

**UPSIDE DOWN & INSIDE OUT LENT 4 God amidst the shadows**

**Sunday March 15, 2015**

Worship Leader Byron Good  
Chorister Chanel Cressman  
Accompanist Brenda Hallman  
Readers Maria Klassen, Sara Jane Friesen

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
**Prayer**  
**Hymn** Come, bring your burdens to God #50 STS  
**Lenten Theme Hymn** My soul cries out #124 STS  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Giving Our First Fruit Offerings to the Lord**  
**Children's Offering Project:** Mary's Place – Emergency Shelter  
**Children's Story** Ingrid Neufeld

**HEARING**

**Scripture** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21  
Where are you, Lord? We feel abandoned.  
You don't seem to be listening to our cries for help.  
**When life is hard, we want you to make it better.**  
Like the people of Israel,  
we're tired of our burdens, our distress, and our difficulty.  
**Do something, and quickly!**  
*SILENCE*  
Shine your light on us,  
**help us trust that you are present even in hardship.**  
**Sermon** – God so loves the world Pastor Eleanor Epp-Stobbe  
**Hymn** What wondrous love in this #530 HWB

**RESPONDING**

**Reading** – Lenten Creed  
**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**  
**Praying Together**  
**Hymn** I will come to you in the silence #49 STS  
**Benediction**  
God turns things upside down and inside out  
by being present whether we know it or not.  
**God, we want to walk in the light of your love.**  
**Postlude**

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

**Ushers:** Dorothy Horton, John Bullock, Brent Schmidt, Aaron Epp  
**Greeters:** Randy Brown & Janet Auger  
**Nursery:** not staffed March 15 & March 22  
**Offering Counters:** Art Klassen & David Romagnoli

**\$ Stewardship & Finance Update:**

Mar 8 Attendance 133 Budget Givings \$5,547.00

**Calendar of Coming Events**

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  
Mar. 25 Wed 7:00 pm Elders – Library  
Mar. 25 Wed 7:00 pm Personnel Committee at Brenda Hallman's  
Mar. 29 Sun 9:45 am Palm/Passion Sunday – Lent 6  
Kyle Gingerich Hiebert preaching  
Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16, 118:1-2, 19-26; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

**Birthdays**

Mar. 16 Helen Brubacher Mar. 20 Larry Shantz  
Mar. 16 Jean Lehn Epp Mar. 21 Trevor Hilker  
Mar. 18 Beatrice Dettweiler Mar. 21 Logan Shantz-Martin  
Mar. 20 Paul Dettweiler

**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 May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **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.
- **Seniors "Games & Junk Food"** Monday, March 23 at 1:00 in the library.
- **Comforter Blitz at BMC for MCOO** Wed, April 8 beginning at 9:00am. MCEC Perimeter Cluster Churches will join us. Lunch provided, but please sign up on main bulletin board.

• **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.

• **Are you interested in learning more about Mennonite belief and practice?** Are you interested in baptism, in becoming a member of BMC? You are invited to consider baptism and church membership by transfer, confession of faith, or through baptism. Please let Pastor Eleanor or an Elder know of your interest.

• **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**

♪ **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 MC on Saturday March 28 at 6:30pm. [www.meda.org/waterloo](http://www.meda.org/waterloo)

• **Join Conrad Grebel University College's** Institute for Anabaptist Mennonite Studies and the Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario to celebrate the release of Sam Steiner's new book, In Search of Promised Lands. Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 in the Great Hall.

• **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)

♪ **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.

• **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 by March 31.

• **New Hamburg Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** Monday, April 20 at Bingeman's. Tickets available from church office. Tickets \$10.

• **MennoHomes** has just launched a survey to help assess the needs related to affordable housing in Elmira. We've partnered with other local agencies to create and distribute it and we are inviting Christian churches in and around Elmira to also participate. See details in "Beyond the Congregation" sheet.



## **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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