

Bethel College Mennonite Church
December 26, 2021

Advent Banners and Decorations—We wish to express a deep thanks to all who have helped with advent visuals this year! The Worship Decorations Committee has wonderfully transformed our sanctuary as we prepare for Jesus' birth. We wish to express a specific thanks to Josh Brubacher and Matt Koontz for hanging new banners each week during the advent season. As we progress toward the birth of Jesus on Christmas, the light grows stronger and stronger. The progression of the advent banners, our candle lighting, and other visual elements all mark our movement towards the Light.

The Advent Candle Lighting reading and the Confession and Assurance is from *Leader Magazine*, Mennonite Church USA.

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Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Linda Beachy, who is in the middle of her year-long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Western District Conference Prayer Request: Pray for pastors, chaplains and other ministers in WDC, that they would experience God's renewed strength and hope for ministry in the New 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

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, Day off : Monday—Phone: 316-283-3667

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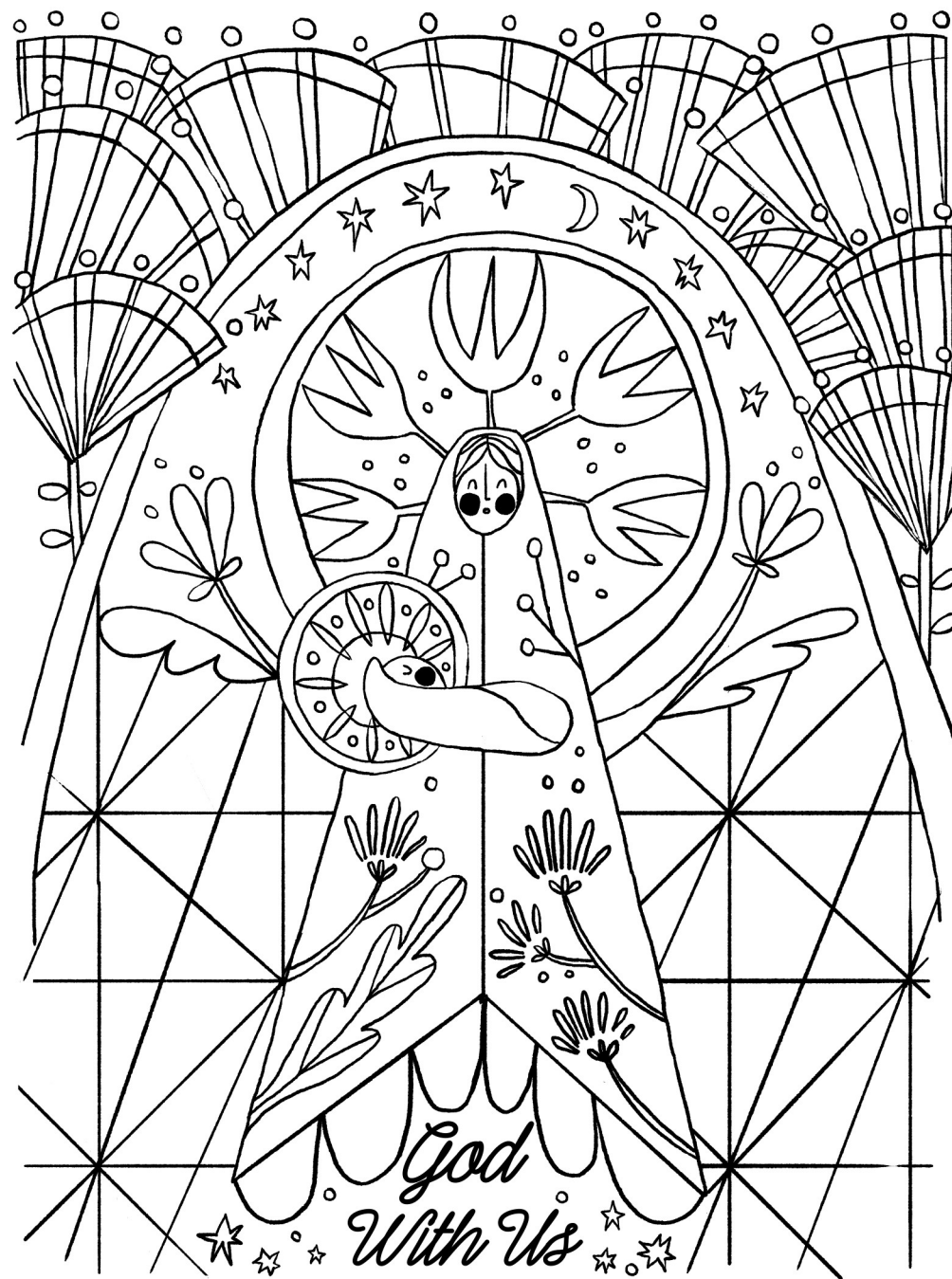
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Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit,
to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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Christmas 1: Dare to Imagine

Responding

			*Hymn	<i>Love Has Come</i>	VT 258
Prelude		Mark Kreider	Kingdom Report		Elizabeth Schmidt
	Gathering		Prayers of God's People		Dawn Yoder Harms
*Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	VT 241	*Hymn	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	VT 252
Welcome and Call to Worship		Renee Reimer	Benediction		Dawn Yoder Harms
Worship Music	<i>Sonata in F Major</i>	Arcangelo Corelli Mark Kreider and Andrew Thiesen	Postlude		Mark Kreider
Advent Candle Lighting		Ani Koontz	VT = <i>Voices Together</i>		
Leader: We light the Christ candle and we welcome new life.			Audio visual: Ben Lichti		
People: Hurry, hurry, sing the glory! Imagine that...we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.			Pastors: Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms		
			There will be no children's or youth Sunday school today The nursery is open but not staffed today.		
Hymn	<i>Hope is a Candle</i> verses 1-5	VT 211	This week at BCMC		
Confessions and Assurance		Renee Reimer	Monday, December 27—Office will be closed; church locked		
	Hearing God's Word		Tuesday, December 28—Friday, December 31—Office will be closed		
*Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	VT 247	January 2, 2022 - Epiphany Sunday		
Children's Conversation		Renee Reimer	9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms		
*Hymn	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	VT 243	3-5 p.m. Farewell for Dawn Yoder Harms		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 148	Renee Reimer	A come and go farewell reception for Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms will be held Sunday, January 2, from 3-5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Masks will be required. Cards may be placed in the box provided near the mailboxes, brought to the reception, or mailed to the church.		
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	VT 240	January 3, 2022 The church office and building will be closed to provide the holiday (since January 1, 2022 is a Saturday) for the church staff.		
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:12-17	Bill Swartley	Menno Ringers (bells for youth in grades 3rd-8th) will take place on Wednesdays from 7-7:45 pm beginning January 5th and going through February 23rd. Interested youth can join in on their first rehearsal in room B7 on January 5th!		
*Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	VT 261	As we are in the holiday season that brings joy with the promise of new life and love birthed into our world, there is also grief as we miss those who have passed from this world in 2021. In order to recognize and mourn the loss of our loved ones from 2021, Bethel College Mennonite Church is hosting a service of Remembrance on January 9 at 4 pm, in the BCMC sanctuary.		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:21-40	Dawn Yoder Harms			