

UPSIDE DOWN & INSIDE OUT LENT 2 Beyond Imagination

Sunday March 1, 2015

Worship Leader Ted Giesbrecht
Chorister Randy Brown
Accompanist Marlys Neufeldt
Singers Karl Braun, Randy Brown
Dan Enns, Linden Gossen
Readers Reg Good, Ella Strathdee

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Prayer
Hymns

#124 STS My soul cries out
#34 STS You are holy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giving Our First Fruit Offerings to the Lord

Children's Offering Project: Mary's Place – Emergency Shelter

Children's Story Bryan Berg

HEARING

Scripture Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38

Jesus, you are hard to follow.

Be reasonable!

Don't talk about suffering and rejection, death and dying.

Like Peter, when we said we would follow you,
we had something better in mind.

We're just trying to keep you and us, safe.

SILENCE

Keep us close by your side,

and give us the imagination to see what you see

and the courage to follow you into it.

Sermon – Reimagining Through God's Eyes Jean Lehn Epp

Hymn #545 HWB Be Thou my vision

RESPONDING

Reading – A More Comfortable Saviour adapted by Thom M. Shuman

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn #81 STS When we are tempted

Benediction

God turns things upside down and inside out
by letting us in on the big picture.

**God, even when following is hard, we will stick with you
and wait expectantly to see what else you have in mind.**

Postlude

**We welcome all to our church community.
Following the worship time, you are invited to enjoy coffee, juice
and conversation in the foyer.**

Ushers: Karen Good, Tian Brown, Jonathan & Joel Klassen

Greeters: David & Lynn Romagnoli

Nursery: Sarah Hilker and Kate Strathdee

Offering Counters: Janet Charette and Art Klassen

Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 am

Age 2-3 - JK: Sharla Braun, Kerry Burt, Angela Wise.....Downstairs

SK - Grade 1: Krista Burkhardt, Giselle Maerz, Jeremy Wiebe.....Downstairs

Grade 2-5: Helen Fehr & Geordie Hagerman.....Room 203

Jr. Youth: Ingrid Neufeld, Phil Martin..... Room 208

Sr. Youth: Eleanor Epp-Stobbe.....Room 201

Adults: Homelessness: discussion led by Chip Bender.....Library

\$ Stewardship & Finance Update:

Feb 22 Attendance 128 Budget Givings \$5792.00

Calendar of Coming Events

TODAY 12 noon Soup Lunch-Youth Fundraiser

All are welcome!

Mar. 2 Mon 1:00pm Men's Crokinole—Room 100

Mar. 2 Mon 7:00pm Creative Hands—Room 100

Mar. 3 Tue 2:00pm Creative Hands—Room 100

Mar. 3 Tue 7:00pm Personnel Committee—Brenda Hallman's home

Mar. 4 Wed 7:00pm Church Council—Library

Mar. 8 Sun 9:45 am Worship – Lent 3 Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Amanda Snyder preaching

Mar. 9 Mon 7:00pm Children's Ministry Team—Library

Mar. 11 Wed 7:00pm Elders--Library

Birthdays

March 2 Mark Epp

March 2 Pauline Gingrich

March 4 Karen Giesbrecht

March 4 Brandon Hadfield

March 7 Lynn Romagnoli

Announcements

• **Children's Offering Project: Mary's Place – Emergency Shelter** – During the offering on Sunday March 1, our children will invite you to share your loose change in support. <http://www.ywcakw.on.ca/emergency-shelter>

• **Lent-At-Home 2015** (Mennonite Church Canada) resource for families with young children is available on the table in the foyer.

- Your donations are welcomed to pay down our remaining commitment to the **projector fund**. Half of the \$12500 total cost was initially offset by the bequest fund and the remaining balance is to be covered by individual donations and fundraising. With donations received to date, the current balance is approximately \$4600. Please keep this project(or) in mind as you prepare your weekly offerings. - Stewardship and Finance
- **Garage Sale** - Thinking about starting Spring Cleaning? The Youth can help! Save your treasures for the BMC Youth Garage Sale set for early May.
- **Young Adult Brunch** Sunday March 22 at noon at Reg Good & Kathy Shantz's, 34 Hohner Ave. Kitchener
- **BMC Seniors** "Games and Junk Food" event, Monday March 23, in the library 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Beyond the Congregation

See more events/info on sheet on bulletin board

- **Conrad Grebel University College Student Council** presents: Fiddler on the Roof, Sat. March 28 and Sun. March 29 (1 pm and 6:30pm shows) Tickets can be purchased at the door or through Conrad Grebel main office (519-885-0220)
- You're invited to an **Open House** at **Conrad Grebel University College and University of Waterloo**, on Saturday March 14th (10am to 4pm). More info: www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/future-students.
- **Mennonite Central Committee** is privileged to host **Bishop Selwanos Boutros Alnemeh** from the Syrian Orthodox Church in Homs, Syria on Tuesday March 3, 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Community room at 50 Kent Avenue in Kitchener. Hear firsthand how your support of MCC ministry brings hope in the midst of violence in Syria.
- **Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada Lenten Retreat** led by Gord Alton, Saturday March 7, 9:00am to 12 noon at Mannheim Mennonite Church. Register: mennospiritdir@gmail.com
- **Menno Singers** presents the Poulenc Stabat Mater and works of Brahms, Copland and others at Waterloo North Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 21 at 7:30pm.
- **Mennonite Economic Development Associates** Waterloo Spring Banquet at Steinmann Mennonite Church on Saturday March 28 at 6:30pm. More info: www.meda.org/waterloo
- The **Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** invites parents and children to an open rehearsal to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the choir on Tues. March 31 at W-K United Mennonite Church. Children ages 6-9 are welcome from 6:30 to 7:00pm and children ages 10-15 are welcome from 7:30 to 8:00pm. More info: imcc.conductor@rogers.com



Breslau Mennonite Church

We strive to be a welcoming community of faith and worship
 Supporting each other as we learn and grow
 Extending Christ's love, peace, and justice
 With our community
 With the world

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