

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Alfonsina and José Oyanguren have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches in the Argentine Chaco since 2004, serving through a partnership that includes the Argentina Mennonite Church, Mennonite Mission Network and congregations in Ohio. Pray for them and their children as they build relationships and promote Indigenous languages and cultures.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for pastors, musicians, worship leaders and teachers who guide WDC congregations in celebrating the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

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

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—day off Tuesday

Music Coordinators: Barbara Thiesen and Verlene Garber

Chancel Choir Director: William Eash Menno Singers Director: Virginia Mininger

Chancel Bells Director: Suzanne Burch

Staff Schedule: Pastor Nathan Koontz will be gone from Nov. 23-28.

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

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent



ADVENT SUNDAY 1
Dare to imagine God's goodness

Prelude

BCMC Vocal ensemble VT 210 *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*
VT 216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
VT 218 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
VT 269 *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship John Waltner

Advent Candle Lighting Simon Hodge

Leader: We light a candle of hope.

And we imagine:

People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

Hope is a Candle [Verse 1] VT 211

Confession and Assurance

Leader: Trees grow silently—
from deep inside—energy is released.

Branches reach for the light.

People can grow silently, too.

People: We confess that all too often we stifle the growth

God inspires deep inside of us,

preferring the immediate, the good enough, the comfortable.

Leader: In Advent—O God—cause us to get up, lean forward, and extend
our gaze.

**People: Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring up,
will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.**

(silence)

*Hymn *Bless'd be the God of Israel* VT 223

Hearing God's Word

Children's Conversation Carol Flickinger

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16 Margaret Goering

Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon *Hopeful Waiting* Dawn Yoder Harms

Responding

*Hymn of Response *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* VT 237

Communion

Prayers of God's People John Waltner

Sending

Sending Song *Go, My Friends, In Grace*

VT 810

Benediction

Postlude (please remain seated)

BCMC Vocal Ensemble: Cynthia Linscheid, Virginia Mininger, Susie Swartley, Barbara Thiesen, Ron Garber, Dave Linscheid, Vern Preheim, Aaron Tschetter.

Thank you to the Worship Decoration Committee: Judy Friesen, Kathy Stucky, Susie Swartley, and Brenda Turner.

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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 29

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 30

9—11 am Community Playschool

7 pm Abuse Prevention and Response Committee—by Zoom

Wednesday, December 1

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary

2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary

6:45 pm Menno Singers—Fellowship Hall

7 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 2

4 pm Funeral Committee Meeting—Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Church Board Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

4-6 pm Creche Making in Fellowship Hall