camp is looking for three two-word phrases** that represent the important parts of Camp Mennoscah to you. The best combination of phrases will become our camp tee. One (generic) example would be Sing loudly, Play hard, Love God. Send your phrases to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org
- **Dam installation** at Camp is March 22, 2 pm. Watch the process or help. Watch the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page for any changes.

• **Bethel College announcements:**

- **Today, Mar. 15 is the last day to view** "City of Hope: Rand the 1968 Poor People's Campaign," a Smithsonian traveling exhibit, 1:30-4:30 pm, Kauffman Museum
- **In the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center** : "Forthcoming," works by David Long, March 16-April 3. Regular gallery hours are 9 am -5 pm weekdays, 2-4 pm Sundays (hours may change for Bethel College spring break, March 22-29).

**The next Everence webinar** is Mar. 18, 2 and 8 pm ES Donor Advised Fund to make a positive impact on the charitable causes in which you are interested.

**The Loss of Turtle Island**, March 22, 5:30-7:30 pm, at First Church of the Brethren 1103 Jefferson St. Wichita, KS 67203. Presenters: Lois Harder and Michael Unruh. This participatory experience highlights the relationship between European settlers and indigenous or Native Americans and land justice.

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

- **Look at the quilts and comforters made by BCMC members** at the back of the sanctuary today. They will be delivered to the MCC Center tomorrow.
  - **Sign up to donate baked goods or to volunteer at the sale** at the table under the balcony after worship today, or any Sunday through April 12. Also sign up to volunteer online for New Year Cookies, Plants and Things, and Feeding the Multitude Fri. and Sat. at [www.kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer).
  - **Handcrafted items made by BCMC members** will be displayed April 5. Bring your woodwork, sewn items, needlework, and other creations that Sunday, or arrange with our liaisons for pickup in advance.
  - **Run for Relief** registration forms on the church bulletin board, due Apr. 1.
  - **Tractors and cars** have been donated. Check the website and Facebook to see what will be available.
  - **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

**Join Mennonite Central Committee Central States in their first Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour**, May 25-29, inviting young adults to South Texas. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and biblical/theological significance of migration in border communities. Grants may be available to participants with financial need. For registration or grant info, contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org). Registration Deadline April 1.

**We Own This Now**, a Ted and Company play explores The Doctrine of Discovery which justified the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. This show benefits the Kanza Heritage Society. Two performances: **April 19, 7 pm**, University United Methodist Church, 2220 N Yale Ave, Wichita-sponsored by Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church and Mennonite Church of the Servant of Wichita, KS, WDC, and others) **April 26, 4 pm**, Flaming Performing Arts Center, Tabor College, Hillsboro - sponsored by First Mennonite Church and Trinity Mennonite Church and Tabor College, Hillsboro and Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, and MCC Central States, and WDC. Tickets: Adults \$20 donation (or pay what you can), Students \$10 donation (or pay what you can), Indigenous people attend at no cost. Get tickets electronically at <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/UFxoCrkBgVt8LJ4Xf7z06J?domain=first-church-of-the-brethren.square.site>, or get paper tickets through a sponsoring church or organization. For questions, contact Kathy Neufeld Dunn at 316-283-6300.

## Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** The first professors and administrative personnel to serve Benin Bible Institute when it opened its doors in 1994 are nearing retirement age. MMN requests prayer for the next generation of teachers and administrators to respond to God's call, and the resources to train them.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregations in Dallas, TX, as they gather this coming Saturday for a joint worship service and fellowship.

**This congregation:** Pray for our community as we work together to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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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

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

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**Associate Pastor for Faith Formation:** Renee Reimer, Day off: Friday—Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 605-212-0081; Email: [renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:renee@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)

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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