

- **BMC past worship services online** are up-to-date and available in the Login section of the BMC website - BMC Worship Video Archives www.breslaumc.ca
- **A letter of Thanks** was received from Mennonite Economic Development Associates for the donation that we sent to them. See letter on bulletin board.

Beyond the Congregation

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and MCC Ontario News

- **MCC 2021 Christmas giving guide** available – a few copies at BMC and also <https://mcccanada.ca/christmas#>!
- Keep connected with **MCEC Courageous Imagination** – a journey together listening for God. <https://mcec.ca/courageous-imagination>

Conrad Grebel University College

- **Conrad Grebel University College: What would it be like to live in a museum?** Check out “Life Upstairs” a digital exhibit (Chris Steingart’s great web project!) of the **Brubacher House museum**. www.lifeupstairs.ca Jillian Burkhardt and Chris Steingart lived at Brubacher House from 2004-2006.
- **The Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir** is blessed to be having in-person rehearsals once again while following Covid guidelines. We are inviting grade one to High School students to join for the January-May 2022 season. Registration deadline is December 20 <https://forms.gle/B9KrQUT6rJEMBHjGA>
- **Menno Singers is back!** Join artistic director Brandon Leis and choir for an online watch party on Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 pm as we share ‘Christmas Lessons and Carols’, recorded live at Trillium Lutheran Church. You can find the direct link to watch that afternoon at www.mennosingers.com
- The **Coldest Night of the Year Elmira** walk is taking place on Sat Feb 26. December 1 is the official launch day for the event. We will be offering an in-person (full outdoor) walk this year with the option to walk virtually. For more information or to sign up visit: <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>
- **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Courageous Imagination** regional gatherings summary: <https://mcec.ca/article/17790-on-the-courageous-imagination-journey>

Stewardship & Finance

As of November 28, our offering / income total stands at \$200, 388. and our revised expense forecast is \$275,057. Between now and Dec 31, we will require \$74, 699 in offering donations to cover our congregation-approved expenses for the year. Thank you for your generous contributions, as we strive to reach our year end goal.

Donations can be mailed/delivered to the church office, delivered electronically using E-transfer (to donations@breslaumc.ca) or via monthly AFT donation. To set up monthly AFT, please contact Sharon Brown at 519-239-7741 or sharondbrown@rogers.com



BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH

SECOND ADVENT Sunday December 5, 2021
Dare to imagine God’s embrace!

GATHERING AND PRAISING GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Hymns

Hark! the Glad Sound #217 VT

O Christmas Tree

Advent Candle Lighting

Emma, Owen, Laura & Dan Shantz

Advent Candle Lighting Hymn

He Came Down #239 VT

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Story

Dorothy Hadfield

Advent Theme Hymn

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets #276 VT

Scripture

Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon Daring Peace

Eleanor Epp-Stobbe

Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, O My People #212 VT

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn

Still, Still, Still #264 VT

Benediction

Postlude

VT – Voices Together

We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnawbe, and Neutral peoples upon our church stands. We seek a new relationship with Indigenous peoples, one based in honour and deep respect.

Worship Leader Byron Good
Musicians Sherrie Tiessen, Janet Auger, Randy Brown,
Lynette Gossen, Linden Gossen, Stacey VanderMeer,
Jillian Burkhardt, Chris Steingart, Justin Martin, Chanel Cressman,
Janice Klassen, Chris Derstine, Jeremy Roth, Eric Hiebert Rempel,
Karl Braun, Neil Snyder, Allison Dyjach, Matt Rappolt
Scripture Reader Maria Klassen
Ushers Mike & Carolyn Strathdee
Greeters Dorothy & Paul Horton
Sound & Tech Support Matt & Owen VanderMeer, Doris Gingerich

Joys and Concerns

- Pray for **Jeremy Roth, Chanel Cressman and Harlen Cressman Roth**, as they grieve the passing of Jeremy's grandmother **Margaret Ruby** on Sunday November 21. A funeral service took place for Margaret on Thurs Nov 25.
- Pray for **Karl Braun**, as he recuperates at home following successful hip surgery.
- Pray for **John Bullock** and **Nancy Dickieson** as **John** awaits a treatment plan for cancer of the esophagus.
- Pray for **Lynne Hoffman**, as **Lynne** rests at home with a broken elbow/arm. Lynne's arm is in a cast, restricting movement in her dominant arm.
- December 6th is Canada's National Day of **Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** – pray and work for peace.
- Pray for all those threatened and impacted by the **severe weather in Western and Eastern Canada**.
- Pray for **students** as they finish papers and write exams to complete the fall semester university and college courses.
- **Thank you** to all the BMC friends for your many thoughts, prayers, and cards for me and our family during Norm's illness and death! They were, are felt and appreciated! Thank you for your continuing prayers! Alice Gascho

Calendar of Coming Events

Sun Dec 5 9:45am ADVENT 2 Dare to imagine God's embrace!
Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
Pastor Eleanor preaching

Tues Dec 7 10am-2pm Creative Hands, Room 100

Wed Dec 8 7:00pm Church Council meeting via ZOOM

Sun Dec 12 9:45am ADVENT 3 Dare to imagine God's song!
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18,
Pastor Eleanor preaching.

Sun Dec 12 11:15am Jr Sunday School via ZOOM

Sun Dec 12 1:00pm Youth Sunday School via ZOOM

Birthdays

Dec 5 Mark McGill Dec 6 Paul Rappolt Dec 7 Devon Cressman
Dec 8 Luann Good Gingrich Dec 10 Sherrie Tiessen

Announcements

- At the congregational meeting on October 27 a decision was made to approve the Special Discernment Committees recommendation for the distribution of land funds. As a result of this decision a **Short-term Missions Harvest Fund** with an amount of \$225,000 will be disbursed as soon as decision process is completed. Proposals are to be submitted to the Special Discernment Committee by January 31st, 2022. All BMCers are invited to submit proposals using the application form available in the land use funds area of the BMC website. www.breslaumc.ca For more information, please contact any member of the Special Discernment Committee: Byron Good (chair), Scott Bruinsma, Ted Rowe, Brent Schmidt, Carolyn Snider.
- BRRRRR! IT'S COLD OUT! **Share the Warmth fundraiser** is occurring during December and January. The **BMC Missions Committee** is accepting donations of touques, mittens, gloves and socks for children, youth and adults. These items need to be new. Gently used children's snow pants can be donated. If you would like to donate cash that is appreciated too. These items will be donated to oneROOF (youth outreach program), House of Friendship, and Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region. Items can be placed on the display in the foyer or under the Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary.
- **BMC Reopening Update** – BMC Covid-19 Safety Protocols <https://www.breslaumc.ca/about-us/covid-19-safety-protocols>
- **Camp Marafiki Pamoja Fundraiser** - Purchase your own Safari Snapshot Calendar made of photographs taken by Amanda during her Kenyan safaris. The cost is \$25 with all proceeds supporting Marafiki Pamoja. Email to order: amanda@breslaumc.ca
- **Children's Ministry Team** is excited to lead **BMC Jr Sunday School** on Zoom during Advent on December 12 from 11:15-11:35am. Check your email for the Zoom link and send pictures of your crafts to Amanda at amanda@breslaumc.ca!
- **BMC Advent Christmas songs** recorded in 2020 for worship are available to hear (and see) on our church web site Login Page. If you have questions about the Login page, contact the church office.

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Elders Janet Auger Nick Betik Pauline Gingrich
Pat Klassen Heather McGill Jeremy Roth