

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 WDC staff in the coming year, as they work to support ministers and church leaders, equip congregations with resources, and encourage church planting initiatives and partnerships.

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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Chancel Bells Director: Verlene Garber

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2022

Farewell to Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms

GATHERING

Prelude *People Look East* (Wold) Verlene Garber, organ
Rise Up, Shepherd (Osterland)

Introit *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* [VT 9] Chancel Choir
William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Land Acknowledgment Dale Schrag
Welcome and Prayer
**Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* (Verse 4 in unison) VT 98

HEARING

Scripture reading Isaiah 60:1-3 Dale Schrag
**Arise, Your Light is Come!* VT 273

Children’s Conversation Matthew 2:1-12
Doug and Dawn Yoder Harms and others

Reflection *Seeking the Light* Dawn Yoder Harms
**Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* VT 275

RESPONDING

Litany of Blessing and Release Elizabeth Schmidt and
Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, BCMC Church Board; Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Western District
Conference; Dawn Yoder Harms, Pastor

This Day We Say Grateful (Jan Richardson) Ada Schmidt-Tieszen

Prayers of God’s people Dale Schrag

SENDING

Go, My Friends, in Grace VT 810

Blessing Dawn Yoder Harms

Choral Blessing *Gaelic Blessing* (John Rutter) Chancel Choir

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.

Worship visuals—Worship Decoration Committee

Audio visual—Ben Lichti

Pastors—Renee Reimer, Nathan Koontz, Dawn Yoder Harms

Litany of Release and Blessing

Congregational Moderator: As the family of faith at Bethel College Mennonite Church, today we give thanks, Dawn, for your five years of ministry among us. We bid you farewell, and we ask God to bless our journeys ahead – yours and this congregation’s work to move forward.

Congregation: All praise be to our God. In God there is one Body, one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us all.

Dawn: We have shared worship and work, laughter and learning through both difficult and joy-filled times. We have met over coffee, at the hospital, over Zoom, and under the oak tree on the BCMC lawn. We have shared many sacred life moments together.

Incoming Congregational Moderator: This is a time of mixed emotions: sadness, joy, loss, and thankfulness. As we say goodbyes, we acknowledge with gratitude that we have accomplished much during our years together. We give God thanks and praise for you and your fruitful ministry.

Dawn: I leave as your pastor with cherished memories of our times together. You have helped me see and seek God’s presence in our lives and in the world around us. Our experiences together have helped reshape my faith. Thank you for your care, your creativity, your encouragement, and your hope along the way.

Congregation: God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We now bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life and ministry journey.

Conference Minister: As you, the people of Bethel College Mennonite Church, bless Dawn as she leaves this congregation, do you now release her from her pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

Congregation: With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for Dawn’s faithful leadership and now acknowledge this transition in the life of our congregation. We will pray for God’s continued guidance in her life.

Conference Minister: Dawn, do you release the congregation from its loyalty to you as their pastor? Do you release the members from turning to you and depending on you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

Dawn: With the help of God, I do. When we meet in the future, we will be neighbors, not pastor and church members. I will hold this congregation and its ministries in my prayers.

Conference Minister: Dawn, may God bless and guide you on the next steps of your journey. May you ultimately form new, caring relationships in a new and beloved community, wherever that may be. May God bless the rest that you seek and the work you will undertake next. May God bless and guide this congregation into a hopeful future as it continues kingdom work and seeks new leadership. May God bless and guide each of us in the new relationship that we now will share. Amen.

This week at BCMC

▪ **January 2, 2022 - Epiphany Sunday**

There will be no children’s or youth Sunday school today. The nursery is open but not staffed today.

3-5 p.m. Farewell for Dawn Yoder Harms—**A come and go farewell reception** for Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms is today from 3-5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Masks will be required.

▪ **Monday, 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.**

▪ **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

6:45 pm Menno Singers—Fellowship Hall

7 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

▪ **Thursday, January 6, 2022**

9 am—Community Playschool starts

7 pm—Church Board Meeting

▪ **Sunday, January 9, 2022**

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Faith Formation

4 pm Service of Remembrance in the Sanctuary— 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.**

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!