

## Elmira Mennonite Church

58 Church St. W., Elmira, ON N3B 1N2

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**Worship Service:** prelude begins at 9:20 am; **worship** begins at 9:30 am.

**Note:** Hearing devices are available – please ask an usher.

**ALL AGES are welcome** in our worship service! For little hands, activity bags are available in the foyer, and there are quiet activities in the “AMEN Corner” behind the piano.

**Fellowship time** follows the service in the basement. All are welcome.



### EACH GIFT

### MC Canada Youth Gathering 2025

#### Gathering

Prelude *MC Canada Gathering* video  
Gathering Hymn *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* (vs. 1,4,5) VT #1  
Darla, Song Leader  
Words of Welcome Rose, Worship Leader  
Announcements  
Lighting the Christ Candle  
Silent Preparation for Worship  
Call to Worship Karyna

Leader: We gather in the name of our God,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

**People: We gather in the name of Jesus,  
who teaches us how to live and how to love.**

Leader: We are gathered by the very Spirit of God, who empowers us to  
serve each other according to **each gift** given.

**People: We gather in the name of the Triune God, who invites us into a  
transforming relationship with God and with one another.**

**ALL: Let's worship God together!**

Opening/Offertory Prayer

Coin Offering – Elmira WRDSB elementary *Nutrition for Learning* programs

Song *There's Enough for All* (3x) VT 757

#### Praising, Adoring, Thanking

Echo Prayer *Based on Genesis 1:1 – 2:4* Xavier, Josh

Song *Ten Thousand Reasons* VT 111

Emma, Accompanist

#### Confessing Sin/Receiving Assurance

Prayer of Confession Margo

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Assurance *Beauty for Brokenness* (vs. 1,2,5) VT 712

#### Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer Margo

Special Music *My Lighthouse* video (used with permission)

#### Proclaiming & Hearing God's Word

Sing the children forward *Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah* VT 752

Moments for the Young and Young at Heart Emilia, Lydia

Presentation of Bible to Grade 3 students

Scripture *1 Peter 4: 10* Jacob

Reflections from Youth Gathering 2025 EMC Youth Gathering

participants & sponsors

VT 703

Hymn *Rain Down*

#### Blessing/Sending

Benediction Rose

**\*\*Livestream ends\*\***

Congregational Sharing and Prayer in sanctuary Pastor Kara

Sending Song *Go, My Friends, in Peace* (vs. 1,3) VT 810

**Community Children's Choir** for children in Grades 3-8 begins on **Tuesday, September 16, 6:30-7:45 pm.** What can YOU do? **Pray** for a great group of children! **Pray** for Jacob as he leads this group. **Volunteer** to help supervise the children or engage with parents as they wait for their child. **Provide** a simple snack.

### Adult Faith Formation for the fall

- Sept 21** - "Living in the Anabaptist Stream" sermon series wrap up with Pastor Kara
- Sept 28** - Malcolm McKinley (Credence & Co.) preaching and leading workshop. Potluck to follow
- Oct 5** - to be confirmed
- Oct 12** - Thanksgiving Sunday fellowship
- Oct 19** - Karis Disability Services
- MAiD** (Medical Assistance in Dying) is one topic EMC indicated we want to learn about. The goal of this "End-of Life" series is to provide information, not to convince anyone about MAiD. To facilitate our learning, we have the privilege of hearing from a variety of guest speakers:
- Oct 26** - *Theological and Pastoral Responses to MAiD* with Dan Epp Tiessen, a retired Canadian Mennonite University professor on ZOOM.
- Nov 2** - Dr. Martha Taylor, a local MAiD Practitioner will speak to issues such as who qualifies for MAiD and how the process unfolds. Dr. Taylor will shape her presentation around our questions so please forward your questions about MAiD to Pastor Kara ([kara@elmiramennonite.ca](mailto:kara@elmiramennonite.ca)) by September 30.
- Nov 9** - *God and suffering* with Gord Alton, a hospice spiritual care provider who will preach and lead a faith formation discussion focused on what we can learn from the dying.
- Nov 16** – *Ethics and Issues: Who is Concerned about MAiD, and Why?*, a faith formation presentation and discussion by Peter W.

### Some resources for reading in advance of this series:

"Biblical companions on my cancer journey" by Dan Epp Tiessen  
<https://canadianmennonite.org/biblical-companions-my-cancer-journey/>  
 Book: *With the End in Mind: Dying, Death, and Wisdom in an age of denial*, by Kathryn Mannix. (Available for purchase or to be borrowed through CommonWord.ca).

### EMC Happenings

Sun., Sept. 14	Worship Service, in-person & live-streamed (9:30 am)
	Faith Formation Hour – Safe Church training, led by Peter W (11 am)
Mon., Sept. 15	Private booking (3:30 pm; 1C)
Tues., Sept. 16	Community Children's Choir (6:30 pm; S)
	Facilities Team (7 pm; BR)
Wed., Sept. 17	Small Group (1:30 pm; MPR)
Thurs., Sept. 18	Private booking (1:45 pm; 1C)
	Praise Band practice (7 pm; S)
	Small Group (7:30 pm)
Fri., Sept. 19	Small group (9:30 am; BR)

### 4-Church Youth Events

Sat., Sept. 20	Campfire, hot dog roast (supper), s'mores (dessert) & games, music and reflection time (5:30-8 pm). Bring a <b>water bottle</b> , bag of <b>chips</b> to share, and a <b>chair</b> . <u>Dress for the weather</u> . If it is raining, we will try to reschedule.
Sat., Oct. 19	Fall Harvest Party & Lunch (12-3 pm)
Nov. 14-15	Fall Overnight Retreat
Sat., Dec. 6	Mystery Christmas Dinner (12-3 pm)

Photo Source: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/Gathering2025>