

Bethel College Mennonite Church
March 8, 2020 — Lent 2— 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 *Five Mystical Songs, #3* (R. Vaughan Williams)
Pat Friesen, piano

Call to worship, prayer Renee Reimer

*Hymns of praise *Blessed Jesus, at your word* **HWB 13**
Immortal, invisible, God only wise **HWB 70**
(children come forward during the second hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Kathy Stucky

Worship Music *For God so loved us* (MWB 167)
Junior and Cherub Choir; Mara Oswald, soloist;
William Eash, Director; LaVera Schrag, accompanist

Kingdom Report: Anti-Racism Training Tim Hodge, Ben Gering

Scripture reading John 3:1-17 Lily Schloneger

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

Sermon *Night and day* Nathan Koontz

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of grace (read by congregation)
***O God, you are the Light, and whatever we bring to the light springs
eternal. Free us from our fears that we may trust you. Amen.***

*Hymn of response *I want to walk as a child of the light* **STJ 95**

Offering dedication prayer

Offertory *Houston* by (Kathleen Thomerson; arr. Gregory Hamilton)

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

Prayer of God's people

SENDING

*Sending hymn *Move in our midst* **HWB 418**

*Benediction

*Benediction response *Immortal, Invisible* (arr. Roger Hellwege)

**At the close of the service, please be seated for safety
preparedness information presented by Doug Harms,
Facilities Committee chair**

*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 Next Week at BCMC: March 8—March 15, 2020

Sunday, March 8, 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—Lectionary texts for Lent
- **Catacombs**—Rm B5—*What is “Stephen Ministry?”* by Mary and Homer Goering
- **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**—*A conversation with Associate Pastor Renee Reimer*

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

7:00 pm Newton Chorale Concert—Sanctuary

Monday, March 9

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

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

2:00 pm Hospitality Commission—Rm 14

4:00 pm Staff Congregation Relations Committee—Rm B7

4:30 pm Springs Forth Board Meeting—Rm 21

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 am Staff worship planning —Rm 14

5:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Task Force Group—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 12

4:30 pm Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

7:00 pm Finance Committee—Rm 14

Friday, March 13

10:00 am Schowalter Villa Coffee for BCMC members/friends living at the Villa

Saturday, March 14

11:00 am Memorial service for Maurine Hean—Sanctuary

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Sunday, March 15—Lent 3

9:30 am Worship: sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms, music by Chancel Choir

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

Next Sunday, March 15, is the third Sunday in Lent. The lectionary texts are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

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

The memorial service for Maurine Hean (Maurine died Jan. 23) will be Saturday, Mar. 14, 11 am, at BCMC.

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.

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.

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



It’s Supper Time at BCMC! March 11, 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. 9. Cost is \$5/person or \$15/family per meal. **Please bring your own table service.**

Meal reservation(s) for March 11

Number attending meal _____ Name: _____

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 Newton Chorale presents their annual concert, *A Prelude to Spring*, today, March 8, at 7 pm in the BCMC sanctuary. The concert features *Heavenly Hurt* (music by Alice Parker to poems by Emily Dickinson) and several other works. All are welcome.

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 **today, March 8, beginning at 5 pm** in Renee's home.

Bethel College announcements:

- **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, Luyken Fine Arts Center; tickets in Thresher Shop 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.*
- **“Secrets of an Inner World,” miniature painting by Ayesha Durrani, March 9—March 13 (one week only)** – Regier Art Gallery, Bethel College; week-day 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.
- **Matthew Garber senior voice recital, March 14, 3 pm,** Administration Building chapel at Bethel College



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: _____

In memory of: _____

Dr. James Juhnke will be the speaker today, 2:30 pm, at the 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.

Life Enrichment Mar. 11, 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

March 1 at BCMC: Attendance 204. General Fund \$15,588.39; Living Stones \$255; Wed. supper \$353; Transfer-SS \$70; Coffee \$14.

In the last issue of *The Kaleidoscope*, the article on Duane Friesen’s 80th birthday should have been attributed to *Kaleidoscope* editor, Pat Friesen.

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.

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.
- **Youth Volunteer Weekend** is March 13-14, for grades 7—graduating seniors. Registration is through the summer youth camp registration.
- **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

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** displayed at the back of the sanctuary March 15, and delivered to the MCC Center the next day.
- **Handcrafted items made by BCMC members** displayed April 5. Please bring your woodwork, sewn item, needlework, and other creations that Sunday, or arrange with our liaisons for pickup in advance.
- **My Coins Count** continues through April 12. Anyone may drop quarters in the Coin Tower in the Gathering Place. Adults, put your coins (and bills) in the jar in your Sunday School room or in the Gathering Place. Children will return their coin-filled bottles during worship April 5.
- **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

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

The next Everence webinar is Mar. 11, 2 and 8 pm EST: Explore the discipline and grace of contentment. Share ways to live in the freedom of enough, rather than the anxiety of too much or too little.

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, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. Some grants may be available to interested participants with financial need. For registration or to inquire about a grant, contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, abbyendashaw@mcc.org. Final Registration Deadline April 1, 2020.

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Rebekah York of MMN is serving at Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia. Pray for her as she helps prepare young leaders and provides continuing education opportunities for seasoned church leaders.

Western District Conference: Pray for special speaker Patty Shelly and women who gather for the Western District Women in Mission Spring supper this Thursday evening at Faith Mennonite Church.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC’s Facilities Committee as it tends to the stewardship of BCMC’s building, grounds, and equipment. (Members of the Facilities Committee are: Doug Harms, Ron Peters, Ron Preheim, Steve Schurr, Lowell Stucky, and Monica Lichti, staff liaison; and Mike Crawford, custodian.)

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 Pastoral Care: Nathan Koontz, Days off: Monday and Wednesday—Phone: 316-283-3667; cell phone: 316-212-4593

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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