

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community and contributing to environmental restoration.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Give thanks for God's faithfulness, goodness and generosity, and the many ways that WDC congregations share these gifts so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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 hours: 9 am—12:00 pm Mon—Fri; 1:00 —5 pm Mon—Thur
 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
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 Custodian: Michael Crawford—day off Tuesday
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 Chancel Choir Director: William Eash Menno Singers Director: Virginia Mininger
 Chancel Bells Director: Suzanne Burch

Bethel College Mennonite Church November 21, 2021

A Service of Gratitude

Prelude	<i>Cello Concerto in D minor (Lalo)</i>	Caleb Garber cellist, Lisa Schmidt pianist
Christ Candle Lighting		Nathan Koontz
Introit	VT #9 <i>Come Away from Rush and Hurry</i> - vs. 1	Chancel Choir William Eash, director; Verlene Garber accompanist
Welcome		
*Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	VT 114
Children's Conversation		Megan Kohlman
Worship Music	<i>Do Not Fear</i> (Fred Gramann)	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Psalm 118:1-9; 22-29	Vern Preheim
Sermon	<i>Gratitude in the Midst of Grief</i>	Renee Reimer
*Hymn	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You Lord</i>	VT 131
Prayers of God's people		Nathan Koontz
*Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	VT 419
Benediction		Renee Reimer
Benediction Response	VT #839 <i>Go Ye Now in Peace</i>	congregation join the choir on the second singing of verse A

VT = Voices Together

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.

Audio visual—Ken Lamp

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

The church nursery is staffed during worship and Sunday School

Children and youth Sunday School classes! 10:30-11:30 am.

Preschoolers - Room B4 Middlers (3rd-8th graders) - Room 26

High School - Room 24

Koinonia (college students welcome!) - The Agape House

The Agape Class will meet in Room B8

Adult Classes (If meeting): Bible Study (Rm 14); Catacombs (Rm B5);

Fellowship (B7); Fine Arts (Rm 22); Issues and Christianity (Rm 23); Mosaic (Rm

20); Open Circle (Rm 21); Seekers (Rm 28); Sojourners (Chapel)

This week at BCMC

Monday, November 22

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

10 am Library Committee Meeting in Room 14

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 23

9—11 am Community Playschool

Wednesday, November 24—No choir practices tonight or Youth Group

Thursday, November 25—Thanksgiving Day—Church closed—

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 26—Office Closed; Church Locked

Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

Today at 10:45 am the congregation will hold a special hybrid congregational meeting to vote on the proposed “Abuse Prevention and Response Policy”. This meeting’s sole purpose is to vote on the proposed policy, there will not be a time of discussion during this meeting. Paper ballots will be available for in-person attenders and zoom attenders will be able to vote via the zoom poll option.

Gifts Discernment Survey-Sharing Our Gifts

As a way of gathering up our gifts, skills, and talents for this kin-dom work, BCMC’s Gifts Discernment Committee (GDC) invites you, whatever your age, to consider the gifts you would like to share with the congregation (and beyond) by completing BCMC’s Sharing Our Gifts Survey by **November 28, 2021.**

Paper copies are on the table in the Gathering Place.

The Deacons Commission is working on a “Thinking of You” campaign for people who are isolated due to COVID and other health concerns. For the next few Sundays, we will have a table at the back of the sanctuary with pages for your comments to members of our church whom we haven’t been able to see for a while. Please stop by and write a short greeting or sign your name to let them know we are thinking about them. For those of you who are unable to attend worship but can stop by the church during the week, these letters will be in the library during the week for anyone to write a note before we send them out. Thank you! — Deacon Commission

We offer sympathy to Willis Harder and family on the death of Willis’ brother, Donald C. Harder, Nov. 9, Wheat State Manor, Whitewater.

Pastor Renee is collecting empty shoe boxes (or similar size boxes) for a church Advent project. If you have any you’d be willing to donate, please leave them on the back pew of the sanctuary (by the nursery).

The Koinonia Sunday School class is looking for breakfast goodies for the next 5 Sundays. Please contact Pastor Renee if you’d like to bring something on one of those Sundays.

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You are invited to participate in the ministry at BCMC by discerning a financial commitment for 2022. To indicate the contributions you plan to make to the general budget and Living Stones in 2022, please complete the online intent form (<https://flinthillsdesign.wufoo.com/forms/bcmcxpress-2022-intent-to-give/>) by **December 3, 2021.** If you would like a paper copy of the intent form or budget narrative, email or come to the church office.

Staff Schedules: Pastor Nathan Koontz will be gone from Nov. 23-28. Pastor Renee Reimer will be gone from Nov. 24-27.

Helen Bargaen's 90th birthday is on November 26! Her family invites you to participate in a card shower to help her celebrate. You can send cards to:

Helen Bargaen

3054 Ivy Ct. Rm 32-S

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Bethel College Announcement

Mon., Nov. 22 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble Winter Concert, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.