

***A place to belong and grow in faith***

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**November 5, 2023**

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59 November 5, 2023 10:00 Service No. 45

**Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship Herb Sawatzky

Song – “Be Unto Your Name” “Good and Gracious King”

Prayer

**Life Together**

Announcements

Ministry time

Pastoral Prayer

Song – “Children of the Heavenly Father” #616

**Hearing the Word**

Scripture – Matthew 6:5-15

Message – **The Dad you deserve**

Herb Sawatzky

**Responding**

Song – “The Lord’s Prayer”

Offering & Prayer

**Going**

Song – “Praise Him, Praise Him” vs 1&3 #100

Blessing

Musicians – Shirley Dick & Friends

Scripture Reader – Shirley Dick

**Welcome here!**

We’re glad you came! Your being here is a sign of God’s love for the world and encourages other Christians. We hope our worship together helps you find

***A place to belong and grow in faith***.

**Praise and Concerns**

***Prayers:***

* Josh Legere (Holly’s husband) recovering from surgery
* Dora Fisch-Willms at Garden City Manor
* Gayle King is dealing with some health concerns
* Kim Salierno daughter to Ted & Syl, receiving treatment for breast cancer
* Sheila Gayman - in hospice
* Our sister church in Pereira, Colombia

Congratulations to **Joanne Thiessen**, who will celebrate her 80th birthday on November 7th! May God bless you as you celebrate this milestone.

**Bethany Announcements**

**Spiritual Formation Opportunities Today:**

* 10:00 Worship Service
* 11:10 Adult Sunday School in library

**Peace Buttons** date back to 1989, when a pastor in Ontario suggested that MCC share a message of peace during the Remembrance Day period. MCC embraced the idea and the simple message “to remember is to work for peace” was born.  We invite you to wear the peace button and to remember all people who are affected by war. Peace buttons are available in the Foyer.

Less than one week until our Annual **Bethany Borscht/Bread Sale**. Thank-you to all who are volunteering and those who are contributing food for sale. Please have your Borscht, bread, baked goods etc. to church by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning November 11. The sale is from 10-2 pm or until sold out. Cash only and please remember to bring your own shopping bags. See you in the church auditorium.

*The Golden Coyotes would like to invite our Bethany Congregation* to join us as we watch the **Buffalo Sabres host the Vancouver Cannucks** on January 13. The group tickets would be in the 300 level (nosebleed section) at a price of approx. $50. A minimum of 12 people are required to get the group tickets.  Please let Kenton or Sheryl know by Nov 5 if you would like to join us.

Please see a newsletter update from the **Pereira Church** on the bulletin board upstairs.

**Local Food Bank Drive:** Area food banks inform us that donations are down 30% this year while need is up 20%! Your continued support for our food drive to local food banks is much appreciated. Please drop off your donations in the food bin at the front door. Foods and snacks for breakfasts and school lunches are especially appreciated.

**Our Donations Touching Lives**

**You can make your offering to Bethany by:**

• **E-transfer** to office@bethanymennonite.ca

• **Mail** to church at Box 249, Virgil, ON L0S 1T0

• **Drop in the mailbox**  beside the front door on Wednesdays or Thursdays 8:30-3:30 and let Marianne know.

• **Canada Helps** button on [www.bethanymennonite.ca](file:///I:\Bulletins\www.bethanymennonite.ca). CanadaHelps charges 3.75% of the donation, but you will be receipted for full amount.

***Prayers:***

***Mennonite Church Eastern Canada***

* Please pray for [Community Mennonite Church](https://www.cmchurch.ca/)**,**Stouffville, ON. Glyn Jones provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for this growing Christian community seeking to love God and God's creation, neighbours and themselves.
* Pray for those whose **lives are impacted by war and trauma**. Pray for those who are suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, Afghanastan, Israel, Palestine and all other places in our broken world. Lord hear our prayers.

***Mennonite Central Committee***

Please pray that the conflict and violence in Palestine and Israel will end and that conciliation can begin.

• Pray for the hostages to return safely to their homes and families.

• Pray for those who mourn to be surrounded by loved ones as they grieve.

