

SEEKING GOD'S WAY
FROM FEAR TO COMPASSION



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Bloomington Mennonite Church
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Seeking God's Way

From Fear to Compassion

Focus Statement: As we seek God's way, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where compassion guides our response to others.

We Gather...to Pray and to Praise

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Hymn of Gathering

VT #715

Longing for Light

Call to Worship

Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Together we seek the way of God.

As violence threatens, we ask: Whom shall we fear?

We come to be reminded of God's power
and to be led more deeply into God's love.

**We long to gather with Christ as under the wings of
a mother hen.**

***Lord, move us away from fearful responses
into the light of your compassion.***

Hymn of Praise

VT #437

The Lord is My Light

... to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Assurance

VT #596

Don't Be Afraid

Scripture

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

...to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

VT #540

Will You Come and Follow Me

Presentation of Gift to John and Linda Snyder

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 #568

Christ has No Body Here but Ours

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iQkS-3XB3WwRJq8ZatQRHE1pYO9L0fba/view?usp=sharing>

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

Worship Leader

Chorister

Experiencing the story

Speaker

Home Tech

Ushers

Sound Tech

Beatrice Wideman

Pauline Bauman

Lois Cressman

Klassen Family

Zac Klassen

Carol Fehrenbach

Ralph and Sue Weber

Aaron Stevanus

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;

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| Offerings to date - Mar 6, 2022 | \$137,794 |
| Required for Budget - Mar 6, 2022 | \$145,871 |
| Required to meet Budget - Mar 6/22 | (\$8,077)* |

*Our budget year ends March 31, 2022 and our budget target for the year is \$154,802. The work of MCEC, Mennonite Church Canada and our church (BMC) is always important. If you are able to contribute beyond your planned giving over the next three weeks, we could get closer to our goal.

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.

A note from our Care Coordinators,

Congratulations and Blessings to John and Linda Snyder celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 18th, 2022.

There is a card on the table in the foyer for you to sign. The flowers at the front of the church are also for John and Linda.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Fred Britten celebrating his 80th birthday on March 21st , 2022.

There is a card on the foyer table for everyone to sign.

Respond to the crisis in Ukraine MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. "Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people," says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for 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!** Come out and join us **Thursday, March 24th** at the Hampton Inn & Suites | Berlin 1, St. Jacobs, 7:30am - 9:00am. Cost \$25 for adults, \$15 for students, payable online or at the door
- **SLMC Online Campfires:** Come and connect with friends and Silver Lake staff. Sing some camp songs, hear from staff and have a chance to ask questions! All welcome, whether you have already signed up or are thinking about registering. Visit our [homepage](#) for campfire link!
 - Mar 27 @ 7pm - Overnight camp focus
 - Apr 24 @ 7pm - Day camp focus
 - May 29 @ 7pm - Getting ready for summer camp!
- **The Mennonite Church Canada Sustainability Leadership Group is looking for a representative from MCEC.** The Sustainability Leadership Group was established to help MC Canada improve the environmental and social impacts of MC Canada's programs and ministries. Its mandate includes recommending policies and measures to MC Canada's leadership that will help the church live into its commitment to care for creation and to address social well-being. The SLG also seeks networking opportunities, and develops tools and frameworks to help congregations, regional churches, the nationwide church and partner agencies address the sustainability of their activities. The SLG meets 6-7 times per year by Zoom. If you are interested in being considered for a role with this group please contact [John Reimer, MCEC Operations Director](#).
- **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 by calling the MCC office at 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** - Join the MCEC family of faith for an in person/hybrid Annual Church Gathering as we celebrate at Redeemer University in Ancaster, ON. Registration will open in March.
- **Listen again or listen for the first time - [Courageous Imagination Podcast Episode One: "Listening For God"](#)** with guest Margaret Nally. Join Margaret from Erb St. Mennonite Church for a conversation about creating hospitality, living a life of service and surrendering ourselves to God's grace and transformation. Courageous Imagination has been a journey of listening for God and reflecting on questions that will help to guide and shape the future direction of MCEC. At this year's Annual Church Gathering we will prayerfully receive and consider updated identity and purpose statements building on the feedback from the Courageous Imagination journey.
- **Leaders of Mennonite Church Canada issue a call to join in climate-emergency response** - Members and congregations of MCEC are urged to join eco-mission. "We must act, we must act together, and we must act urgently," write the executive ministers of Mennonite Church Canada. "For us as Christians, the good news always starts with this: 'God so loved the world' (John 3:16). God our Creator, the Creator of the earth and all that is in it, has crafted all things in love and deemed them "very good" (Genesis 1:31). They highlight six initiatives that reflect our working commitments as a nationwide church arising from consultation with working groups and regional church boards across Mennonite Church Canada, [Read the press release](#) and [visit the Mennonite Church Canada webpages](#).

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