



World Upside Down

February 16th, 2020

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Pastor David

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, you are the perfect light of revelation.

**People: As your light shone in the life of Jesus,
shine in us and through us.**

**All: We desire to be beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice
and mercy.**

Prayer

*Hymn *Come, thou fount* HWB 521

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offerory/Prayer

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20 [OT p.186]

Women's Chorus *Love the Lord your God*

Prayers of the People Pastor Doug

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-37 [NT p.4] Irmgard Penner

*Song *Open my eyes, that I may see* HWB 517 v. 1,4

Sermon "THE POWER OF CHOICE " Waldo Pauls

*Hymn of Response *Will you let me be your servant* HWB 307

Benediction

*Sending Hymn *Spirit of the living God* HWB 349

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 not gather this week because of the congregational meeting. Next week we will begin the study of Meghan Good's *The Bible Unwrapped*. She takes a fresh and challenging look at the purpose of the Bible and the meaning of key Biblical passages. ***Don't miss this chance to enrich your spiritual life.***

Annual Meeting is today February 16th at 11:00 am.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY February 9th, 2020

Budget – \$2,150.00

Attendance – 47

SCRIPTURE READINGS for February 23rd, 2020

Exodus 24:12-19

2 Peter 1:16-21

Psalms 2 or 99

Matthew 17:1-9

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY 9:00 am Quilting

FRIDAY 7:00 pm John Rempel Book Launch
@ Peace of Cake

SUNDAY 9:30 am David Brubacher, Speaker

🎵 Women's Chorus Practices

Sunday March 1, 9:00 am; Thursday March 12, 6:30 pm;

Sunday March 15, 9:00 am and 11:00 am



Soup Supper on Thursday, February 27th, 5:30 – 7 pm

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can bring donations of soup, bread or dessert. Soup Supper donations will be directed to Haiti – Pastor Accilien Ministry.



MCC Elmira Meat Canning dates are April 22-26.

Contact Pastor David if you are interested in participating.



OUTREACH & INSIGHT

John Rempel Book Launch @ Peace of Cake - This Friday, February 21, at 7 pm John Rempel will present ideas from his freshly published book *Recapturing An Enchanted World: Ritual and Sacrament in the Free Church Tradition*. An invitation has been sent to all the Niagara MCEC churches, so come join others as we celebrate John's accomplishment together. This is the first book in a series on worship being published by InterVarsity Press. John's book invites us to embrace "life-giving and peacemaking practices" so that we can experience deeper spiritual transformation and richer enchantment in our faith and witness.

Get Informed on Palestine-Israel Issues - Mennonite Church Canada has a group that offers "verbal windows into the work of peace-building". The latest issue of their newsletter includes: News about a partnership with Bethlehem Bible College; a call to be in touch with government officials about Canada's response to the "deal of the century"; several ways to "come and see" by visiting the Holy Land this summer, and learning first hand about the joys and the challenges of the Palestinian people and churches; links to advocacy efforts; a prayer from the Sabeel "wave of prayer". For more information on getting connected to this Network, talk to Pastor Doug.

Here's the Sabeel wave of prayer excerpt:

Lord, we turn to you and pray for help for the Palestinian people. Will the governments of the world look on silently as more land is illegally annexed from the Palestinian people? Will the rest of the world allow powerful governments to ride roughshod over international law? Will anyone speak out and condemn the imposition of apartheid in the Holy Land? Lord, in your mercy...*hear our prayer...*

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

MCEC is pleased to announce the appointment of Fanosie Legesse as MCEC Intercultural Mission Minister. Intercultural Mission Minister is a new position within the MCEC team. "I see God at work," says Fanosie. "I have been a part of MCEC for the last 16 years and I see us becoming a mix of languages, peoples and tribes from every corner of the globe." To read more see www.mcec.ca.



MCC News ~ On January 18th, thousands of people gathered in locations across Canada and the U.S. to create comforters for those in need. The goal was to create 6,500 comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world. Because of your help and support, volunteers have turned in **9,504 comforters**, and more are coming!



MDS: Behind the Hammer ~ The MDS report in our 2019 Annual Reports is reprinted in the Winter 2020 issue of Behind the Hammer now available in our entry. There are four other detached reports of MDS activity plus numerous clips of other activities.

100 years of MCC: Niagara Celebrations Is MCC close to your heart? Are you interested in planning celebrations in Niagara for this fall, 2020? **We are currently searching for 5 more people from different churches to join the MCC Niagara Celebrations Planning Committee.** Reach out to Ellery Rauwerda on the MCC Ontario Centennial Planning Committee, by **Sunday, February 23rd.** ellery.penner@gmail.com or 289-213-4995. *Please note that we will be seeking more help as the fall approaches. If a committee is not your thing, there will be many other ways to get involved!*

The Canadian Bible Society will be holding a Used Book and Postage Stamp Sale at the Fairview Mall (Zehrs end), St. Catharines, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22. Donations of gently used books, postage stamps and albums, CDs and DVDs will be gratefully received. For more information, including donations and pick up, contact Kevin.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

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

... each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. Join MCEC in praying for Rainham Mennonite Church in Selkirk, Ontario.

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