

**UPSIDE DOWN & INSIDE OUT**

**LENT 3 God's Foolishness**

**Sunday March 8, 2015**

Worship Leader Sharla Braun  
Chorister Chris Steingart  
Accompanist Carolyn Strathdee

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
**Prayer**  
**Hymns**

Come, thou fount #521 HWB  
I want Jesus to walk with me #439 HWB

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Giving Our First Fruit Offerings to the Lord**

**Children's Offering Project:** Mary's Place – Emergency Shelter

**Moment in Mission** Kate Strathdee  
**Children's Story** Linda Foley

**HEARING**

**Scripture** Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

We have some doubts about your wisdom, God.  
**You make laws that are hard to follow**  
**and even if we keep them, we may still miss the boat.**

Like the people of Israel, we wonder: How are we to get this right?

**We want smoothness, not stumbling blocks.**

SILENCE

Train us in your weakness that is stronger than our strength,  
**help us trust your foolishness that is wiser than our wisdom.**

**Sermon** – The Beauty in the Ugliness Amanda Snyder

**Hymn** Your will be done #47 STJ

**RESPONDING**

**Reading** – BMC Mission Statement

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Praying Together**

**Hymn** Jesus, be the center #31 STS

**Benediction**

God turns things upside down and inside out  
growing us to maturity through the message of the cross.

**God, even when we struggle to make sense of it,**  
**we will rely on your foolishness and depend on your weakness.**

**Postlude** – Lenten Theme Hymn My soul cries out

**We welcome all to our church community.**  
**Following the worship time, you are invited to enjoy coffee, juice**  
**and conversation in the foyer.**

**Ushers:** Maryanne Szuck, Wally Ens, Alex Charette, Art Mueller

**Greeters:** Scott Bruinsma & Hannah Snider

**Nursery:** Kristen Berg & Julia Enns Le Doaré

**Offering Counters:** Ted Rowe & Karl Braun

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

Age 2-3 - JK: Sharla Braun, Kerry Burt, Angela Wise..... Downstairs  
SK - Grade 1: Krista Burkhardt, Giselle Maerz, Jeremy Wiebe ..... Downstairs  
Grade 2-5: Giselle Maerz .....Room 203  
Jr. Youth: Ingrid Neufeld, Phil Martin .....Room 208  
Sr. Youth: Eleanor Epp-Stobbe & guests .....Room 201  
Adults: Homelessness - facilitated by Katie McDougall (Mennonite Central  
Committee Ontario) ..... Sanctuary

**\$ Stewardship & Finance Update:**

Mar 1 Attendance 131 Budget Givings \$6,009.00

**Calendar of Coming Events**

Mar. 9 Mon 7:00pm Children's Ministry Team - Library  
Mar. 15 Sun 9:45 am Worship – Lent 4 -- Numbers 21:4-9;  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21  
Eleanor Epp-Stobbe preaching  
Mar. 16 Mon 1:00 pm Men's Crokinole – Room 100  
Mar. 16 Mon 7:00pm Creative Hands - Room 100  
Mar. 17 Tue 2:00pm Creative Hands - Room 100  
Mar. 22 Sun 9:45 am Worship – Lent 5: Chanel Cressman preaching  
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33  
Mar. 22 Sun 12:00 N Young Adults at Reg & Kathy's  
Mar. 23 Mon 1:00 pm Seniors "Games & Junk Food" - Library

**Birthdays**

Mar. 8 Adam Dettweiler Mar. 10 Glenn Snider  
Mar. 8 Bailey Wise Mar. 14 Giselle Maerz  
Mar. 10 Geordie Hagerman

**Personal**

**Carolyn Strathdee's** uncle, Rae Hilborn, died at age 98 at Nithview Home in  
New Hamburg on Wednesday. Watch for details in The Record.

**Announcements**

• **BMC Website "MEMBERS" section** requires a new password. If you are a  
member or attending our church and would like to access the website, please  
contact the church office for your user name and password.  
• **Garage Sale** - Thinking about starting Spring Cleaning? The Youth can help!  
Save your treasures for the BMC Youth Garage Sale set for early May.

- **Canadian Mennonite newspaper** is available to all homes. If you are not currently receiving your monthly copy, please contact the church office. It is also available electronically. If you are already subscribed but wish to discontinue, please contact the church office to be removed from the list.
- **Comforter Blitz at BMC for MCCO** Wed, April 8 beginning at 9:00am. MCEC Perimeter Cluster Churches will join us. Lunch provided.
- **Our BMC Annual Budget Meeting** is April 29 at 7 pm at the church. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending! The meeting agenda will include a motion to sanction an amendment to the bylaw pertaining to scheduling our annual budget meeting.
- **Projector Fund** Half of the \$12,500 total cost was initially offset by the bequest fund and the remaining balance is to be covered by individual donations and fundraising. With donations received to date, the current balance is approximately \$4,600. Please keep this project(or) in mind as you prepare your weekly offerings. - Stewardship and Finance
- **Creative Hands needs fabric** to make into comforters. If you have material you'd like to donate, please see Dale Wombwell.

### Beyond the Congregation

*See more events/info on sheet on bulletin board*

- **Health Education Session at Breslau Community Centre** *Blood Pressure: Highs and Lows*, Karen Good, RN. Thursday, March 12, 10:45-11:45. No Charge. Everyone welcome.
- **Conrad Grebel & University of Waterloo Open House** Saturday March 14, 10:00-4:00. More info: [www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/future-students](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/future-students).
- ♪ **Hymn Sing** from Life Songs and Hymnal – A Worship Book hymnals on Sunday, March 15 from 1:00-2:00 at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church.
- ♪ **Menno Singers** presents the Poulenc Stabat Mater and works of Brahms, Copland and others at Waterloo North MC Saturday, March 21 at 7:30pm.
- **Mennonite Economic Development Associates** Waterloo Spring Banquet at Steinmann Mennonite Church on Saturday March 28 at 6:30pm. More info: [www.meda.org/waterloo](http://www.meda.org/waterloo)
- **Conrad Grebel Student Council** presents: *Fiddler on the Roof*, Sat. March 28 & Sun. March 29 (1:00 & 6:30 shows). Tickets can be purchased at the door or through Conrad Grebel main office (519-885-0220)
- **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Annual Church Gathering** is April 24 & 25 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, with the theme "Sharing Our Faith". <https://www.mcec.ca/annual-church-gathering-2015-0> Please consider being a church delegate. If interested contact John Cressman or the church office.
- ♪ **Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** invites parents and children to an open rehearsal on Tues. March 31 at W-K United Mennonite Church. More info: [imcc.conductor@rogers.com](mailto:imcc.conductor@rogers.com)
- **WMCEC Enrichment Day** (for women of all ages) Saturday, April 18, at the Listowel Mennonite Church. See flier on bulletin board for details.
- **New Hamburg Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** Monday, April 20 at Bingeman's. Tickets available from church office. Tickets \$10.



## 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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