



Transfiguration Sunday

February 23rd, 2020

Prelude		Annie Schulz
Welcome		Pastor Doug
Call to Worship		
Leader:	Holy God, mighty and immortal, we see your glory in Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world.	
People:	God of covenant relationship, God of goodness and love, transform us by the love of Christ.	
Leader:	Renew our humanity in Jesus our Lord.	
People:	Write your law of love on our hearts today.	
All:	<i>So that we might lead each other and others into your presence.</i>	
Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Immortal, invisible, God only wise</i>	HWB 70
Passing of the Peace		
Leader:	The peace of Christ be with you.	
Response:	And also with you.	
Offering/Offertory/Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 99 [OT p.552]	
Song	<i>We have seen the God of Glory</i>	
Prayers of the People		Pastor Doug
Scripture Reading	Matthew 17:1-9 [NT p.19]	Carla Isaak
*Hymn	<i>We have come at Christ's own bidding</i>	(on screen) Tune – Love divine
Sermon	“THAT WE MAY KNOW ...”	Pastor David
*Hymn of Response	<i>Be thou my vision</i>	HWB 545
Benediction		
*Sending Hymn	<i>Lord, let us now depart in peace</i>	HWB 428

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 ~ This Sunday we begin our encounter with the Bible leading to the book *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense Of Scripture Today*. Today John Rempel will introduce themes from the book with questions like "why can we trust the Bible?", "what about its difficult passages?" and more. Next week we will discuss pages 13-34. The book is available today for \$25. Join us!

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY February 16th, 2020

Budget – \$1,750.00

Attendance – 50

SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 1st, 2020

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Psalms 32

Matthew 4:1-11

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Preschool Intergenerational Activity

THURSDAY 9:00 am Quilting

5:30 pm Soup Supper

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.

Office News ~ Ester is away on vacation February 29 – March 11. Lorraine Sawatzky will be filling in at the office. Please have all bulletin announcements in by Thursday morning March 5th.

Round Table Reading ~ *Canadian Mennonite Issues*

February 2 – MCC celebrates 100 years of global ministry

February 17 – Lighting a fire in children's faith

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

Preschool Intergenerational Activity - Joanne Janzen of Northend Preschool invites us to participate in a social tea-time with the children on Wednesday, February 26, at 10 a.m. Since it's still February (Valentine's Month), we will make heart shaped cards together. Let the love live on!

Comprehending the Pipeline Controversy - Here's some help from CommonWord, our Mennonite Church Canada resource:

Over the last weeks, the eyes of Canadians have turned to Wet'suwet'en territory in north-central British Columbia as the Crown, RCMP and Coastal Gaslink have sought to remove Indigenous land defenders from their homelands in order to continue work on a natural gas pipeline. Many in the church have questions about how to understand the situation. Below is a link to a list of resources—news articles, videos, church statements, technical reports, books and more—that have been assembled by Steve Heinrichs, Indigenous-Settler Relations Director of Mennonite Church Canada. Use these resources for study - to help facilitate further and perhaps different questions, encourage prayer... and maybe even acts of solidarity. It is by no means exhaustive, and the content varies in substance and the ways in which it narrates the various relationships. Nonetheless, we hope it will serve to open compassionate conversation and deeper comprehension. Copies available on foyer brochure shelf.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



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 **today 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!*

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 Refuge de Paix, Sherbrooke, QC.

... Following the World Health Organization's declaration of the novel coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak as a global health emergency 30 January 2020, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) calls for Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer and to exercise precautionary measures in the church.

"Pray for people who are isolated, afraid or ill, especially in Wuhan, Hubei Province and mainland China. Pray for wisdom for Chinese government and health authorities working to contain the outbreak, and for courage, compassion and safety for healthcare workers who work tirelessly to save lives," says César García, MWC general secretary.

MWC also calls for prayer for wisdom for all governments and health authorities working to prevent the spread of the virus. May they act with compassion and caution.

...the MCEC Executive Minister Search Committee and candidates as they move into the interview stage.

... Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) asks us to pray that God restores peace to the continually deteriorating security situation in Burkina Faso. Thousands of people have been displaced by increasingly frequent, violent attacks by radical Islamic terrorist groups. These attacks target mosques, churches, schools and government military and police outposts. Pray for courage and trust for leaders and members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in this challenging environment. Pray for acts of love between Christians and Muslims that show a better way forward.

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