

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

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59 January 28, 2024 10:00 Service No. 4

**Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome Herb Sawatzky

Call to Worship

Songs – “In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting” vs 1&2 #526

“Lord, I Need You”

Prayer

**Life Together**

Announcements

Ministry time

Pastoral Prayer

Song – “The Lord’s Prayer”

**Hearing the Word**

Scripture – Matthew 6:7-15 Patty King

Children’s Video

Message – **Lead us not into temptation…** Herb Sawatzky

**Responding**

Song – “O Jesus I Have Promised” #447

Offering Prayer

**Going**

Song – “In Christ Alone”

Benediction

Musicians – Shirley Dick & Friends

**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:***

* Dora Fisch-Willms at Garden City Manor
* Gayle King is dealing with some health concerns
* Kim Salierno daughter to Ted & Syl, as she recovers from surgery
* Our sister church in Pereira, Colombia

**Avonlea Grace** was born early morning on January 25 to Justus and Elena Elliott, a healthy baby girl weighing 4 lbs 12 oz. Justus, Elena and all the family members are so grateful for every prayer. A true gift from God. Thanks to you all and to God.

A prayer service for **Brian King**, father of Matt & Patty King, will be held on January 30th in Goderich.

**Bethany Announcements**

**Spiritual Formation Opportunities Today:**

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

**Silver Fox "February Warm-up"** - Join us on Wed. Feb. 21, from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm for Board Games, Cards or just chatting and a Beef on the Bun Lunch! We will meet in the Creekview (Pleasant Manor) Meeting Room. Cost, payable ahead or at the door, is only $10.00. Please notify Bud & Ella Andres, Paul & Jo Thiessen or Ted & Syl Wiens by Sun. Feb. 11 to assist with planning and food preparation. Bring one or two of your favourite games.

**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 [**Erb St. Mennonite Church**](https://erbstchurch.ca/). Scott Brubaker-Zehr provides pastoral leadership for the congregation. Pray for them as they grow together in faith, and encourage and support one another along life’s journey.
* Mennonite Church Eastern Canada has received the ordination credentials of **Darrell Winger** from the Be In Christ denomination. Darrell is currently pastoring at **Grace Mennonite Church**. Pray for Darrell and the congregation in their ministry together. To share your words of encouragement and support with Darrell, you can reach him at [gracemennonite@bellnet.ca](mailto:gracemennonite@bellnet.ca).
* The **MCEC Executive Council** had their first meeting of January 2024 just this week. Pray for these committed leaders from across MCEC as they make decisions and care for our collective ministry within our community of faith. Pray for Ben Cassels (Steinmann Mennonite), James Barber (Hagerman Mennonite), Bruce Burgetz (Toronto United Mennonite), Steph Chandler Burns (Pastors in Exile), Felipe Gonzalia (First Mennonite), Kaye Rempel (Stirling Ave. Mennonite), Rich Steinmann (Steinmann Mennonite) and Hyejung Jessie Yum (Danforth Mennonite).
* **Continue to hold our world in prayer** as war and rumours of war resound. Pray for those who experience grief and pain; live in fear and danger because of armed conflict and call out to God from such harsh realities. **Pray for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar and more**. Lord, hear our prayers.

***Mennonite Central Committee***

• Please pray for MCC Serving and Learning Together program participants who will be spending their Christmas far away from their families, including Adrian Berrio Klassen from Ontario.

**Mennonite Church**

**Canadian Mennonite Annual Reports** are available in the narthex if you are interested.

**Westview Centre 4 Women** has an update on a new location. Please pick up a (yellow) letter in the narthex to read their newest ventures.

**Virtual Book Launch at CommonWord Unburdened: A Lenten Journey toward Forgiveness** Join us on Zoom for a conversation on February 1 with author Carol Penneras she prepares us for Lent and a journey of forgiveness and healing. [Register for the Zoom link](https://mcec.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=148d8aa0248ccb8acc31f00a2&id=c3e6addccd&e=4ba977e13a)

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Winter and Spring Retreats** Coming up soon are… Women’s Retreat (Feb 2-4), Valentine’s Day Getaway (Feb 9-11), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (Mar 1-3). Go to [**slmc.ca/retreats**](https://slmc.ca/retreats/retreats/) for more info.

**SLMC Summer Camp:** Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 7am. Visit [**slmc.ca/summer-camp**](https://slmc.ca/summer-camp) for more details. Outtrip registration is already open – sign up before Feb 1 to get $100 off.

**MCEC Intercultural Volleyball Tournament**, March 16, 2024, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. This event is open to all MCEC congregations. Grab your friends and register your congregation; teams will be made on site in order to mix congregations. Register by congregation at mcec.ca.

**MCEC Annual Church Gathering**, April 26 & 27, 2024, Leamington, ON. Registration opens at the end of March.

**MCC, MDS, MEDA**

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Feature Quilt Reveal**  
*January 29, 2024 at 9:30 AM, MCC, 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener*  
Each year, a talented individual or team creates the feature quilt for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. On January 29, the curtain will be removed and the 2024 feature quilt will be revealed. Join us in the lower atrium at 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener or on social media.

**Broader Community**

**Taste and See** Food and Wine Tasting/Silent Auction – Save the date for this **Wells of Hope** fundraiser held on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00-10:00 pm at the Grand Olympia Hospitality & Convention Centre in Stoney Creek. Tickets $75.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

January 28-February 4, 2024

Today 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

11:10 a.m. – Adult 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. – Adult Sunday School

*Speaking:* Herb Sawatzky

*Scripture:* Job 42:1-6; Psalm 8; John 10:14-16; Ephesians 4:1-16

*Theme:* Becoming a part of God’s bigger picture

**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.