

UNPACKING THE BIBLE

PHILEMON



Bloomington Mennonite Church
May 16, 2021

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Philemon

We Gather...to Pray and Praise

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp

Opening Hymn

VT #7 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RcJKEk3XbB8>

Call to Worship ~ Micah 6:8

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Welcome

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

VT #103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMY3ivdNzwE>

...to Hear God's Voice

Experiencing the Story

B-I-B-L-E song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxe0SD0_Dzl

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Philemon

Hymn of Preparation

Wrestling With the Scriptures ~ by Bryan Moyer Suderman

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hCkFccHuW0dhfyj-UDXLLmejV4ulyvp5/view?usp=sharing>

Sermon

...to Live our Faith

Hymn of Response

All the way my Saviour leads me

<https://youtu.be/ekUELQCnQIM>

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 #809

Sing a New World into Being

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ynXSE86m_A

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Music/Tech

Scripture Reader

Speaker

Lorna Aberdein

Serena Cressman

Laurel Fretz

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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 - May 9, 2021 \$12,863
Required for Budget - May 9, 2021 \$17,481 *

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)

From Pastoral Search & JLT:

- This Sunday, May 16, Zac will attend, and lead the Reflection Hour
- During the following week there will be two dinners of three courses where folk can sign up to spend appetizer, main, or dessert with Zac. A sign up will be available soon. And if you have questions to ask Zac please forward them Aaron.
- Sunday, May 23, Zac will preach, and lead the Reflection Hour.
- Sunday May 30, a discussion and vote will take place during the Reflection Hour. BMC's constitution requires an 80% 'yes' vote to call a pastor.

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.

REJOICE - Please note the new ones are in your mailboxes at church - also please note that they have made an error on the front cover, and they are indeed the ones for June/July/August (even though they say March/April/May)- if you need them delivered to you, please let Claudia know.

BEYOND OURSELVES

- 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 - <https://anchor.fm/courageous-imagination>
- Grow Hope Niagara** - Become a virtual farmer by partnering with CFGB and MCC to sponsor acres through Grow Hope Niagara and raise funds to help hungry people around the world. Your \$400 per acre sponsorship can become up to \$2000 through government matching. More info at mcco.ca/grow-hope
- 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>
- 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>

- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Online Auctions**
Friday, May 28 at 7 pm and Saturday, May 29 at 9 am
We're excited to bring the 2021 New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale to your living room. Bid on dozens of outdoor items, experiences, gift packages, or one of more than 150 beautiful handmade quilts. Get a taste of the sale with NHMRS-in-a-Box, and join the Run for Relief – Run it your Way, all in support of MCC. Learn more at nhmrs.com.
- **Peaceful at Heart: Book club for men - Thursday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 8-9 am** Men are invited to join us for a 4-week book club discussing matters of Anabaptist perspectives of faith and healthy expressions of masculinity. We'll discuss and explore the book "[Peaceful at Heart: Anabaptist Reflections on Healthy Masculinity.](#)" Spaces are limited. To learn more, and to register, go to mcco.ca/events.
- **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>
- 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/>

• **Training Active Bystanders - Tuesday, June 15 at 7 pm**

Have you ever witnessed an abusive or isolating situation and you weren't sure how to respond? MCC is offering active bystander training to teach you how you can respond peacefully and effect positive actions in others. Join us online on **Tuesday, June 15**. To learn more and to register, go to mcco.ca/events

• **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 9

Intercessions

- Lois W – Pray for her and her family as her 97 year old dad was taken to hospital with back pain. Numerous tumours were discovered and they hope he can go to hospice very soon. Only one person (Lois) can go in every three days to see him and she fears those in between days.
- Dorothy I – laparoscopic hysterectomy surgery on Tuesday.
- Jonathan F – pray for the family of Ed W. as he passed away this Tuesday. (See Waterloo Labour Council's May 6th Facebook notice).
- Lorna A – her friend's cousin has had a second stroke and is doing poorly. His family is scattered all over can't visit due to Covid.
- Annemarie R – pray for her nephew Kevin and his wife who have Covid and are taking care of their three little children at home. His wife had the vaccine which reports show stop most hospitalizations, and all ICU times.
- Sharon B – Karen R. from the Elmira Needle Sisters Quilting Guild had a stroke which has affected her vision
- John-eric – co-worker Chris K. recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer
- Dave R – candidating by Zac Klassen at Bloomingdale

Thanksgivings:

- Sharon B – as a mother and grandmother she is thankful for children and grandchildren. Had a 1.5 hour walk down memory lane with her two children yesterday.
- Lorna A – thankful that her husband Graham's mother is having a more calm and settled day today.
- Dorothy I – Gift Discernment is thankful for all the folk who have taken on positions and all the other volunteers in our congregation. Almost finished their work for the year.
- Michele B – thankful for longer days, warmth, green, and other colours – hope because of Spring
- Lois C – MCC quilts
- Dave R – Zoom to create a way of worshipping