

Staff Absences for the coming weeks

Pastor Renee Reimer will be gone from September 3 to 7
Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be gone from September 6-10
Pastor Nathan Koontz will be gone from September 10-12

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two sons, are preparing to serve in Calais, France, with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources for them to join the team that offers shelter to African and Middle Eastern people who are seeking temporary refuge before entering the United Kingdom.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for God’s wisdom and joy for WDC staff members as they seek to encourage congregations and leaders in ministry.

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 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 is closed 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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Bethel College Mennonite Church
August 29, 2021



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.

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

August 22, 2021

Prelude	<i>Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now</i> (Walther) <i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> (arr. Johnson)	Verlene Garber, organ
Christ Candle Lighting		Dawn Yoder Harms
Call to Worship and Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us</i>	VT 1
Children’s Conversation		Megan Kohlman
Recognition of BCMC Joining Supportive Communities Network		Leann Toews
Scripture Reading	Micah 3:5, 9-10; 6:6-8	Karen Ediger
Sermon	<i>Such a Marvelous Business</i>	Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>God Is Working This Purpose Out</i>	VT 770
Prayers of God’s people		
*Hymn	<i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>The Old Hundredth</i> (Pachelbel)	

VT = Voices Together

Audio visual: Ben Lichti

Pastors: Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

Leann Toews will be using the following terms in her presentation in abbreviated form.

BMC: Brethren, Mennonite Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Interests

SCN: Supportive Communities Network

GLBTQ persons will be referred to as "Queer" rather than delineated groups.

Supportive Communities Network

Supportive Communities Network (SCN) is a program of Brethren, Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Interests (BMC). After a time of education about SCN and a congregational survey conducted by the Inclusion Task Group on behalf of the Church Board completed in March of 2021, results showed overwhelming support for BCMC to join SCN. The Church Board affirmed the congregational results on April 9, and soon thereafter joined SCN on behalf of BCMC. Today we celebrate and recognize this relationship with Leann Toews presenting on behalf of SCN.

Banner: The Rainbow Flies into the Prairie Bearing Gifts

Austin Prouty was asked to design a banner for today's recognition of BCMC joining Supportive Communities Network. Regarding the banner Austin writes, "The Rainbow Flies into the Prairie Bearing Gifts. The journey hasn't been smooth, but it's the uncertainties, the fluctuations, the lived experience that allow its true brilliance to shine. New challenges surely loom in the distance, and the trek is ongoing. But light has started touching the land, and there is hope on the horizon." We thank Austin for this wonderful gift as we visualize opening to the rainbow's flight and gifts.

This week at BCMC

Monday, August 30

8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2 pm to 3 pm Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 31

7 pm Reopening Church Task Force

Wednesday, September 1

8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2 pm to 3 pm Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

3 pm Advent Planning—Room 14

4:30 pm Visual Arts Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 2

7 pm Church Board Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 3

8 am to 10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2 pm to 3 pm Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 6—Labor Day

Church will be locked; office closed for the Labor Day Holiday

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