

Order of Worship: Sunday, July 21, 2024

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Being a church within a larger culture calls us to regularly discern what fits with our faith and what doesn't. Are there times when we can compromise or accommodate the larger society? How do we handle it when society's values start creeping into our church community? These are some of the issues facing the early church at Pergamum in our scripture from Revelation.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #13 HWB – Blessed Jesus at Your Word

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Hymn: #363 HWB – Renew Your Church

Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17 (NIV) Gary B *—To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of Him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. I know where you live—where satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to My name. You did not renounce your faith in Me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where satan lives.*

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

Message: *Is our faith getting watered down? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #413 HWB – Faith of the Martyrs

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #426 HWB – Abide O dearest Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

*Please join us downstairs for sermon discussion/coffee time.

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**Announcements**

**Join us at Hidden Acres for classic camp fun** July 14-19, July 21-26 or August 11-16. Registration is open through our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). Reach out to the camp with any questions: [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)

**Learn about [The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#)** (DDoD), a collective that emerged from the Mennonite Church who work together to mobilize Christian church communities to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and follow Indigenous leadership. Deborah Yoder will share about her experience as the Communications Coordinator and Indigenous Solidarity Organizer for the Coalition. Come learn about the transformative work of the Coalition and how to get involved at Waterloo North Mennonite Church 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo on July 29 @ 7pm.

**“The Hootenanny” at Detweiler Meetinghouse**, 3445 Roseville Rd., **Thursday, August 1** at 7 pm. Join us for perhaps our last program this summer led by a half dozen folks who have at least a dim recall of the joy and hope of the Great Folk Scare of the 60s. Sing, listen, laugh and see the power of music to create community. Information at [detweilermeetinghouse.ca/events](http://detweilermeetinghouse.ca/events). Admission by donation.

**Join the Pfamily!** Come on over to New Hamburg for a first hand look at how an organic vegetable farm operates in Waterloo Region. Hear from the **Pfennings, a local family with a 400-year legacy of farming**, about how and why they are committed to raising healthy, chemical free vegetables. You will have the opportunity to tour the farm fields and then enjoy a delicious meal catered by **Chef Adam Brenner**. Music will be provided by Byron Shantz and Dean Shoemaker. **Date:** Aug 21, 2024 **Location:** Pfennings Organic Vegetables Inc, 1209 Waterloo St, New Hamburg, ON, **Time:** 5pm-7:30pm **Cost:** \$59 per person **RSVP:** Aug 7, 2024 [Register Today](#)

**MCEC seeks an enthusiastic and creative Communications Assistant** who will support the development and implementation of communication strategies to enhance Mennonite Church Eastern Canada’s identity, purpose and values. This role involves social media management, content creation, media relations, event support, internal communications, administrative support. This is a 0.5 FTE permanent position beginning fall 2024. Interested candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to Laurie Castello, Operations and Finance Director, [hr@mcec.ca](mailto:hr@mcec.ca) by August 15, 2024.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

July 28: Pastor Jim

Aug 4: Pastor Jim

Aug 11: Stephen Kennedy, Avon MC

Aug 18: Moses Moine, MCC

**\*\*Pastor Jim will be on vacation Aug 5-19**

**If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Karen G.**

**This year's Wilmot Ignite long weekend services** are as follows:

August 4: hosted by St Agatha!

Sept 1: hosted by Nith Valley

Dec 29: hosted by Wilmot