

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship
 Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 Lighting of the Third Advent Candle
 Offertory
 Prayer Time
 Children's Story
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5;
 Matthew 3: 1-12
 Message: "Life Giving
 Repentance"
 Closing Song
 Benediction

Worship Leader – Eric Peters
 Song Leader – Luke Klassen
 Pianist – Josh Dyck
 Speaker – Rudy Franz
 Reader – Caroline Ens

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Blumenort Mennonite Church, commit to worship God with our lives, enabled by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of Jesus the Christ.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*Those who conceal their transgressions will not prosper, but those who confess and forsake them will obtain mercy.
 Proverbs 28: 13*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

in the Youth Centre
 For ages 1-4 during the Sunday morning service. Drop off your child(ren) at 10:15am.

CLUBS

done until January 8, 2020

YOUTH

December 18 – Christmas Party – Bring a \$5 grab Bag gift – wear a Christmas Sweater

SAVE THE DATE

February 7 – 9, 2020 – Annual Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

22- Sunday School
 Christmas Program
 24 – Candlelight Service @ 7:30 pm
 25 – Christmas Day
 Worship Service @ 10:30 am
 29 – Sharing Sunday

JANUARY

1 -Breakfast followed by a devotional beginning at 9 am
 4 – 5 – Worship & Prayer event in the Youth Centre

GIVING UPDATE

Budget to Yearend // \$ 375, 000
 Income to Date // \$ 305, 949
 Needed // **\$ 69, 051**

MISSIONS

- Ryan Thiessen
- Tyler Loewen
- Murray and Carol Honsberger
- Laure and Her Family
- Eagles Wings Children's Village

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those facing illness, recovery or other difficulties

- Werner & Marlene Ens
- Helen Janzen
- Jake Rempel
- Elma Kehler, recuperating at home
- Katrina & Justin Rempel
- Dave & Erica Rempel

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We come, our God, seeking light; light to reveal Your Majesty; light to clear our blindness; light to illumine our understanding. Come into our hearts and lives as we worship, so that we may serve in Your kingdom as bearers of light and guide others to the light. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT MENNONITE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

SCCFV - www.geneshouseshelter.ca

MDS – check the bulletin board or go to <https://mds.mennonite.net> for updates and current volunteer needs.

MCC – check the bulletin board or go to <https://mcccanada.ca/> for updates.

Winkler Bible Camp www.winklerbiblecamp.com.

Canadian Red Cross

Southern Manitoba Choral Society presents "A Christmas Greeting", Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7 pm in the Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, and Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 3 pm in the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Freewill offerings will be taken at each program.

Faith & Life Choirs, under the direction of Janet Brenneman & Ben Pauls, present "O Come Let us Adore Him" on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 3 pm in the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Freewill offering will be taken.

*Note: These are not all the organizations we partner with, in order to keep the bulletin less crowded, we've just included those that have sent us recent updates.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 29 is the final Sunday of the year and we would like to continue of tradition of calling it a sharing Sunday. How have you experienced God during the past year? We invite your participation in our service, whether through story, poem, scripture, song or instrumental. Let us hear from one another that which would enable the body of Christ to be encouraged and built up.

There will be no Children's church for December 22 or December 29.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 the food committee is preparing breakfast for us here at the church, beginning at 9am. We are invited to come for breakfast which will be followed by a more informal worship and prayer service.

Annual Church retreat is Feb 7 – 9, 2020 at Camp Assiniboia, Please mark your calendars.

CLUBS

will resume after Christmas on Jan 8th and we will be in the youth hut that evening.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

KATRINA REMPEL

Katrina is at home and recovery is going well. Please continue to keep her and Justin in your prayers as this will take some time.

A 24 hour worship & Prayer event is scheduled for January 4 & 5, 2020 in the youth centre beginning at 8:15 am. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please sign up if you are willing to commit to pray or lead worship music for a 1 hour time slot or more.