• And pray that peace workers, negotiators and government staff will put people's lives and human dignity above political or military gains.

**Mennonite Church**

**MCEC Financial Update Zoom Call** on November 8th at 7 p.m., online. Save the Date.Hear the MCEC financial story at this time of the fiscal year. More information will follow. This event is open to pastors, treasurers, councils and all other interested persons.

**Benjamin Eby Lecture - Thursday, November 9, 7:30 PM, Grebel Chapel |** Dr. Maisie Sum, Associate Professor of Music at Conrad Grebel University College, presents her research on the *guembri*, a symbolic artifact of the Black African diaspora in Morocco. This lecture will explore the lute-like instrument's connections to spiritual practice, taboo history, and re-emergence as an icon of the nation's openness, diversity, and rich cultural history. Register at [grebel.ca/eby](http://grebel.ca/eby).

**Three Choir Concert | Saturday, November 25, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Waterloo** **|** Enjoy an evening of choral music with three choirs coming together to perform, including new music by two Grebel alumni composers: Julia Jacklein, and Candace Bustard, commissioned for Grebel's 60th anniversary. $10 general admission, $5 for students. More information at [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/three-choir-concert](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/three-choir-concert)

**Make A Difference (MAD) Holiday Market | Saturday, December 2. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM** Hosted by the Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) Undergrad Society at Conrad Grebel University College, all funds collected from participating vendors, the silent auction, and suggested $2 entry contribution will be donated to [A Better Tent City](https://www.abettertentcity.org/), Waterloo. Fill your car with family and friends to make a difference while shopping for this holiday season! [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/mad-market](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/mad-market)

Questions about the role of the Church in a secular society and more will be addressed at a four-day **online workshop** on **“Leading The Church Through Transformation, Change and Renewal,”** offered by Conrad Grebel University College’s certificate program in Conflict Management and Congregational Leadership. January 23-26, 2024. Register today: [uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management](https://uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management)

Build a purposeful career with the **Master of Peace and Conflict Studies** (MPACS) program at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo. Connect theory, analysis, reflection, and practice to advance nonviolent peacebuilding and community-led change in a rigorous course-based professional degree program. For more information, visit [uwaterloo.ca/mpacs](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/mpacs)  or register for an [upcoming information session](https://uwaterloo.ca/master-peace-conflict-studies/events/info-session).

**Interested in pastoral training?** Conrad Grebel University College at the University of Waterloo offers a two-year **Master of Theological Studies** degree. Integrate academic study and practical internships to prepare for a pastoral role in congregations, chaplaincy in hospitals, prisons, or elder care facilities, or social service work in varied settings. Full-time Canadian/permanent resident MTS students are eligible for full tuition scholarships. Learn more at [uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies](https://uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies).

**MCC, MDS, MEDA**

Please contact the office if you would like the October edition of the **Mennonite Disaster newsletter.**

**Broader Church & Community**

Mark your calendars: the **Seasons Chorale** will be presenting their **Christmas Concert** on the following 3 Sundays: Nov 26, Dec 3 and Dec 10. Details on times and locations will follow next week.

**We Never Learned This in School - The Indigenous History of Niagara**.  Join us as David G Neufeld BA(Hons) History, U of Waterloo, shares the history of the Niagara Region beginning with the arrival of Indigenous People some 20,000 years ago. A response will be given from an Indigenous perspective, followed by a Q&R. David worked for 35 years as a historian and educator, primarily at the Waterloo Region Museum and Parks Canada. Snacks after the presentation provided by 'Beverly Hill's Catering'. The event is free, but donations will be received to help with costs, and dried goods accepted for the Niagara Regional Native Centre food bank. November 24th, 7pm, at St Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Rd.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

November 5-12, 2023

Today 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

11:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – Quilting

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. – JuBELLation

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

11:10 a.m. – Sunday School

*Speaking:* Carol Penner

*Scripture:* Genesis 16:1-16

*Theme:* The God who sees Me

**Worship services are recorded** live and kept on our youtube channel indefinitely. Recordings begin shortly before 10am and end after 11:04. Those who prefer not to appear in the recording are encouraged to sit near the back of the sanctuary in front of the cry room, and exit through the door on that side.