

Order of Worship: May 24, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #46 HWB - I sing the mighty power of God

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Special music by Rebecca and Joshua Penfold (granddaughter and grandson-in-law of Mae) in honour of her 93rd birthday today.

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-16 (NIV) The disciples came to Him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

Job 11:7-9 (NIV) Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens above—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths below —what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.

Hymn: 338 HWB - I know not why God’s Wondrous Grace

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 (NIV) Gary B - I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed

Message: Known Unknowns” ~ Robert Mann

Hymn of Response: #614 HWB - In the Bulb there is a Flower

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #356 HWB - Breathe on me Breath of God

Benediction

Postlude

****Coffee time only** (fellowship time, coffee and snacks) **No Congregation discussion**

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**Announcements**

**Detweiler Meetinghouse**, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON **Thursday May 28: No Discernible Key (NDK). 7:30 pm** Sideroad songs with urban verve, downhome celebration, folksy observational ditties, and rural angst.

**The St Agatha Walkers** have signed up again to raise funds for MCC at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale on Sat May 30. So far, our team includes Floris L, Gary L, Rudy & Yvonne S, Masuma B, & Pastor Jim. A couple others might join us too.

Your support would be great. You can donate by writing a cheque to: ONTARIO MENNONITE RELIEF SALE INC, giving cash to someone on the team, or by giving through this online link:

[https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ontario-mennonite-relief-sale-inc/p2p/RunForRelief2026\\_2/team/st-agatha-walking-crew?fbclid=IwY2xjawRp9eBleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFNbjBsQktaNTBDWnNzVmJUc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHgKveAKf04rhzB5P9ePmYSJWh7HuNDmAG299R2OHKgKGyeKi2bqAzxCud9PT\\_aem\\_0FVxZGNALRYz49C6x3d4Xg](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/ontario-mennonite-relief-sale-inc/p2p/RunForRelief2026_2/team/st-agatha-walking-crew?fbclid=IwY2xjawRp9eBleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFNbjBsQktaNTBDWnNzVmJUc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHgKveAKf04rhzB5P9ePmYSJWh7HuNDmAG299R2OHKgKGyeKi2bqAzxCud9PT_aem_0FVxZGNALRYz49C6x3d4Xg)

**The next Wilmot Repair Café, hosted by the Nith Valley EcoBoosters**, will take place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. @ Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg, ON **Cost:** Free (donations or bringing refreshments are appreciated. This free community event allows residents to bring in broken items to be fixed by skilled volunteer "fixers" to reduce waste and teach valuable repair skills.

**\*\*\*June 2, 2 pm at First Mennonite, 800 King St. E., Kitchener, Lifted Voices is having a concert with refreshments to follow.**

**Hidden Acres is hosting our 59th Annual Chicken BBQ & 18th Annual Pie Auction**

**Fundraiser** on **Tuesday, June 9** 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. \$22 - 1 Piece Meal / \$27 - 2 Piece Meal. Pie Auction will happen during the meal. Please visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) for more details and to order your tickets. Tickets need to be purchased in advance. **Summer Camps** - July & August. **Alumni Day** - July 4. **Family Camping Weekend** - September 4-7 [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

**\*\*\*65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Sunday June 14, 2026, for Carl and Fern Erb at Shantz Mennonite Church. 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

**INVITATION: Wilmot Mennonite Church** is celebrating **Baden Girls Club**

**1969-2025, Sunday, June 14, 2026. 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** If you were a leader, a member or family, Come Join the Fun! 2:00 pm. Active Large Dutch Blitz Game.  
RRSP [Marcia@eiwocanadian.com](mailto:Marcia@eiwocanadian.com) or Call 519-634-5960

**Death Café - Tuesday, June 16, 1:30-3:00 p.m.** at the Wellesley Recreation Complex (Room 201) facilitated by Matthew Bailey-Dick (pastor of Wellesley Mennonite Church). Death Café is an event where people eat treats, drink tea or coffee, and discuss death. The objective is to honour and normalize mortality with a view to helping each other make the most of our (finite) lives. Everyone is invited regardless of faith, philosophy, or life experience. Registration is required: RSVP [matthew@wellesleymennonite.ca](mailto:matthew@wellesleymennonite.ca)

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes Annual Meeting** June 23, 2026, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Auditorium, Nithview Community (200 Boullee Street, New Hamburg, ON)

During the meeting this year, we will be covering many important topics including an updated Strategic Plan and minor updates to TCMH Bylaw 2023, section 2.04, regarding the qualifications for the Board of Directors. **TO REGISTER:** email Emily ([eshannon@tcmhomes.com](mailto:eshannon@tcmhomes.com)) or speak with your Church Administrator.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

May 24 - Robert Mann

May 31 - Pastor Jim