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Discipleship and Mission:

Crossing Boundaries to Continue the Ministry that Jesus Started

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Welcome & Call to Worship Susan Allison-Jones

The Spirit of God moves among us,
**binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time
and place.**

The Spirit moves within us,
empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

The Spirit moves through us,
making us channels of God's love.

As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living
God made known to us in Jesus Christ.
Let it be so.

Prayer

Song HWB 76 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4; 10-11

Song HWB 398 I Love to Tell the Story

Scripture John 20:19-23

Song SJ 63 Lord You Give the Great Commission

Sermon Bruce Yoder Co-Executive Coordinator
Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission.

Song of Response VT 808 Between Darkness and Light
sung by EMU Chamber Singers

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Song HWB 322 For We Are Strangers No More

Announcements

Sending

Postlude

We welcome Bruce Yoder whose focus is on Discipleship and Mission:
Crossing Boundaries to Continue the Ministry that Jesus Started.
Bruce is Co-Executive Coordinator at Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission.
He lives in Listowel, ON where his wife Nancy pastors at Listowel
Mennonite Church. They are parents of two adult children. Previously
Bruce and Nancy worked for two decades with Mennonite Church
Canada Witness and Mennonite Mission Network in West Africa.

Protocol Reminders

We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather together in our building. We invite all to enter into this new way of being community together with gratitude to our God that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community. We ask that you are mindful of these protocols.

- Maintain a respectful distance between you and others when possible in all areas of the building. Please be mindful of this at the end of the service when exiting our worship space and avoid congestion in the foyer.
- The wearing of masks is encouraged acknowledging that for some the wearing of masks presents challenges. On Sunday morning masks are encouraged when entering, exiting and when visiting with each other.
- Quietly sing for hymns.
- Use the hand sanitizer as needed.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, limit to one person at a time.
- Be aware of the number of people in the foyer at one time. Please visit at respectful distances in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Worship Services

- May 1** Discipleship and Mission: Crossing Boundaries to Continue the Ministry that Jesus Started John 20:19-23 Bruce Yoder
- May 8** The Transforming Force of Faith: Wisdom from God
James 1:17-26; 3:13-18 Susan Allison-Jones
- May 15** The Transforming Force of Faith: Doers of the Word
James 1:22-25; 2:8, 14-26; Susan Allison-Jones
- May 22** Wilmot Ignited Service at Nith Valley

Upcoming Events

Mat Weaving and Quilting: Tuesdays 9:00 am
Girls Club: Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm
Semi Annual Business Meeting: Sunday, June 5 at 11:00 am

Birthdays:

May 1, Dale Weber

Anniversaries:

May 6, 1978, Barry & Pat Fisher

Prayer Requests:

Pray for Nelda Brennehan and Sharon Heipel who both had health crises this past week that required hospitalization. (Nelda was discharged on Wednesday.) Pray for wisdom from medical staff and healing. Pray also for their families who support them.

Give thanks for those who volunteer their time for the maintenance of the church building and grounds.

Congregational Notes:

Thank you for the pot of tulips from my church family that were received at Easter. It helped to brighten my day. I wish you all God's blessings. Barb Jantzi

Beyond The Congregation:

Invitation to Indigenous workshop and allyship experience

Members of Wilmot Ecumenical Group and Indigenous community supporters are invited to join Angie Hallman and Kelly Welsh to learn about sacred Semah (tobacco) and the significance around it.

May 2 at 1pm Steinmann Mennonite Church

\$10 per person RSVP ahallmanrmt@gmail.com

Hidden Acres Spring Seniors Retreat - Monday, May 16

We are excited to offer an in-person, outdoor retreat this spring. Join us, along with Wendy Janzen from Burning Bush Forest Church and Mary Anne Musser from Hidden Acres, for a morning of exploring and experiencing how we can nurture our faith through noticing God in nature. Visit www.hiddenacres.ca for more details and to register.

Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place

Conrad Grebel University College, May 12-15, 2022. [Registration](#) is open for this gathering offering stories and analyses of encounters and relationships between Indigenous peoples and Mennonite settlers from point of contact through to the present. Visit the conference website for more information on this free event and to register:

uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters

Menno Singers Concert

Join Menno Singers and director Brandon Leis for its first in-person concert in over 2 years on Saturday May 14 at 7:30pm at First United Church, Waterloo (16 William Street, Waterloo). The concert features the sublime Schubert Mass in G Major and selected solo works with guest artist soprano Joanna Loepp Thiessen, recipient of the Abner Martin Scholarship. The concert is by donation to support the MCC Ukraine Emergency Response Fund. Masks Required.

www.mennosingers.com <<http://www.mennosingers.com/>>

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

May 27 & 28, New Hamburg Fairgrounds & Arena

More than just delicious food and a quilt auction, the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is a chance to connect with community and support MCC. Join the fun at the 56th annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28. For more information, go to mcco.ca/events.

MCC Material Resources Warehouse Open House

Saturday, May 28, 12 pm-3 pm

65 Heritage Dr, New Hamburg N3A 2J3

Curious about what happens behind the scenes at MCC's Material Resources warehouse? Join us after the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale and tour this new facility. Go to mcco.ca/events to learn more.

Spirituality and Aging Seminar with Linda Hochstetler

With Open Eyes and Open Hearts - Recognizing and Living the Journey of Dying and Death Together

Friday June 3rd, 10:00 am-4:00pm In Person at Conrad Grebel University College \$85 (Includes lunch) Virtual \$70.

To register go to:

<https://secure.grebel.ca/residence/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=78>