

## Giving Update

Budget to date: \$404, 500  
Income to date: \$365, 123  
Needed: \$39, 377



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## Sermon Notes

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## Church Calendar

Dec 10 - Keith Friesen/2<sup>nd</sup> Advent  
Dec 17 - Mitch Peters/3<sup>rd</sup> Advent  
Dec 24 - Sunday School Program/4<sup>th</sup> Advent  
Dec 24 - Evening Candlelight Service

### Prayer List

-Werner & Marlene Ens  
-Zelma Fehr & family

### Missions

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

## Community Announcements

**Hello Carolers! At Eden Foundation, we're planning our second CAROLING FOR A CAUSE outing,** and we would love to have you join the singing caravan!

Give the gift of music and support the mental health care programs of Eden health care services. Nominate a home you'd like our team of carolers to visit and make a donation by going to [edenhealthcare.ca/caroling-for-a-cause-2023](https://edenhealthcare.ca/caroling-for-a-cause-2023) OR volunteer as a carol singer. The date will be Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6-8pm. This year, we are organizing teams in Steinbach, Winkler and Morden, so if you know of any other friends who might like to join the fun - tell them to reach out to me, and I'd be happy to put them in a group. Please let me know if you're willing to take part this year! Phone: 204-325-5355 ext.2228; cell 204-384-6343; email [jayme.giesbrecht@edenhealthcare.ca](mailto:jayme.giesbrecht@edenhealthcare.ca)

-Please check your insert for more community announcements.



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: Gerry Giesbrecht  
Speaker: Keith Friesen  
Song Leader: Jake Friesen  
Pianist: Kirsten Warkentin

Date: December 3, 2023

## December 3, 2023

### First Advent

Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Advent Feature  
Worship in Song  
Scripture Reading -Isaiah 9:6-7 & Hebrews 2:1-18  
Congregational Prayer  
Offertory  
Worship in Song  
Message - "Why The Incarnation Was Necessary"  
Hebrews 2:11-18  
Communion  
Closing Song  
Benediction

### Verse for the Week

"He had to be like his brothers in every way, so that He could become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." - Hebrews 2:17

### Prayer for the Week

"Thank you, Jesus, for being our faithful and merciful high priest, having made purification for our sin.  
Amen."

## Church Announcements

-The funeral for Norman Peters, son of Paul J & Elizabeth Peters took place on Saturday, Dec 2, at the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Let us continue to uphold the Peters family in our prayers.

### Mitten Tree

-Please help us fill the mitten tree, in the foyer, with warm winter items to help families in need. Your contributions of mittens, gloves, toques, scarves, and socks are greatly appreciated and will be donated to local schools.

### Secret Sisters

-To all ladies, we welcome you to join us for the BMC Secret Sister evening!  
The 2023 Sisters will be revealed, and new names will be selected for 2024.  
Come with a snack to share on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

-If you would like to join a care group within the church, please speak with one of the lay ministers or pastors.

-The winter "Rejoice" devotionals are delayed. For those who have signed up to receive copies, you will find printed photocopies in your mailboxes of this next week's devotionals. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at the church email or call the church.

### This week at BMC

-Mom's morning out, Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.  
-BMC Boys & Girls Clubs - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - Bible lesson 7-8:30pm.

-RightNow Media Access - Our Church would like to give you free access to this amazing digital resource! It has many different Bible Study Series' and kids shows you can choose from. If you would like access to this free resource, please email Gerry.  
-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.

## Youth Calendar

**December 6** - Service Night at Central Station Winkler. Meet at BMC at 6:45pm, back around 9:30pm. Bring \$ for a stop at McDonald's before we head back!

**December 13** - Skating (Weather permitting!) or TBA. Normal time.

**December 20** - Christmas Banquet - Western theme. \$10 gift exchange. Supper will be provided and we will start at 6pm!

**December 27 & January 3** - No youth (Christmas break)

**Save the Date: Jan.12-13 (Grade 8-12)-** Youth Orbit at MCI - Overnight pricing - \$125. For more info & register visit <https://micblues.net/youth-orbit/> Let Pastor Gerry know if you've registered!

## MCI

MCI is seeking a host family for a male student in gr.12 from Hong Kong. Hosting dates are Dec. 15-17th and Dec. 22-Jan. 7th. There is a \$600 stipend available for hosting over the Christmas break to help take care of our students. For more information, please reach out to [mci@mciblues.net](mailto:mci@mciblues.net) or call 204-327-5891.