

UNPACKING THE BIBLE

JOSHUA



Bloomington Mennonite Church
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Joshua

We Gather...to Pray and Praise

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp

Opening Hymn

HWB #14

Come we that love the Lord ~ vs 1-2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFgduK6Daec>

Call to Worship ~ Joshua 6

We come to Listen for your direction.

We are at the Wall of our computer screens.

Locked out of our church,

Like the Israelites at the wall of Jericho.

May we be quiet.

Follow your word.

March.

Shout!

Leave treasures.

Help some in need.

Help us break through the walls

Welcome

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3KxLPrxX-Y>

...to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfPOHQOc3ul>

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Joshua 6:1-7, 15-21

Hymn of Preparation

Wrestling With the Scriptures ~ by Bryan Moyer Suderman

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hCkFccHuW0dhfyI-JDXLLmejV4ulyvp5/view?usp=sharing>

Sermon Unpacking the Bible: What about Joshua?

...to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

Make me an instrument of your peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUI2EyYIEKs>

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 #793

We are Marching In The Light Of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGOiANtGmhE>

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Twila Lebold

Music/Tech

Lois Cressman

Scripture Reader

Dave Snyder

Speaker

Dave Rogalsky

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 2, 2021 | \$12,313 |
| Required for Budget - | May 2, 2021 | \$14,568.* |

*Based on last year's budget requirement. Will be amended when this year's budget confirmed.

As usual, you can forward your offerings as follows:

1. By E-transfer - From your account, select e-transfer. If not already setup, you will be asked for the email address. Type in "treasurer@bmchurch.net". It will ask for a security question & answer. Make up something. When you actually send the transfer, it will say Bloomingdale Mennonite Church & security question not required. Check the "Auto-deposit" box. It will give you a chance to confirm your request. Click "send". You will receive an email confirming your transaction.
2. By mail - Make cheque out as usual to:
Bloomingdale Mennonite Church.
Mail to: Ron Stevanus, 382 Grangewood Dr.,
Waterloo, ON N2K 2E6.
3. Automatic Fund Transfers (AFT's) will continue as usual. Should you want to make any changes, please advise 1 week prior to the 15th of the month.

Thank you and stay safe. Ron Stevanus (Treasurer)

The **pastoral search committee**, with the support of joint leadership team, are extremely excited to recommend **Zac Klassen** for the lead pastor role at Bloomingdale Mennonite Church. If you haven't received the information sent by email, please contact Barbara Burkard or Aaron Stevanus.

From the office:

From time to time, e-mail to the office is delayed or randomly dropped into a 'junk' folder. If there is ever a need to get in touch more quickly, or if you haven't heard back on an inquiry, please feel free to call Claudia at 519-766-8297 or send a text to that same number.

BEYOND OURSELVES

- Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church is currently seeking an **Office Administrator** to work approximately 22 hours per week. This individual will join a team of four to maintain communication and care to the congregation. If you are interested, please send a resume to office@wkumchurch.ca Applications will be accepted **until May 10**.
- **Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters Conference Preview Event | May 13, 7:00pm EDT**: Join us online for a special video presentation (premiering on the [Grebel YouTube channel](#)) to preview the future **Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters Conference**. This event sampler includes messages of welcome, and presentations from Indigenous and Mennonite scholars, collaborators, community members and musicians. No registration required. Link will be available here closer to the event at uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters
- MCEC has begun a new podcast discussion forum - **'Courageous Imagination - A Journey Together Listening For God'**. The guests for the third episode are Linda Thiessen-Belch and Craig Frere. Listen here - Trusting <https://anchor.fm/courageous-imagination>
- **May 19 at 7:30am**, Interfaith Grand River is hosting a **virtual Community Breakfast: 'Stories for a New Day: Hope in a Time of Covid'** - a digital collection of stories, prayers and music from the diverse faith communities of Waterloo Region. Registration <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-interfaith-community-breakfast-2021-registration-145113318843>
- Thursday, May 20 from 7:00-8:30pm, MCC Ontario is hosting a Zoom workshop listening to stories of transformation from refugee sponsorship groups and newcomers. Register here: <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/becoming-peacemakers>
- **9th International Conference on Spirituality and Aging | June 8 – 23**: A virtual conference for researchers, practitioners, and interested others to engage issues of connection, in the context of spirituality and aging, in the midst of a pandemic times. Conference sessions will occur on seven occasions (90 minutes each) between **June 8th and June 22/23**. **Registration is open until May 31** at uwaterloo.ca/ageing-spirituality

