

SEEKING GOD'S WAYS

FROM CERTAINTY TO OPENNESS



EASTER

Bloomington Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 17, 2022

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Easter Sunday**

We Gather... to Pray and to Praise

Flowering of the Cross/Lighting the Christ Candle and
Peace Lamp

Hymn of Gathering

VT #340 Lift Your Glad Voices

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation (~from Leader)

Hymns of Praise

VT #361 Christ Who Left His Home in Glory

VT #622 Jesus, Rock of Ages

... to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture John 20:1-18

Hymn of Preparation

VT #342 That Easter Morn, at Break of Day

Sermon

... to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

VT #790

How Can We Be Silent

Communion

Congregational Prayers and Offering

Prayers of Intercession (**Lord, hear our prayer**)

Prayers of Thanksgiving (**Thanks be to God**)

... as We Go

Announcements

Hymn of Sending

VT #332

In Christ Alone

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Benediction

Postlude

Ushers

Pianist

Worship Leader

Chorister

Violin

Experiencing the Story

Sermon

Home Tech

Sound Tech

Paul Fretz and Clare Cressman

Melodie Klassen

Barb Burkard

Greg Cressman

Jaren Klassen

John-Eric Pardys

Zac Klassen

Laura Fehrenbach

Ron Stevanus

BMC: Holy Week 2022

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Thursday, April 14th at 7pm, we will meet over zoom. On this occasion when we commemorate the evening that Jesus washed his Jewish disciples' feet, Zac will share with the congregation his PhD learnings about how to interpret passages in the bible, especially around Easter, that have historically been used to set Jesus as odds with Judaism.



GOOD FRIDAY

On Friday, April 15th, we will meet in person and online at 9:45am for a Good Friday service. This service will walk us through Jesus' last moments before his death on the cross and ask us to further reflection on the Lent theme of "Seeking God's Ways." No SS/Worship Response.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On Sunday, April 17th at 6:15am, you are welcome to come to an outdoor Easter Sunrise service that will include hymns, scripture, and prayer by the fire as we await the sunrise together.



EASTER SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 17th, we will meet in person and online at 9:45am for an Easter Celebration of Jesus' resurrection that will include a communion service. For those attending in person, bring your own elements. No SS/Worship Response. Following the service, we hope (weather permitting) to have an outdoor gathering with refreshments and possibly a light lunch (watch for further details).



BMC NEWS

Financial Report:

We celebrate how we at BMC, serve in God's Kingdom at home, across the street and around the world, through our faith and finances;

Offerings to date - Apr 10, 2022	\$6,371
Required for Budget - Apr 10/22 (est)	\$6,000.

As usual, you can forward your offerings by e-transfer, by mail or sign up to do Automated Fund Transfers on the 15th of each month. Contact Ron Stevanus (treasurer) by email at treasurer@bmchurch.net or by phone at 519-886-6195 for more information. Thank you and stay safe as always.

- **April 22**, Earth Day — meet outside at the church to clean up and make bird feeders and nesting boxes. Details to come.
- Campfires will be returning the second Saturday (3rd if it's raining) of the month starting **in May**.
- Looking for a place for your ON Licence Plate Refund? Consider donating to Crowshield Lodge (www.crowshieldlodge.com), an Indigenous-led non-profit that has been responding to a deep need in our community for healing, understanding and connection by providing opportunities for conversation and education to all nations on the land. OR donate new items, services (such as massage therapy, professional consultations, landscaping, gift cards or experiences like entertainment, sports games, dining, travel, etc.) to Crowshield's Silent Auction at Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener on Friday May 27 (also the first day of the NH Relief Sale). Contact crowshieldlodge@gmail.com or john.oudyk@gmail.com for more info.

Respond to the crisis in Ukraine

Donate today at mcccanada.ca/ukraine.

