

# SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

## WELCOMING ALL



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### **Bloomington Mennonite Church Sunday September 18th, 2022**

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# God beside us: Welcoming All

## *We Gather ... to Pray and to Praise*

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp

Hymn of Gathering

VT #10                      Here in This Place

Call to Worship

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

**for all are welcome in God's house.**

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

**for love is the language of faith.**

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

**for God dwells in each of us.**

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

**Peace be with you.**

**And also with you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

VT #420                      God of the Bible

## *... to Hear God's Voice*

Reader's Theatre      Luke 14:15-24

Experiencing the Story

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Preparation

VT #209                      We Dream of a Turning

Sermon                      Welcoming All

Hymn of Response

VT #801                      I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

## **... to Live our Faith**

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 #754              In My Life Lord, Be Glorified  
Benediction  
Postlude

Ushers	Ralph and Sue Weber
Pianist	Melodie Klassen
Worship Leader	John-Eric Pardys
Chorister	Greg Cressman
Experiencing the Story	John-Eric Pardys
Spreaker	Zac Klassen
Screen Sharing	Lois Cressman
Sound Booth	Ron 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;

Offerings to date - Sep 11, 2022	\$63,730
Required for Budget - Sep 11, 2022	\$71,603

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](mailto:treasurer@bmchurch.net) or by phone at 519-886-6195 for more information. Thank you and stay safe as always.

## Happenings

**Stewardship** Committee meeting **Monday September 19, 7pm** via Zoom

The **Quilting Group** will be starting up again on **Wednesday, Sept. 21 @ BMC from 8:30am-3pm**. Please contact Kathleen S. with questions

**Sunday, September 25 - Rail Trail bike ride** leaving the Observer parking lot in Elmira around **3pm** and biking towards Wallenstein. Ride only as far as you want to. Around **5pm** we will meet back at Bolender Park in Elmira for Pizza. Please contact Heather.

**BMC has formed a Team for Ride for Refuge 2022.** We will be riding in support of *COMPASS Refugee Centre*. If you are interested in joining the team, let Zac know. The Ride takes place on **October 1st at 3pm**. If you want to donate, go to <https://rideforrefuge.org/home> and search for the "Bloomingdale Mennonite Church" team and donate to our riders!

**Sunday, October 2** - Lunch Bunch at Harvest Moon - Please reach out to Heather to confirm.

**Saturday, October 8** - Last campfire of the year. We will meet at 6:00pm at the church for food, fun and fellowship.

**Sunday, October 22**, We will be starting the birthday groups again. Previously there was a potluck lunch for those with birthdays in the specific month. Since we have already missed September my suggestion is to do September and October together so we can get back on track for November. This will be directly after the service. Cake will be provided. Please let Heather know of any allergies.

**Halloween** - Please see Heather if you would like to add items to the boxes she fills for Samaritan's purse. <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/>

**From MCC Ontario:** 70% of the population in Syria is facing starvation. This is caused by drought together with sky-rocketing food costs due to the war in Ukraine. <https://donation.mcccana.ca/match/?where=e22THX2>

- **October 15, 1:30pm** Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario annual meeting [www.mhso.org/events](http://www.mhso.org/events)
- **Shalom For All Creation** - MCEC Ecotheology Learning Retreat September 21, 2022 online from 1 - 4 p.m. Cost: \$40
- Grebel gallery exhibit, *Unmasking, Breathing, Moving Forward*, from September 6 to December 16, 2022. [grebel.ca/events](http://grebel.ca/events)
- Peace Week, from September 17-25 [uwaterloo.ca/peaceweek](http://uwaterloo.ca/peaceweek)

### MINISTRY TEAM:

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