

## Giving Update

Budget for the year: \$390,000  
Income to date: \$374, 226  
Needed: \$15, 774



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## Sermon Notes

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## Church Calendar

Dec 24 - Candlelight Service - 7:00pm  
Dec 25 - Gerry Giesbrecht/Christmas Day  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - Breakfast/Sharing Service

### Prayer List

-Werner & Marlene Ens  
-Dylan, Ravae, & baby  
Drew Wiebe

### Missions

Ryan Thiessen  
Tyler Loewen  
Murray & Carol  
Honsberger  
Laure & Family (Congo)  
Eagles Wings Children's  
Village

### Community Announcements

#### Come to Bethlehem: an MCI Christmas

Mennonite Collegiate Institute invites you to join us in Buhler Hall for our Christmas concert on December 21st at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00). It will be an evening of music from our choirs & bands as we celebrate the Christmas season. The evening will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. We look forward to celebrating the Savior's birth with you!

Winkler's Central Station is hosting a Community Christmas Dinner on December 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm. Enjoy a FREE traditional Christmas Meal with friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

#### Mennonite Central Committee

Need some help in gift wrapping that goat? Share some comfort and joy through MCC -give a gift to your loved one that will change a life around the world. Check out MCC's Christmas Giving online at [mccmb.org/shop](https://mccmb.org/shop)



Blumenort  
Mennonite Church



## 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: Marilyn Dyck  
Children's Program Director: Luke Klassen  
Song Leader & Pianist:  
Cassie Giesbrecht & Ingrid Dyck  
Advent Feature: Amanda Nickel

Date: December 18, 2022

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Fourth Advent

**For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7b**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Advent Feature - "Joy"

Offertory

The Sunday School children present

**"A Party for Jesus"**

written and directed by Luke Klassen

Worship in Song

Benediction

### Verse for the Week

"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth,  
peace to those on whom his favour rests." - Luke  
2:14

### Prayer for the Week

"Thank you Jesus for the joy that we can have in you  
regardless of circumstances. Holy Spirit, give to us a  
heart of worship each day. Heavenly Father, may  
your name be praised all over the earth."

## Church Announcements

### Sharing Service

On January 1st we will be meeting for a New Year's breakfast hosted by the deacons in the fellowship hall at 9:15 am (the regular SS hour), followed by an informal sharing service which will also be in the fellowship hall. This service will be an opportunity for people to share with us a word of encouragement, a song, or a story of something that God has been doing in your life lately that will be encouraging and uplifting for our congregation. We look forward to fellowshipping together in this way again!

### Small Groups

For all those who signed up for or are interested in joining a small group, we will be gathering in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, January 10, at 7pm. We will briefly provide some information about the small groups, discuss any questions together, and then have the small groups meet together to connect and decide on their own locations and dates for meeting. Please bring some left over Christmas baking or snacks to share.

### 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.

For more details please check the bulletin from December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## In Memoriam

Carol Klassen (nee Epp), 68, of Winkler, passed away on December 11. She is a daughter-in-law to Margaret Klassen. May God surround this family circle with His comfort and abiding peace.

## Prayer

-Pastor Keith, Tamara, Noah, and Olivia are travelling to Nashville Dec 22-28 to spend Christmas with their family. Please pray for good travel conditions on the trip there and back.

-Please pray for safety for all those travelling during the Christmas season, as well as a restful break for students, teachers & support staff.

## Upcoming

-Birthday Celebration for Margaret Dyck - Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-4:00 here at the church. All are welcome!

-24 hours of worship & prayer coming January 7-8 in the youth center. More details to come.

-Mom's Morning Out/Ladies coffee is on break for Christmas and will meet again on Tuesday, January 10.

## Note

There will be no Sunday School on December 25 or January 1.

## Youth Calendar

December 21 - 6:30 pm - Christmas Party w/Dress-up Supper!