BEYOND OURSELVES

- **Join the MCC Team!** To learn more about current postings and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve
- **MEDA Breakfast** - We are excited to be hear from **Andrea Brisette** and **Miriam Trumbull** who will be sharing about this initiative! The [Guelph 2 Goderich 2 Ghana \(G2G2G\) group](#) will be trekking 125km from May 11-15, 2022 with the goal of raising \$100,000 in donations to MEDA. We hope you can join us for breakfast at our **new location**, the Hampton Inn & Suites, on **Thursday, April 21st** to hear from Andrea and Miriam!
- **Volunteers needed:** Monday, April 25, 1-3 pm, Bingemans Conference Centre. The NHMRS team is looking for 10 volunteers to help with setup for the promotion dinner (no heavy lifting involved) on April 25 from 1 to 3 pm at Bingemans Conference Centre. Please contact John Reimer at johnreimer@nhmrs.com or 519-498-3620 if you can spare a couple of hours to help.
- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner April 25 at 6:30 pm**, Bingemans Conference Centre More than just a delicious meal, the NHMRS Promo Dinner is a chance to connect with community and support MCC! Enjoy a delicious buffet-style dinner, view a display of historic feature quilts and get an update from MCC staff. Tickets are \$25 each (children 10 and under are free) and must be purchased in advance by ordering online at nhmrs.square.site or call the MCC office: 519-745-8458 (press 3)
- **MCEC Annual Church Gathering April 29 & 30, 2022. Courageous Imagination: Living into the Journey based on Luke 13:18-21** - <https://mcec.ca/cell/event/register/id/10492>
- **Ndoozigbidoon Nibi - I am connecting to the water; Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm**, *Online* Join water walker Mary Anne Caibaiosai and water walker volunteer Shirley Lynn Martin as they talk about their connections with the water and one another. This webinar is part of a series of educational opportunities that MCC and our partners will be hosting to discuss the spiritual and cultural importance of water and the necessity of access to clean, safe water. To register, go to mcco.ca/events.

• **Let's reconnect at the Shalom Spring Brunch!** You are invited to the Shalom Counselling Services Spring Brunch on **Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at 9:30 am**. The theme of the Brunch will be **reconnection**, with stories and reflections by Shalom's counsellors. Join us in person at Steinmann Mennonite Church, or virtually with a delivered brunch. For more information and to register for the Brunch visit shalomcounselling.org/brunch or call Shalom at (519) 886-9690.

• **Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place, Conrad Grebel University College, May 12-15, 2022.** The program schedule is now available, and pre-registration is open for this gathering offering stories and analyses of encounters and relationships between Indigenous peoples and Mennonite settlers from point of contact through to the present. Visit the conference website for more information and to pre-register: uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters

• **Active Bystander Training for youth Online** - MCC Ontario is offering **free** virtual Active Bystander training for youth ages 12-24 years of age. The workshop is 2.5 hours long. This is a direct promotion to constituency youth groups in Ontario for a limited time until the end of July 2022. For more information, please contact Rachel Morton at rachelmorton@mcco.ca

• **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:**

Spots available in most overnight camps, outtrips and off-site day camps. Go to www.slmc.ca to register!

20 more volunteers needed at SLMC this summer! Go to slmc.ca/camp/volunteers for more info and to apply.

Events:

- ~ SLMC Online Campfire April 24th @ 7pm: Come get a taste of camp spirit and connect with friends and Silver Lake staff! From toddlers to seniors- all ages welcome. Visit our homepage for campfire link!
- ~ Work Weekend April 29-May 1.
- ~ Fundraiser: The Grand Paddle and Hike May 6-8!
- ~ National Life Guard Course May 30-June 3 at camp! Must be at least 16. To register email karen@slmc.ca
- ~ Wilderness First Aid June 4-5 OR Wilderness Advanced First Aid June 4-7 equivalent courses at camp. Must be at least 14. To register email karen@slmc.ca

Note:

- If you would like a copy of the *Service on CD* please speak to Barb Burkard.
 - If you would like a copy of the *Sermon*, please speak to Zac Klassen.
- An audio-recording of the sermon is available on our blog.
You can access it at: <http://bloomingdalemennonite.com/blog/>

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