# **Giving Update**

Budget to date: \$450, 000 Income to date: \$416, 789 Needed: \$33, 211



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### Sermon Notes

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# Church Calendar

Dec 24 - Candlelight Service- <u>7:00pm</u> Dec 25 - Keith Friesen - <u>10:30am</u> Dec 31 - Sharing Service - <u>10:30am</u>

# Prayer List

Missions

-Werner & Marlene Ens -Zelma Fehr & family -Margaret Klassen (recovering at home)

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

### **Community Announcements**

-Mennonite Disaster Service

The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Ross Penner shares insights into God's Great Wisdom; meet two women who enjoy cooking and painting with MDS; and learn why a retired Army General in Kentucky says, "only God could have made that happen." Go to <u>https://conta.cc/3NBLuNo</u> to read more.

-Paul Dueck Harp Concert Buhler Active Living Centre, Winkler, MB Thursday, Dec 28, at 2:30pm. Everyone Welcome! Freewill offering welcome.

-Winkler blood donor clinic Thursday, Dec. 28 starting at 2:00pm. Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church 120 Pineview Dr. Winkler www.blood.ca for appointments





# **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.

Children's play director: Char Klassen Choir director/song leader: Cassie Giesbrecht Accompanists: Josh Dyck, Tyson Fehr, Heidi Fehr Worship leader: Marilyn Dyck

Date: December 24, 2023

### December 24th, 2023 Christmas Eve

#### Sunday School Christmas Program Fourth Advent

Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Prayer Advent Feature Offertory - Sadie Froese Worship in Song The Sunday School presents-**"Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior"** Worship in Song

Benediction

### Verse for the Week

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them." - Luke 2:15-18

### **Prayer for the Week**

"Our Father in heaven, may your name be holied on the earth, as we celebrate the coming of Christ, and His reign over all of creation."

### **Church Announcements**

-You are all warmly invited to our annual Candlelight Service this evening at 7:00pm.

-<u>On Sunday, December 31, we will be having our</u> <u>annual sharing service at 10:30am.</u> 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. Please contact Pastor Gerry if you are planning to share during this service, so he can call you up at the appropriate time, thank you! (There will be no Sunday School on this Sunday)

-<u>In lieu of a New Year's breakfast or special service</u> on January 1, 2024, you are invited to start off the <u>New Year in prayer and seeking the Lord.</u> The Church/Sanctuary will be open at 10:30 am and there will be some worship music playing through the sound system throughout the morning for those who wish to do this at BMC, but there will be no official program.

-Our annual <u>24-hour prayer and worship marathon</u> will be happening this January, the 6th into the 7th. We are looking for musicians and people to pray. Each hour will have 2 slots, one slot for leading music, and the other for committing to pray. You are also welcome to just come, you don't need to commit to a slot. You can text or call Kendra at 204-362-4072 or email at kndrfehr@gmail.com

-Men's breakfast to resume Saturday, January 6.

#### Volunteer Opportunity

-Are you wanting to serve at BMC but are not sure where? The Tech Team would love to have you help out with sound and visuals on Sunday mornings. Training on how to use the tech equipment will be provided. Please talk to John Falk or Jesse Miller if you are interested.

#### <u>Please take note of the address change:</u>

Paul & Elizabeth Peters 505- 650 South Railway Ave. Winkler, MB R6W 0L6 Ph: 204-325-2142

#### In Memoriam

Raymond (Ray) Klippenstein, 89, of Altona, passed away on December 15, 2023. He is the father of Ang & Rod Fehr, grandfather of Jaime & Cody Falk, and great grandfather of Cyrus, Tenly, Scarlett, and Shiloh. May God's comfort and peace surround the family circle.

#### **Youth Calendar**

December 27 & January 3 - No youth (Christmas break) January 10, 2024 - Youth starts up again