

# Bethel United Church

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The worship committee has arranged to have retired minister Rev. Koshie David join us for in-person service and communion on September 12, 2021 at 10:30 am.

September 12 celebrates thanksgiving and the season of creation - This season intentionally covers harvest and winter preparation time, inviting us to reflect on Creator's generosity, and our responsibility to live with respect and care in Creation

**REOPENING !!** The Opening Committee met and is adopting the guidelines included below .



September 19 - Welcome Back celebration and service.  
Please join us as our community of faith embarks on the journey ahead of us.  
There will be a choir for this service.



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Choir Practice - Monday, September 13 @ 4:00 pm

Watch for exciting news about a Creative Vision production coming in November

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It is with deep sadness that we share with you the news that Archie Frape has passed away. We are very grateful for the gifts that Archie shared with us all in his service to Bethel United Church. Please hold Archie's family in your prayers. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 11 at 2 pm.

### **Bethel Re-Opening Information**

Hello everyone! Hard to believe summer is ending, but it is so exciting to be getting ready to be back together in a much more normal, less restrictive way!

The Bethel Re-Opening Committee met on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Right now, there are no provincial Covid guidelines regarding worship. Our Region has sent out their recommendations and we spent quite a bit of time going over that and what other churches in our province and Manitoba are doing. Basically, those policies are all over the map ranging from nothing, to very strict rules, to not being open at all. Several churches in Saskatchewan have not been open at all since the start of the pandemic.

We decided to go with a middle ground with some common sense guidelines to keep everyone safe as cases increase again, but with a lot more freedom than we were able to have for the last year and a half. We went through this with the Worship Committee to be sure they were on board with these guidelines. Here they are:

1. Stay at home if you are sick.
2. Use hand sanitizer at the door.
3. Sign your name. This will help us if we need to contact people if we find out that someone has Covid. NO NEED to register before coming though! We will be thrilled to see each and every one of you!
4. We have removed the green tape marking spots and ask that you sit at any pew marked with a balloon. We will be using every second pew to give some space, with a lot more freedom!
5. Masks will only be required when singing, but feel free to wear one all the time if you wish.
6. The offering plates will remain at the back. Put your offering in the plate on your way in or out.
7. Anyone speaking will not have to wear a mask.
8. Spread out a bit at meetings. No masks required.

Simple, eh? We feel that we can keep everyone safe and happy by doing these few small things! Looking forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup>! We will be having an Opening Celebration on the 19<sup>th</sup> with coffee after church! Plan to stay and visit before you head home or out for lunch!

Cheryl Weatherald  
Re-Opening Chair

CALLING OUR YOUTH - YAYAC - checkout the resources that are available for you - the link is included on our Facebook page !