Giving Update

Budget for the year: \$375, 000 Income to date: \$346, 743

Needed: \$28, 257



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Sermon Notes			

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Church Calendar

Dec 18 - SS Program/4th Advent

Dec 24 - <u>Candlelight Service</u> - <u>7:00pm</u>

Dec 25 - Gerry Giesbrecht/Christmas Day

Prayer List

Missions

-Werner & Marlene Ens -Baby Drew Wiebe

-Baby Drew Wiebe -Krahn family Ryan Thiessen
Tyler Loewen
Murray & Carol
Honsberger
Laure & Family (Congo)
Eagles Wings Children's
Village

Community Announcements

The Altona Palliative Care Volunteer Team is hosting a Longest Night Memorial Service on Dec. 21st at 7 pm at the Altona United Church. All are welcome in a service to remember lost loved ones.

Winkler Bible Camp

December 5-18 - Christmas Glow in the Country is a great way to spend quality time with your family or friends and celebrate the season! Come take a leisurely drive through the 2-kilometer route in the comfort of your vehicle, tune your radio to our Christmas Glow station and enjoy the festive displays and goodies. Make your reservation for any of our 14 nights and get all the details at winklerbiblecamp.com or call 204-325-9519

<u>Christmas Day Dinner</u> on December 25th from 11:30 am till 2:00 pm at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre in Altona. If you would like to volunteer or make a monetary donation please call Angelika Stoesz at 204-324-8139.



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.

Worship Leader: Eric Peters Speaker: Keith Friesen

Song Leader & Pianist: Jake Friesen &

Kirsten Warkentin

Advent Feature: Ainsley Martens

Date: December 11, 2022

Sunday, December 11, 2022 3rd Advent

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Congregational Prayer
Offertory
Advent Feature - "Love"
Worship in Song
Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Message: "Advent in the Old Testament"
Closing Song
Benediction

Verse for the Week

"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

Prayer for the Week

"Mighty God, thank you for your incredible love for us. Thank you that you came into your own creation in the person of Jesus. Thank you for showing us who you are, and for giving yourself as a sacrifice on our behalf."

Church Announcements

Candlelight Service Choir

-If you are interested in joining the choir for BMC's Candlelight service on December 24th, please come to our practices on <u>December 16th and 23rd, at 7:00 pm.</u> Feel free to contact Melita (email: m.klassen079@gmail.com or cell: 431-775-3440) if you have questions.

Birth Announcement & Prayer

Drew Annalyn Blake Wiebe was born on October 24. She is the daughter of Dylan and Ravae Wiebe and a little sister to Redden. She will be having stem cell surgery on Dec 13 due to her SCID (immune system). Please be in prayer for her treatment and recovery.

Clubs

Wednesday - December 14 is the club's Christmas party! Be at the church by 6:30 pm. Come dressed warm for outdoor activities!

Special SS Class

On January 8 and 15, we will have a special 2-part SS class that is for everyone in High School up through all adult classes. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall and will be led by Kyle Coffey from CCBR (Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform); they are an organization that advocates for the rights of the pre-born.

"Participants will learn how to discuss abortion in a compassionate and compelling manner. Topics covered include: 1) general conversation skills such as: learning to find common ground, make analogies, and ask questions to further the conversation along, 2) the importance of being gracious to and understanding of the person you talk with...

Special SS Class continued...

- 3) how to focus the conversation on the primary issues: the humanity of the child and the inhumanity of abortion, 4) how to make a human rights and science-based case for pre-born children, 5) how to discuss the hard cases: sexual assault and medical situations, 6) how to minister to the wounded, 7) introduction to the problem of abortion and CCBR's strategy to end the injustice, and 8) opportunities to get involved in the fight for life.
- -If you are newer to BMC, we would love to connect with you! Please take a moment to fill out a connect card (in the back of the pews) with your name and contact info, and place it in the offering, so we can reach out to you.

Upcoming

- -December 18 is our SS Christmas Program at 10:30 am.
- -There will be no Sunday School on December 25 or January 1.
- -We are planning to have a BMC breakfast during the regular SS hour on Jan 1, followed by a sharing service in the fellowship hall. More details to come.

Youth Calendar

<u>December 14</u> - Bible Study - O Come! Session 2

December 21 - Christmas Party w/Dress-up Supper!