

40 DAYS OF WONDER

JESUS TELLS THE DISCIPLES TO WAIT FOR THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER



Bloomington Mennonite Church
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Jesus Tells the Disciples to Wait for the Promise of the Father

We Gather...to Pray and to Praise

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp

Call to worship (Ez 37: 1-14)

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**The Lord has set us down here,
though our bones are tired.**

Can these dry bones live?

Yes! The Breath of God will revive us!

The Word of God will awaken us!

Today, we come together to experience new life.

Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise

VT #621

My Hope is Built

VT #42

Could it be that God is Singing?

... to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-6; Acts 1:3-8

Hymn of Preparation

VT #377 New Earth, Heavens New

Sermon

...to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

VT #550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

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 #182 I Sing the Mighty Power

Benediction

Postlude

Ushers

Ralph and Sue Weber

Pianist

Melodie Klassen

Worship Leader

Laurel Fretz

Chorister

Ray Boehm

Speaker

Zac Klassen

Experiencing the story

Clare Cressman

Screen Sharing

Serena Cressman

Sound Tech

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 - May 8, 2022 | \$15,077 |
| Required for Budget - May 8/22 (est) | \$18,000 |

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.

Claudia will be on vacation this coming week. Please send your announcements to Barb B.!

It's Annual Report time! Please send your individual reports to Claudia by May 24th.

Volunteers needed for Strawberry Pie Project @ New Hamburg Arena Sat. May 28, 2022. Help needed to hull strawberries and make pies. **1st shift 6:30ish, 2nd 9:00 a.m.** Masks mandatory. Please call Linda Snyder 519-664-2342 or a-mail Kathleen Snyder @ snyder-heritage@live.com if you are able to help.

BEYOND OURSELVES

- **Join the MCC Team!** To learn more about current postings and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve
- **Woolwich Community Services** is looking to fill three summer student job positions: Food Programs Assistant, Retail Sales Associate and Event Planner.
- **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, and many more. Go to mcco.ca/serve

•**MEDA Breakfast, Thursday, May 19th @ 7:30am-9:00am.** For over 15 years, Chris Steingart has run a freelance web design business, [QT Web Designs](https://www.qtwedesigns.com), working closely to help many churches, community organizations and non-profits create websites that help them connect with their audience. Join us May 19th as Chris discusses his personal work journey as well as what's in store in the future, as organizations continue to evaluate the way they expand their reach in a post-pandemic and ever-changing digital world. Hampton Inn & Suites / Berlin 1. \$25 for adults, \$15 for students, payable online or at the door. <https://engage.meda.org/page/104406/subscribe/1>

•**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. - The Quilts are now available for viewing online

•**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](https://open.spotify.com/show/1234567890), [Apple podcasts](https://applepodcasts.com/show/1234567890), [Google podcasts](https://googlepodcasts.com/show/1234567890), 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

- 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
- June 1, 2022 - Calling all Golfers!** Join us at Foxwood Golf & Country Club in Baden, for **Rockway's 27th Annual Golf Classic**, raising funds for Tuition Assistance. For more information and to register, visit www.rockway.ca
- 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](http://grebel.ca/sa) for registration details: grebel.ca/sa
- MennoHomes Out-Spok'n XII for Affordable Housing bike-a-thon. June 11, 2022 Weekend** A "hybrid" event to raise funds for a very real need. Hikers, recreational bikers, and avid cyclists can join us on the Kissing Bridge Trail or choose your own route. Construction has begun at our Sprucelawn project and your support is making it possible. For more details visit www.mennohomes.com
- Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is hosting its 55th Chicken BBQ and Pie Auction on June 14, 2022. Both eat in and take out options are available this year. Visit www.hiddenacres.ca for more details and to purchase your tickets.
- Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is seeking a part-time **Custodian** and a full-time **Administrative Assistant** - Main Office. For full posting details, please visit: www.rockway.ca/employment
- Gathering 2022** virtual registration open ***We Declare: what we have seen and heard*** in Edmonton, Alberta, from July **29 to Aug. 1** will be available to virtual participants across Mennonite Church Canada's nationwide community of faith. [Register for in-person and virtual Gathering 2022 now.](#)

•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:

- ~ 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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