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**October 31 , 2021**

**Gleaning the Torah**

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Welcome & Call to Worship Lil Quanz

Today we come to worship

**And recall the story of Ruth**

The stranger in a strange land

**Who was welcomed**

A woman with no resources

**Who was provided for by the community**

We celebrate Ruth

**And pray that we will find welcome when we need it and extend it to others in need. Amen.**

Prayer

Psalm 100

Song HWB 582 Guide Me , O Thou Great Jehovah

Words of Confession & Assurance

**Forgive us God, when we so easily take from you but are not nearly as eager to share with others. Have mercy on us when you come to us in the form of people who are in trouble, and we turn away because they are in the way and inconvenient, and we really just don't have the time. Forgive us when we forget that every stranger we meet is a beloved child of God. Help us to embrace and include others as you have embraced and included us. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Assurance**

Friends, hear the Good News. When we stumble and fall, we are always given a chance to get up, dust ourselves off and try again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Amen

Song HWB 521 Come, Thou Fount

Scripture Ruth 2

Sermon Bob Thaler

Song of Response HWB 419 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Go into this week looking for the unexpected - for God's surprises. May you know God walking with you and God's great love for you today, and may God's care and protection meet your needs and bring blessing to you. Amen.

Postlude

### **Upcoming Worship Service**

Oct 24 - Nov 14 The Book of Ruth

Oct 31 Chapter 2 Bob Thaler

Nov 7 Chapter 3 Glyn Jones

Nov 15 Chapter 4 Susan Allison Jones

Nov 21 Guest Speaker: Susan Schwartzentruber. Shalom Counselling

### **Upcoming Events**

Quilting and Matt Weaving - Tuesday mornings at the church

Bible Study Psalm 139 - Tue. Nov 2, 7 pm on Zoom

Annual Business Meeting - November 14 , 11 am at church

### **Birthdays:**

October 31, Wolfgang Dreschke

November 5, Dorothy Schwartzentruber

November 6, Lois Lantz

### **Anniversaries:**

November 2, 1963, Ross & Erma Shantz

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray for all members of our congregation as we continue to maneuver church life during this unusual time.

### **Congregational Notes:**

#### **Annual Business Meeting**

The Annual meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 11:00 am at the church.

**Bible Study** This Tuesday's study will focus on Psalm 80. Join others at 7 pm on Zoom.

*Zoom Link* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4766152022>

Meeting ID: 476 615 2022 Passcode: 2995

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**Sewing Kits** Thank you for your generous donations to MCC for sewing kits. \$538.00 has been forwarded to them.

**The Gutter Child Book Conversation** will take place Thursday November 11 at 10 am at Wilmot Mennonite Church. All are welcome to join whether or not you have read the book.

### **Library Books**

There are a number of books missing from the library. If you took any books out, please check your shelves and return any of the church library books. Thank you, Florence Roes

### **Wilmot Forest Church**

After consulting with her advisory team, regular attenders of Wilmot Forest Church as well as Susan, Wendy Janzen has decided to discontinue Forest Church here in Wilmot. November's meeting will be the last one. A final report will be in the Annual Meeting booklet.

### **Protocol Reminders - In Person Worship**

We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather to worship. 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 six foot 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. As much as possible visit with each other outside.
- Wear a mask at all times unless you have breathing issues.
- Hum or quietly sing for hymns.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Do not move chairs in the sanctuary. Ushers will rearrange the chairs if needed.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.
- Signing in is not necessary

### **Protocols Reminders - Access to Church Building**

- Sign in and out on the papers located in the foyer and the side entrance. Please wear a mask.
- If others are in the building maintain a six foot distance between each other.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Washrooms (upstairs and downstairs) are available for your use. If possible, please limit to one person at a time.