



## *Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday*

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Pastor Doug

Call to Worship

Leader: Our souls wait in silence;

**People: our hope rests in God  
our rock  
our salvation  
our refuge.**

Leader: We will not be shaken.

**People: We pour out our hearts  
because we trust in God's steadfast love.**

Prayer

\*Hymn *The Lord is King* HWB 69

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Offering/Offertory/Prayer

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-26 [OT p.766 ]

\*Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* HWB 327 v. 1,3  
*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* (on screen)

Prayers of the People Pastor Doug

Women's Chorus *Jesus Calls us here to meet him*

Scripture Reading Mark 2:1-12 [NT p.36] Erna Froese

\*Song *Open my eyes* (on screen)

Sermon "JESUS CHRIST: OUR HOPE" Pastor David

\*Hymn of Response *My hope is built on nothing less* HWB 343

Benediction

\*Sending Hymn *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* (on screen)

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!***

**The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.**

**Please stay for coffee fellowship after the service.**

**Focus Group this morning** ~ We will begin with thoughts about the sermon. Then we will engage the final chapter of our book, on relations with other churches. How do we combine conviction about our understanding of the Gospel with a willingness to learn from other Christians? Then we will decide on our next study book. ***Speaking of God*** uses fresh language and takes human suffering seriously. ***The Bible Unwrapped*** speaks simply and deeply about the overarching themes of Scripture and doesn't shrink from asking difficult questions. **Which of these books speaks better to your concerns?**

**OFFERING FOR SUNDAY January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Budget – \$1,105.00

Attendance – 46

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Psalms 15

Matthew 5:1-12

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**THURSDAY 9:00 am** Quilting

**SUNDAY 9:30 am** Laurence Steven, Speaker

**Pastor David** will be taking his scheduled week off January 27 – 31. The following week he will be attending the MDS All Units Meeting in Goshen Indiana February 4 – 9.

**Quilting every Thursday at 9 am** in the Fireside Room until further notice. Bring a packed lunch and join us for tea and coffee. Join us for a social time only if you feel you are not a quilter or come to learn. All men and women are welcome.

**🎵 Women's Chorus Practices**

Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am; Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm;

Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am; Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am

**Annual Meeting** date is Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**Voices Together** is the new hymnal for the Mennonite Church and will be available in the Fall of 2020. While we will not be replacing our current hymnals at Grace with this new release at this time, we will be ordering a few copies to be used as a worship resource. If you are interested in wanting this new hymnal as a personal copy for your home, please let Lorraine Sawatzky know before the end of February. She will include your order when calling in the church order on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximate cost is \$32.99 per hymnal, plus any taxes/shipping if applicable.

**Grace Church Outing – “Nonsense” the Musical** at Conrad Grebel U. on Sunday, Feb.23/20. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy after church service in the gym. Bus leaves at 12 noon for 2pm performance at Grebel. Seating for 25 persons. Tickets and transportation \$80. per person. Deadline today. Please contact Anita.



## OUTREACH & INSIGHT

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**John Rempel Book Launch @ Peace of Cake** - On Friday, February 21, at 7 pm we will host an evening where John Rempel will present ideas from his freshly published book *Recapturing An Enchanted World: Ritual and Sacrament in the Free Church Tradition*. More details next week.

**Niagara Relearning Community Event** - See the flyer in your mailbox to consider attending this event being held on Saturday, February 29 at Bethany Mennonite Church. It's a chance to look at ways churches can be relevant in outreach in the world today.

**Grow Hope Niagara Report** - Contributions to Canadian Food Grains Bank/Mennonite Central Committee through the Grow Hope project in Niagara last year amounted to over \$36,000. Tom Neufeld reports that it was a challenging year for all farmers last spring to get any crop into the fields. A buckwheat crop ended up as a useful late experiment for the season. Thanks to Larry and Marge Dyck and family for handling the pressures of farming that crop. The Mennonite constituency expresses gratitude to them. Tom left on January 23rd on an MCC study tour to Ethiopia to visit development projects there that are connected to CFGB work with conservation agriculture education, where MCC has had a strong role to play. On March 29th, Tom will share about his trip here at Grace to provide a contemporary view of what some of our donation dollars are achieving. More details to be provided.

## ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



### **Share Your MCC Story**

As MCC celebrates its centennial year, we want to hear your MCC story. MCC is made up of thousands of people sharing their gifts in their home communities and around the world. And each MCC experience is unique, made up of small moments that tell a larger story. Upload a photo or video with a short 750-character description or submit a text-only story. If you have a longer story, we'd love to read that too. Go to [mcco.ca/share-your-story](http://mcco.ca/share-your-story) for more info and to browse stories. We look forward to seeing your stories!



### **MDS Update re: Puerto Rico**

~ MDS has made plans to build and/or repair homes damaged by recent earthquakes. Homes that MDS built after hurricane Maria in 2017 were not damaged by these recent earthquakes.

### **Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday ~ TODAY January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Niagara Region Evening Celebration & Communion Service

*Jesus Christ our Hope*; 6 pm at Scott St. MB Church

Special Guest: César García General Secretary, Mennonite World Conference. Please see poster on Community Events bulletin board for more information.

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

... those facing health challenges and those experiencing recent and continued grief.

... each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. Join MCEC in praying for Petitcodiac Mennonite Church in Petitcodiac, New Brunswick.

... **Yoel Masyawong** (pastor, Grace Lao Mennonite Church) **and family** as they keep vigil at their daughter **Jobina's** bedside in the Intensive Care Unit at McMaster Hospital in Hamilton. Yoel says, "Pray for strength, recovery for her and energy for us."

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