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June 8, 2025

Pentecost - Empowered by the Spirit

Prelude Susan Cressman

Welcome Susan Allison-Jones

Call to Worship

On this Pentecost Sunday, we welcome the howling Spirit,  
**who brings peace.**

We receive the fierce Spirit,  
**who leads us to gentleness.**

We are surprised by the sudden movement of the Spirit  
**that opens a patient place within us.**

We wait with expectation for the fire of the Spirit  
**to kindle a bright spark of faithfulness.**

The Spirit among us flames with kindness.

**She alights on each of us with joy,**

fills us with God's goodness,

**forms us into people who act with intention and wisdom.**

In the power of the Spirit, let us speak the language of love

**In this sacred space of worship we welcome the**

**Spirit of God in our midst.**

Opening Prayer

Song Longing for Light VT 715

Psalm 101 1, 24, 27-31, 33-34, 35b

Song Come, Gracious Spirit VT 371

Reading Wild Spirit by Sandra Sears  
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Song Move in Our Midst VT 827

Scripture Ezekial 37: 1-14, Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Bob Thaler

Communion

*Gathering*

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

We lift them up to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.**

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Santus*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and death are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Acclamation*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Song Breathe on me, Breath of God VT 737

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song God, Whose Giving VT 745

Sending

As we leave this space, may we be carried by the winds of the howling, fierce, fiery Spirit. May she guide us toward gentleness, patience, and kindness and make us brave and confident to follow where she leads, spreading the flames of love, joy, and peace to all we meet.

Postlude

### Upcoming Worship Services

June 15 A New Era Begins

Acts 2:37-3:10 Susan Allison Jones

June 22 The Prayer for Boldness

Acts 4:23-31 13:46 14:3 Susan Allison Jones

June 29 Wilmot Ignited at Nith Valley

service starts at 9:45am

### Upcoming Events

June 8 Semi Annual Meeting 11 am

June 10 Tuesday Lunch noon

June 11 Alpha 10 am

### Birthdays

Sharon Heipel June 10

### Prayer Requests

Pray for our church as we gather together today for the semi annual meeting. Pray that we will be attentive to the moving of the Holy Spirit among us and be open to where the Spirit leads us.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for The Gathering Church. Catherine Gitzel provides pastoral leadership for this congregation, supported by Rocco Maiolo. This community gathers together in Kitchener, ON where they work to be a welcoming church, developing in faith together, and serving others.

### Congregational Notes

Camping Season is coming soon. This year some of ours will be attending camps at Hidden Acres. We want to help support them as well as support a mom and child for the Single Mom's camp. Help us raise \$2,000 to support our campers as well as subsidize the cost of a single mom and child.

The Semi Annual Meeting will begin following a brief break after worship service.

### The Courage to Love: Anabaptism @ 500

For those who missed the livestream or wish to relive the moment, you can now watch the service recording

<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/zurich-livestream/>

### Beyond The Congregation

**Hidden Acres is hosting our 58th Annual Chicken BBQ & 17th Annual Pie Auction Fundraiser on Tues, June 10 from 5 - 7 pm.** Come and enjoy our delicious chicken dinner that

thousands of people have come to know and love. Along with the chicken, your meal includes potato salad, coleslaw, veggies, pickles, a fresh roll, chips, and an apple or fresh baked apple fritter. \$21 - 1 Piece Meal / \$25 - 2 Piece Meal

Pie Auction will happen during the meal.

Please visit [hiddenacres.ca](http://hiddenacres.ca) for more details and to order your tickets. Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

### **Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion (MCC)**

**Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.** | *Rockway Mennonite Collegiate*. You're warmly invited to **Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion** on Saturday, June 14, 2025. This year's event will seek to build on the momentum of last year's conversation about the Spiritual Covenant, which is a way to acknowledge Indigenous jurisdiction over lands through an annual token lease payment. \$25 is recommended to help cover the cost of lunch. Visit [mcc.org/strawberry-thanksgiving](http://mcc.org/strawberry-thanksgiving) to learn more.

### **House of Friendship invites you to a Strawberry Social June 17, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Embassy Room, Bingemans. A heartfelt celebration of YOU - our generous community of supporters. Join us in the stunning new **Embassy Room** at Bingemans for a summer afternoon of gratitude, connection, and delicious strawberry shortcake made with local berries from Herrle's Country Farm Market. **Tickets are free**, but registration before the event is required. June 17, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Embassy Room, Bingemans

### **A Compassionate Response in the Middle East and Ukraine**

**Thursday, July 3, 1:00pm-2:30pm**, *Community Room at 50 Kent, Kitchener and Online* Hear powerful stories of how MCC and its local partners are responding to the needs of communities in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and other regions affected by conflict. You'll also hear heartfelt stories of individuals whose families have been assisted by MCC's work, along with a quick update on local Ontario programs. Join in person or online at [facebook.com/MCCOntario/](https://facebook.com/MCCOntario/). Visit [here](#) to learn more.

### **Furniture pickup service in Waterloo region**

MCC Picks Up now offers a convenient service for furniture donations, along with household items. Whether you're in Kitchener, Waterloo, New Hamburg, Elmira, or surrounding areas, you can schedule a home pickup for your gently used furniture (for a small fee) and household goods (free of charge). Donations support MCC's programs locally and globally. To schedule a pickup or learn more, visit [mccpicksup.com](http://mccpicksup.com) or call 226-220-0088.

### **Ministry Team Leaders:**

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

Pastoral Care, Missions and Service - All members

Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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**Church Office Hours:** Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursdays. Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday.