Giving Update

Budget for the year: \$400,000 Income to date: \$392, 792

Needed: \$7, 208



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Sermon Notes		
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Church Calendar

Jan 1st - Breakfast/Sharing Service
Jan 8 - Keith Friesen/Communion

Jan 15 - Keith Friesen

Prayer List

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

Missions

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

Community Announcements

Mennonite Disaster Service Newsletter

The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: learn about the activity of MDS Canada throughout 2022; read the inspiring reflections of an MDS volunteer in Monte Lake, BC; and get details on how to register for the upcoming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February.

Read more at: https://conta.cc/3BSqFaC

Mennonite Central Committee

Opportunity for university students! Join MCC's Peace & Justice Office in Ottawa to learn about what it means to be Rooted in Right Relationship: With one another and creation. We are returning to our in-person student seminar in Ottawa from March 9-11, with fantastic opportunities to learn and engage with other students, MCC partners, parliamentarians, and civil society actors. Travel subsidies are available, apply soon to secure your spot! Visit mccmb.ca/events for information and to apply by February 14, 2023.



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: Jake Friesen

Speaker: Gerry Giesbrecht

Song Leader: Jaime Falk

Date: December 25, 2022

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Congregational Prayer
Offertory
Worship in Song
Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-2:12
Message: "Emmanuel - God With Us"
Closing Song
Benediction

Verse for the Week

"When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." - Galatians 4:4-5 (CSB)

Prayer for the Week

"Thank you Lord for stepping into your own creation, being born as a human, to ultimately save your people."

Church Announcements

From the Sunday School

Huge and heartfelt thank you to Luke Klassen for writing and directing another meaningful and fabulous Christmas program! Thank you to Cassie Giesbrecht and Ingrid Dyck for leading the choir, and to the students for their hard work in preparing and learning lines and songs. Thank you to Becky Froese for helping with costuming, to our tech team of Mitchell Peters and Morgan Fehr, and to our wonderful SS teachers for all their love and support.

Sharing Service

Next Sunday 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.

Church Announcements

24 Hours of Worship and Prayer

On January 7th to 8th, we want to fill the 24-hour period with worship and prayer to our amazing God. This will be happening in the Youth Center from 8:15am on Saturday the 7th until 8:30am on Sunday the 8th. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer, or you can contact Kendra Fehr or Pastor Gerry to sign up for a half hour slot. Or more as a person who will be praying, or someone who will be playing/singing worship music for that time!

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 11th

A Message from Tyler Loewen

"Hello BMC! Thank you to all, for your generous gifts. It is much appreciated.

Merry Christmas from Cambodia!"