

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

STUDYING THE WORD



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Bloomington Mennonite Church Sunday September 25th, 2022

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God Beside Us: Studying the Word

We Gather ... to Pray and to Praise

Lighting Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymn

VT #30

Jesus Calls Us

Call to Worship

Our God is within us, above us, and beside us.

We gather here so we can seek God together.

When we seek God together, we grow in faith together.

We can be like Ruth and Naomi, who supported each other. We can be like the Israelites, who studied God's word together. We can be like the host of a great banquet, welcoming all together. We can be like Tabitha, serving others by using our gifts.

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May our worship today be a time of us growing in our faith and in our likeness of who God is in this world.

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

VT #80

We Sing to You, O God

... to Hear God's Voice

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 19:7-10

Experiencing the Story

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Preparation

VT #571

O God, We Read the Holy Law

... to Live our Faith

Sermon The Bible:
 The Book that Pulls Our Lives Together

Hymn of Response
 VT #554 Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

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 #815 Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God)

Benediction
Postlude

This Sunday we welcome Carol Penner, Director of Theological Studies and Assistant Professor of Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College.

Ushers	Ralph and Sue Weber
Pianist	Beatrice Wideman
Worship Leader	Zac Klassen
Chorister	Laura Fehrenbach
Experiencing the Story	Zac Klassen
Speaker	Carol Penner
Screen Sharing	Serena Cressman
Sound Booth	Jason Moffatt
Scripture Readers/Other participants	Georgia Fretz, Jaren Klassen, Micah Klassen

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 18, 2022	\$65,636
Required for Budget - Sep 18, 2022	\$74,586

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.

Happenings

The **Klassens** are having **open house days** at their house at 328 Skyview Place, Waterloo, on Thursday, September 29th from 6pm-8pm, Sunday, October 2nd from 3pm-5pm, and Friday, October 7th from 6pm-8pm. You are welcome to drop in during those times.

BMC has formed a Team for *Ride for Refuge* 2022. 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"

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.

Saturday, October 15: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario annual meeting and book launch (www.mhso.org/events)

Sunday, October 22, Group birthday celebration for those with birthdays in September and October 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/>

Mennonite World Conference is hiring for a full-time administrative position <https://mwc-cmm.org/job-posting-development-regional-representatives-assistant>

MINISTRY TEAM:

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