



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 122, 2019

Welcome and Announcements
 Call to Worship
 Prayer
 Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle
 Offertory
 Congregational Song
 The Sunday school children present
 "A Saviour is Born",
 Written and directed by
 Luke Klassen
 Congregational Song
 Benediction

Worship leader: Marilyn Dyck
 Song leader: Kathy Franz
 Pianist: Joshua Dyck

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

*She will give birth to a Son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.
 Matt. 1:21*

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

Resumes January 8, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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
 5 – Epiphany & Communion
Speaker – Esther Zacharias
 4 – 5 – Worship & Prayer event in the Youth Centre

GIVING UPDATE

Budget to Yearend // \$ 375,000
 Income to Date // \$ 314,497
 Needed // **\$ 60,502**

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

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, O Promised One. Once again we come to this time of Advent and await Your Presence. Give us patience to seek the meaning of these busy days. Give us the courage to wait in times of pain and trouble. Give us the compassion to wait for one another. Give us the faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods' of this world. Give us the hope to wait for the Savior even when we cannot hear the angels singing. Give us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our neighbor.
 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

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.

For all those involved in the our Education system either as teachers, students, bus drivers or educational assistants, we want to wish for you a restful break and time of renewal over the Christmas holidays.

Thank you to Richard & Dorothy Hildebrandt for taking such good care of our facilities. You put in a lot of time in making our church functional for every Sunday. It is noticed and appreciated!

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The Sunday school is very grateful to Luke Klassen for writing and directing our Christmas production, "A Saviour is Born". Luke, your creative genius is a gift to us, and we have immensely enjoyed working with you once again. Thank you very much!

Thank you so much to the children for your presentation of "A Saviour is Born". Thank you for your willingness to practise, to bring to us anew the great story of the birth of Jesus who came to dwell among us. Thank you to all who helped with costumes. We appreciate your creativity in helping us celebrate this season of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Sunday, December 29 is the final Sunday of the year and we would like to continue our 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 or Sunday school on December 29.

There will be a worship night on Dec. 29 at 7:30, in the sanctuary at BMC. Like last year, it will be Christmas music—with a twist! So if you enjoy Christmas music, come out and learn some new songs. If not, come anyway and spend some time worshipping God and praising him for his greatest gift to us. See you there!

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.

