

## Epiphany Sunday January 4, 2015

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### YOUR MYSTERY REVEALED

#### GATHERING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP

##### Prelude

##### Welcome

##### Call to Worship

Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

##### In a little child, God is revealed to us.

The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

##### God's gift of grace is a gift to be received by all.

We seek God's guidance in our lives and look for a sign of God's presence

**through the inspiration of teachers and mentors,  
through the sensitivity of friends and colleagues,  
through the nurture of family and loved ones.**

##### Inspire us and lead us, O God,

in thankfulness and with praise we worship.

##### Prayer

##### Congregational Hymns

Arise, your light is come! #30 STS  
Worship the Lord in the beauty #220 HWB

##### Prayer of Thanksgiving

##### Giving Our First Fruit Offerings to the Lord

Children's Offering Project: Global Family Program

#### LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

##### Children's Story

##### Scripture

Sermon – God's Mystery Revealed

##### Hymn of Response

Art Klassen  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
Eleanor Epp-Stobbe  
Longing for light #54 STJ

#### SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

##### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

##### Praying Together

##### Congregational Hymn

##### Benediction

##### Postlude

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem #32 STS

We welcome all to our church community.

Following the worship time, you are invited to enjoy coffee, juice  
and conversation in the foyer.

#### Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 am

Age 2-3 – JK - Sharla Braun, Kerri Burt, Angela Wise..... Downstairs  
SK-Grade 1 – Krista Burkhardt, Giselle Maerz, Jeremy Wiebe ..... Downstairs  
Grade 2-5 – Helen Fehr & Geordie Hagerman .....Room 203  
Jr. Youth – Phil Martin & Ingrid Neufeld .....Room 208  
Sr. Youth – Amanda Snyder.....Room 201  
Adult Sunday School ..... Library

**Ushers:** Andre Charette, Karen Good, Katherine Charette, Tian Brown

**Greeters:** Randy Brown & Janet Auger

**Nursery:** Kristen Berg & Alex Charette

**Offering Counters:** Karl Braun & David Romagnoli

#### \$ Stewardship & Finance Update:

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	Attendance	339	
	Budget Givings		\$3,035.00
	House of Friendship Offering		\$3,331.45
<u>Dec 28</u>	Attendance	86	
	Budget Givings		\$19,307.00

#### Birthdays

Jan. 5 Pearl Wideman  
Jan. 10 Charlie Bauman  
Jan. 10 Josh Gingerich

#### Calendar of Coming Events

Jan. 5 Mon 7:00 pm Creative Hands – Room 100  
Jan. 6 Tue 2:00 pm Creative Hands – Room 100  
Jan. 7 Wed 7:00 pm Church Council – Library  
Jan. 11 Sun. 9:45 am Worship – Isaiah 43:15-19;  
I Thessalonians 5:12-18  
Jan. 14 Wed 8:00 pm Adult Ed – Pastor's Office  
Jan. 17 Sat 9:30am-4:00pm Pastors, Chaplains & Congregational  
Leaders Event sponsored by MCEC – BMC

#### Personal

● **Pearl Wideman's** sister (and Janice Klassen's aunt) Thelma (Grove) Hoover passed away on Tuesday December 23. A funeral service was held at Wideman Mennonite Church in Markham on Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup>.

● **Betty Neufeld's** niece, Sarah van Donkersgoed, passed away on December 29 in PEI. Sarah was 3 years old and died of heart failure. Please remember Betty, Peter and the rest of Sarah's family as they grieve.

## Beyond the Congregation

See details of these events and many more in the *Beyond the Congregation* sheet posted on the bulletin board and on the website.

♪ **Tuesday's Singin' Lunchtime** at 50 Kent! Tuesday, January 6, 12:15 pm. Back by popular demand! Join us for 30 minutes of rousing a capella singing in the 50 Kent atrium. If you have a "Hymnal: A Worship Book" or "Sing the Journey", please bring it along.

• **Rockway's Grade 9 Information Night** – Tuesday, January 13. Are you interested in Enriched Academics, Social Justice, The Arts, Technology, Sports, Leadership, The Environment, Digital Media and International Service & Travel? Did you know you can get all of this, and more, at one school! Make sure to check out all the great opportunities at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Complimentary dinner 6:30; information session 7:00. RSVP or for more information [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

• **Pastors, Chaplains & Congregational Leaders Event sponsored by MCEC Saturday, January 17 at BMC** -- Partnering with Families and the Faith Community to Meet the Challenges of Aging

The senior years are a season of profound change. From a busy lifetime framed by achieving, acquiring, and engagement seniors are eventually confronted with a decline of strength, health, and independence, and often experience confusion about the meaning and purpose of life. It can be a time of uncertainty. A faith that seemed strong can give way to doubts and questions.

The morning session will examine the impact of these changes on seniors and their families, with a focus on addressing these changes in the early senior years to enable better decision making. Practical tools and tips will be offered to assist families to engage in these "necessary conversations."

The afternoon will explore how pastors and the faith community can partner with seniors and their families to meet the challenges of aging and to assist seniors to grow and thrive spiritually and relationally in the various segments of this life stage.

Cost: (lunch included) \$10/person. Registration Closes January 8

♪ **12th Annual Epicurean Hootenanny** Saturday, January 24, 6-10:30 pm. Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts, 36 King Street West, Kitchener. An evening of joyous singing and great food, raising money for MCC. More info at [mcco.ca/events](http://mcco.ca/events)



## Breslau Mennonite Church

We strive to be a welcoming community of faith and worship  
Supporting each other as we learn and grow  
Extending Christ's love, peace, and justice  
With our community  
With the world

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