- For a list of **upcoming MCEC** events, and to stay informed about any changes follow the link: <https://mcec.ca/events>
- The 2021 NHMRS Quilt Reveal Day has arrived! All of the 2021 quilt information is up on the website for your viewing pleasure. <https://nhmrs.com/quilt-catalogue/2021>
- **The 2021 NHMRS Feature Quilt is here!** Renske Helmuth is no stranger to the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (NHMRS) Quilt Auction. Her exquisite quilts have achieved legendary status at the sale. This year, she offered a special award-winning quilt from her own collection that she created 20 years ago. Read more about this beautiful quilt at nhmrs.com
- Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp will host its **54th Annual Chicken BBQ** as a **drive-thru event** on **Tuesday, June 8th**, from **4:30 to 6:30 pm**. All proceeds support Hidden Acres' summer camp ministry to children, families and individuals. Individual Meal \$15.00; Family Meal (4 people) \$55.00. Additional pieces of chicken will be available for purchase for \$4/piece. **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY**. Purchase tickets at www.hiddenacres.ca.
- Fairview Mennonite Homes and Parkwood Mennonite Home Inc. cordially invite you to attend the **virtual Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday, June 9th**, at **7:00pm**. Please confirm your attendance by **Friday, May 28th**, by registering [HERE](#).
- **MennoHomes Out-Spok'n Bike-a-thon - Saturday, June 12**. To register, donate or join a team, please follow the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/mennohomes-inc/p2p/Out-Spokn-XI-Bike-a-Thon-2021/>
- **One week Spring Intensive Course Options!** CMU is offering great intensive (one week!) course options through the spring including, Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices; New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective; Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality; Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective and Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding. **All courses are available in hybrid format** – both in person and online. Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit! Go to www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses for more information / register.

- The **April edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS is celebrating National Volunteer Week, the Homes of Hope facility in Ephrata, Penn. is almost completed and a royal thank you to MDS volunteers. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/2QLOrAJ>
- MCEC is seeking an organized and creative individual with strong intercultural skills to serve as **Events and Communications Coordinator**. This is a full time, contract position from approx. June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022. Send your resume and cover letter as a combined PDF by email to lreesorkeller@mcec.ca by **May 19, 2021**

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MINISTRY TEAM:

Pastor: Dave Rogalsky at churchpastor@bmchurch.net 519-577-9987
Secretary: Claudia Thum: bmchurch@bmchurch.net
Elders: Barb Burkard and Aaron Stevanus
Care Coordinators: Linda Stevanus, Marie Snyder
Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC):
Barb Burkard and Clare Cressman
Treasurer: Ron Stevanus treasurer@bmchurch.net

Prayers from Sunday, May 2

Intercessions

- Sue W – please pray for Sue, her mother and their family as Sue's Mom has discontinued treatment and is moving into palliative care. They hope she can move into hospice soon
- Gloria G – pray for Alden and Gloria as Ben and Carrie experienced a miscarriage
- Lorna A – pray for a friend's cousin who had a stroke. Difficult because the family is scattered over Canada and the US

Thanksgivings

- Ruth S – her brother Paul had his surgery this week and things seem to be going well
- Greg C – his Mom has gone home after her heart attack and surgery and his Dad is glad to have her home. She is still weak.
- Deb W – that John-eric was there to bail her out when her credit card didn't work at the grocery store
- Michele and John – a grandson Fletcher born this past Thursday. Thankful for midwives!
- Dave and Marie S – 53 years of marriage this Tuesday
- Gloria M – thankful for the peach coloured roses that Linda and Dale delivered to help them celebrate her and Leon's 40th wedding anniversary. Peach was their wedding colour.
- Gloria G – 43 years of marriage for her and Alden this Thursday
- Lorna A – first asparagus from Stevanus Family Farm this week. Thankful for local food