

Preston Mennonite Church

*Being transformed by and extending God's love
through worship, hospitality and service*

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Easter 3: Illumination

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 25

"Jesus stand among us"

Gathering

(responsive--see back page)

Opening prayer

1 Peter 1:3-9

Hymn: Praise 239

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the
Strain"

SHARING AND PRAYING

Moments for Mission: Pilgrimage for the Indigenous
Rights in support of Bill C-262 to accept UNDRIP
(The United Nations Declaration for the Rights of
Indigenous Peoples)

April birthday offering for camp scholarships for local
children

Sharing our joys and sorrows and prayer requests

- Pray for the MC Canada New Directions
- Pray for Mennonite Church Canada congregations and leaders as they relate to their Indigenous neighbours. May all peoples,

together, release old patterns of relationship and behaviour and find new and life-giving ways to connect.

Prayer of the people

God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Hymn: HWB 278 "Christ is alive!"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Skit from Luke 24:13-35

Children's time: *When God Made the Dakotas*

Prayer for illumination

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Hymn: HWB 360 "Break thou the bread of life"

Message: "Hearts ignited"

RESPONDING

Confessing/Reconciling (see back page)

Hymn: HWB 337 "Ask ye what great thing I know"

1 Peter 1:17-23

Invitation to offering

Prayer of dedication

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: STS 101 "The risen Christ"

Sending (see back page)

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: Opening prayer, Prayer of illumination, Invitation to offering, Prayer of dedication—*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1*;

When God Made the Dakotas—by Tim Kessler and Paul Morin;

Skit written by Laverne Martin.

Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer! God bless you and we hope to see you again!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in the foyer-- ALL WELCOME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children: Classes (ages 3—5 and Primary) will follow the children's time and will last until the service ends. (10:55)

Adult Christian Formation: "Living as Easter people" What difference does the Easter gospel make in the way we live today?

MISSIONS

Claire, and her daughters Tonya and Wendy, will be walking the final four days of the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights from Kanata to Ottawa, May 11-14. (Hopefully the tulips will be in bloom then!). One of the reasons that we are walking in support of **UNDRIP** (United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People) is that **Canada has *not* accepted this document. They have only withdrawn their "objector status" to it.**

MCC Indigenous Neighbours--The cost and availability of food is a serious issue for our Indigenous neighbours in the North of Ontario.

According to a 2016 study by Food Secure Canada, the average cost of groceries for a family of four in Attawapiskat was a whopping \$1,909 per month. Compare that with the Waterloo Region average of \$861.80 per month. MCC has been approached by nine isolated First Nation communities across the North of Ontario who seek to 'Grow Gardeners'. Work with us as we raise funds to send site-appropriate seeds and a garden kit to these communities working to sustain food production in their homeland. For each kit we need:

- 2 new hand trowels (metal)
- 2 new hand garden forks (metal)
- 1 set of men's large gardening gloves
- 1 set of women's large gardening gloves
- 2 packets of wildflower seeds
- 5 packets of vegetable seed
- In addition, we are asking for \$30 per kit towards shipping costs

MCC will be adding ten pounds of seed potatoes to the kit.

Wilmot Mennonite Church has asked us to save clean milk bags for making mats. Put in envelope in upper foyer.

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: April 23 to May 14, a 600 km Pilgrimage from K-W to Ottawa. To follow the progress of the Pilgrimage: www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/

Stroke Recovery and Exercise on Wed May 3 at 7 pm at PMC. Speaker Dr. Marina Mourtzakis will discuss the exciting programs being developed to offer greater advances in research and in promoting health in our community. Contact Shyreen at 519-222-6396 to confirm attendance. (Free)

Shalom Counselling Services Fundraising Breakfast on Sat May 6, 8:30 to 11 am, Stirling Ave Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$30 (receipts for \$15) by calling 519-886-9690 or online at www.shalomcounselling.org See poster.

Grace Lao Mennonite Church Egg Roll Sale is Sat May 6. See bulletin board to order TODAY!

House of Friendship Trek 4 Kids 12th Annual Hike & Bike on Sat May 6, 2 pm. Run, walk or bike the Iron Horse Trail starting and finishing at 50 Kent. See poster for details.

Hawkesville Mennonite Church Homecoming Sunday: Come home and see people from days gone by on Sun May 7. Fellowship 10 am, muffins & coffee, Worship 11 am. More info email office@hawkesvillemennonite.ca

Addison Women's Choir Spring Concert: *Something To Sing About!*, on Sun May 7 at 2pm here at PMC. Birthday cake will be served following the concert. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children, available from choir members or at the door.

Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir 50th Anniversary Concert is on Sun May 7 at 3 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Menno Youth Singers Spring Concert & Annual Fundraiser on Fri May 12, 7 pm at Breslau Mennonite Church. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted. See poster.

Paddle the Grand Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Sat May 13, a 1.5 hour late afternoon paddle from Inverhaugh to West Montrose. Funds raised help support camp program. To register or donate call 519-422-1201 or visit www.slmc.ca

Annual General Meeting for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp on Sat May 13 at 5:30 pm in Letson Park West Montrose. More info call 519-422-1201 or visit www.slmc.ca

Menno Singers presents *Honegger's King David*, a farewell concert for Peter Nikiforuk on Sat May 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Tickets \$25 available at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com

22nd Annual Rockway Golf Classic is Wed May 17, a fun four person Scramble tournament at Willow Valley Golf Course. Golfers sign up then fundraise, proceeds benefit Tuition Assistance, helping students attend Rockway.

Cambridge Right to Life's Annual Coffee & Dessert Evening on Thurs May 18 at the Pines. Dessert will be served at 7 pm. More info at info@cambridgerighttolife.ca

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Plant Tent is looking for donations of plants (perennials, house plants, shrubs, annuals) More details to follow.

10th Annual Run for Relief, Sat May 27 at 8 am, at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. The event includes a 5K Run and a 2K Run/Walk. Register online at www.nhmrs.com

Rockway's Spring Concert is Thurs June 8 at 6:45 pm, join us at Rockway for this night of vocal and orchestral music.

Mennonite Men Retreat on Fri June 9—Sat June 10 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Scott Brubaker-Zehr and Bryan Moyer Suderman will lead. More info: www.eventbrite.ca

Yellow Bellies presented by *Theatre of the Beat* and *No Discernable Key* on Fri June 16 at 7:30 pm at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Admission is free, donations accepted for MCC Peace Projects. All welcome. Info: www.mcco.ca

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is seeking a *Facilities and Environmental Stewardship Director*, starting Fall 2017. More info at www.hiddenacres.ca/site/opportunities/employment

St Jacobs Mennonite Church has worked in cooperation with the Blyth Festival Theatre to offer a group discount to see the production of “Ipserwash” on Sun Aug 27 at 2 pm. There will also be an opportunity for conversation following the play.