



Epiphany Sunday

January 5th, 2020

Prelude Ester Funk

Welcome Kevin McCabe

Call to Worship

Leader: People living at the time of Jesus' birth,
the first Epiphany; most experienced little change.

**People: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph,
the shepherds and the Magi;
their world was transformed.**

Leader: Herod and Caesar Augustus; their world also changed.

**People: Today we celebrate the new life
and the new world that Jesus brings.**

All: We celebrate a "World Upside Down."

Prayer

*Hymn *Arise, your light is come!* BB 35

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offeratory/Prayer *We Three Kings* Molly & Annie

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 [OT p.690]

*Hymn *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly* HWB 203 v.1,3

Prayers of the People Pastor Doug

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 [NT p.193] Pastor Doug

*Hymn *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* On Screen

Sermon "WORLD UPSIDE DOWN" Pastor David

*Hymn of Response *Longing for light* BB 52 v.1,2,5

Benediction Pastor Doug

*Sending Hymn *Come, Light of the world* BB 53

It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

Please stay for coffee fellowship after the service.

Focus Group ~ We will share responses to the sermon and then go on to discuss chapter 8, "Mennonites in North America: A New Mosaic" from the book *Stories: How Mennonites Came To Be*. We warmly welcome newcomers.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY December 29th, 2019

Budget – \$1,860.00

Attendance – 47

SCRIPTURE READINGS for January 12th, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 29

Matthew 3:13-17

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 2:30 pm Grace / Linwell Bible Study

THURSDAY 3:00 pm Church Council

SUNDAY 9:30 am Doug Schulz, Speaker

🎵 **Women's Chorus Practices** ~ Sunday January 12th, 11:00 am;
Sunday January 19th, 9:00 am; Sunday January 26th, 9:00 am.

Monday, January 13th ~ Grace Mennonite Women meet at 10 am in the Fellowship Room.



Soup Supper on Thursday, January 16th, 5:30 – 7 pm.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can bring donations of soup, bread or dessert.

Annual Reports ~ Please submit via email your annual meeting reports to Ester in the office by **Thursday January 16th**. Contact the office for assistance or if you wish to hand in a hard copy. Annual meeting date is Sunday February 16th at 11:00 am.

Round Table Reading

◆ *Mennonite Historian*, December 2019 issue

◆ Christian Peacemaker Teams Oct-Dec 2019 publication

Feature Article *Resisting Walls*

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

A Prayer for the New Year - The author of the following prayer is from Japan, but name unknown. As we begin a New Year we know that the future always holds challenges and blessings. This prayer reminds us to seek to be a blessing at all time to others.

Lord, when I am famished,
give me someone who needs food;
when I am thirsty,
send me someone who needs water;
when I am cold,
send me someone to warm;
when I am hurting,
send me someone to console;
when I am poor,
lead someone needy to me;
when I have no time,
give me someone to help for a moment;
when I am humiliated,
give me someone to praise;
when I am discouraged,
send me someone to encourage;
when I need another's understanding,
give me someone who needs mine;
when I need somebody to take care of me,
send me someone to care for;
when I think of myself,
turn my thoughts toward another.

Winter Art In A Child's Eye - The next opportunity for some of us as seniors to participate in support of the Preschool Coop program here at Grace, will be on Wednesday, January 15 at 10 am. We will create a winter process art painting with the children. Let Pastor Doug know if you can join in the creative fun!

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Mennonite Burial Society ~ Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 2 pm in the Tabor Manor Chapel at 1 Tabor Drive in St. Catharines. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2019 results and future plans, plus there will be an important members vote to approve revisions to our constitution, discussed at the Jan 2019 AGM. Board and committee positions are available. Further details available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com, or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday ~ January 26th

Niagara Region Evening Celebration & Communion Service
Jesus Christ our Hope; 6 pm at Scott St. MB Church

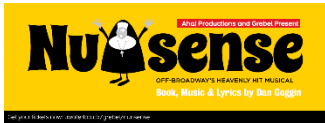
Special Guest: César García General Secretary, Mennonite World Conference. Please see poster on Community Events bulletin board for more information.

Food & Faith, Mennonites Farming Locally and Globally

2 Events at Conrad Grebel University College

Friday January 31st 7:30 pm and Saturday February 1st 9 am

Please see poster on Community Events bulletin board.



Off-Broadway's Heavenly Hit Musical

at Conrad Grebel University College

February 20 – 23. Please see poster on

Community Events bulletin board.

All proceeds will be used to expand Grebel's kitchen and dining room space. The cast and crew of the show includes alumni, staff, current parents, students, and friends of Grebel.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

... those facing health challenges and those experiencing recent and continued grief.

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