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Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Orodara region, where many of Burkina Faso's Mennonites live. Foreign-sponsored guerilla fighters are making it difficult for people to go to work and for children to attend school. Pray for the Mennonites' peace witness, for the families of the more than 1,500 people who have died and for the more than 1.3 million displaced people in Burkina Faso.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for generous financial support for WDC and its congregations, to help meet ministry and budget goals for this year.

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

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Bethel College Mennonite Church

December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent



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.

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ADVENT SUNDAY 3— Dare to imagine

Prelude
 Jude Oswald, flute
 Miles Brubacher, piano
 Emerson Gering, piano
 Naomi Koontz, piano
 Emma Gering and Maisie Brubacher, violins
 Lucy Burch, flute
 Abby Koontz, piano
 Lily Schloneger, violin
 Menno Singers

Gathering

Creche(sessional) Preschool Sunday School

Welcome and Call to Worship Lincoln Kohlman and Brett Gaeddert

Advent Candle Lighting Brett Gaeddert and Lincoln Kohlman

Leader: We light a candle of joy. And we imagine:

People: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not fear!

Leader: We light a candle and join in God’s song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

*Hymn *Hope is a Candle* (Verses 1, 2, and 4) VT 211
 (Menno Singers Verses 1 and 2; Congregation join on Verse 4)

Worship Music *Obey my Voice*
 What Does the Lord Require of You Menno Singers

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 Maisie Brubacher

Children’s Conversation Esther Eash

*Hymn *Oh, How Joyfully* VT 254

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:4-6 Brett Gaeddert
 Luke 3:7-18 Collin Gaeddert & Addison Zerger

Skit *The Most Important Person at the Nativity* Sr High Sunday School

Responding

*Hymn *Joy to the World* VT 240

Prayers of God’s People Renee Reimer

Benediction Collin Gaeddert

*Benediction Sung Response *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT 847

VT = Voices Together

Worship leaders—Middler Sunday School Class
 Keyboardist—Mary Ann Boschmann
 Audio visual—Francis Toews
 Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms
 Menno Singers Director—Virginia Mininger
 Menno Singer Accompanists—Mary Ann Boschmann, piano; Esther Koontz, cello;
 Rebecca Schloneger, violin

Skit Participants In Order of Appearance: Elisabeth Friesen, Alice Claassen, Justin Zerger, Simon Koontz, Ani Koontz, Adah Hodge, Payne Claassen, Katherine Friesen, Simon Hodge, and Lucy Burch

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 (Chapel); Seekers (Rm 28)

This week at BCMC

Monday, December 13

5 pm Faith Formation Commission meeting at Renee Reimer’s home
 5:45 pm Suzuki rehearsal in Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 15

8—10 am Bethel College Classes in the Sanctuary
 2—3 pm Bethel College Class in the Sanctuary
 6:45 pm Menno Singers rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
 7 pm Youth Group in Room 24
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, December 16

4 pm Witness Commission meeting in Room 14
 6:30 pm Chancel Bells rehearsal in Room B7

Friday, December 17

7 pm Suzuki Concert in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:30 am Faith Formation