

40 DAYS OF WONDER

JESUS APPEARS BEHIND LOCKED DOORS AND TEACHES ABOUT FORGIVENESS



Bloomington Mennonite Church
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Jesus Appears Behind Locked Doors and
Teaches about Forgiveness

We Gather ... to Pray and to Praise

Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Lamp

Hymn of Gathering

VT #57

Holy Spirit Come with Power

Welcome

Call to Worship

~ written by Tim Graves

We gather as people on a journey.

We believe & we have doubts,

we do good & we sin.

We are imperfect humans,

and still beloved by God.

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are the essence of the one we call God.

We seek forgiveness & grace from

the One and from those we've harmed.

Assured of that grace,

we are ready to grow again.

We yearn for a new way,

a new perspective,

and a clear path.

Though we are full of trust

and full of doubt, we are here.

Thanks be to God

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

VT #359

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing

... to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Scripture Reading John 20:19-23

Hymn of Preparation

 VT #42 Could It Be That God is Singing

Sermon

... to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

 VT #164 Beloved, God's Chosen

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kv0sXSBH2ks&ab_channel=DailyHymn

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 #830 Go, My Children

Benediction

Postlude

Ushers

Sue Weber & Paul Fretz

Pianist

Dorothy Isaac

Worship Leader

Deb Worth

Chorister

Ray Boehm

Experiencing the Story

Clare Cressman

Scripture Readers

Wayne & Cathy Knechtel

Sermon

Linda Worth

Screen Sharing

Carol Fehrenbach

Sound Tech

Craig Fehrenbach

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 24, 2022	\$10,535
Required for Budget - Apr 24/22 (est)	\$12,000

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.

- Campfires will be returning the second Saturday (3rd if it's raining) of the month starting in **May. (May 14th)**

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
- **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.
- **MEDA—Women Empowering Women event. Thursday, May 5th, 7:00-8:00PM ET** [Online on Zoom](#) **RSVP By: Monday, May 2**
This event is FREE.. Kindred Credit Union will donate \$100 for every attendee up to \$22,000 to support the MEDA project in Ghana. Individual donations will also be accepted and all funds raised will go towards the [G2G2G target of raising \\$100,000 for Women Entrepreneurs in Ghana.](#)

- **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 **re-connection**, 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 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
- Join Menno Singers and director Brandon Leis for its **first in-person concert** in over 2 years on **Saturday May 14 at 7:30pm** at First United Church, Waterloo (16 William Street, Waterloo). The concert features the sublime **Schubert Mass in G Major** and selected solo works with guest artist **soprano Joanna Loepf Thiessen**, recipient of the Abner Martin Scholarship. The concert is by donation to support the MCC Ukraine Emergency Response Fund. Masks Required. www.mennosingers.com
- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale May 27 & 28, New Hamburg Fairgrounds & Arena.** More than just delicious food and a quilt auction, the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is a chance to connect with community and support MCC. Join the fun at the 56th annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28. For more information, go to mcco.ca/events.
- **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

- **Undercurrents episode 16 - Bidder Sweet: A Quilt to Remember.** We go back in time to investigate the heart-pounding, sweaty-palm-inducing thrill of the greatest quilt auction ever caught on tape. Join us for a fun bonus episode of Undercurrents that will whet your appetite for the coming relief sale season. Listen and subscribe on [Spotify](#), [Apple podcasts](#), [Google podcasts](#), and others! Undercurrents is sponsored by our friends at Kindred Credit Union.
- **Tuesday volunteer driver.** The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise provides meaningful employment for individuals with disabilities and barriers to traditional employment. The Raw Carrot is looking for a volunteer driver to deliver online soup orders to customers on Tuesdays. This volunteer will provide timely deliveries with friendly customer service. Training will be provided. To learn more, go to mcco.ca/volunteer
- **Summer jobs at MCC!**
Are you between the ages of 18-30 and looking for employment this summer? We have a number of Canada Summer Jobs available, including a [Raw Carrot Associate](#) in Kitchener, an [Associate Retail](#) at MCC Thrift on Mill in Leamington, and many more. Check out the postings and apply at mcco.ca/serve
- **Saturday, May 28, 10am-2pm** If you know a student who will be studying at the University of Waterloo this fall, encourage them to visit Grebel for **You @ Waterloo Day!** Located right on the UWaterloo campus, Grebel's residence welcomes students in any program. Take a tour of the building, meet current students and get a feel for the community atmosphere! Prospective students can sign up for a same-day residence interview. All students must apply online and interview to be considered for Grebel.
www.grebel.ca/futurestudents
- **Friday, June 3, 2022, 10am-4pm** The Spirituality and Aging Seminar returns to Grebel with speaker Linda Hochstetler, presenting: **"With Open Eyes & Open Hearts: Recognizing and living the journey of dying and death together."** This hybrid event will be hosted at Conrad Grebel University College and via zoom. Visit the [Spirituality and Aging Seminar webpage](#) for registration details: grebel.ca/sa

•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!
- ~ 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

Calling all creatives...!!

Do you have an eye for what photographs well, combined with an interest in the agri-food industry? Our **#MEDAFIELD2FORK2022** photo contest was made for you!

Send up to three of your high resolution (1-2MB+) images that highlight the agri-food sector, along with a 200–250-word summary to provide context.

Photos can depict the production, processing, distribution, or sale of food to end users.

Submissions will be accepted until August 15th 2022, 5PM EST. Submit images and accompanying information at:

Field2Fork2022@meda.org

Winning entries will be displayed in the November 2022 issue of The Marketplace magazine, and on @medadotorg social channels.

For more information go to: <https://www.meda.org/field2fork2022>

Christian Formation

Age 2-14

Basement Gathering Room

Youth, Young Adults and Adults

Informal Conversations

Foyer

Worship Response

Sanctuary

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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