



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE – Christmas

Prelude Julia Bowman
Congregational Singing Nichelle Bauman
"Oh, How Joyfully" WB #209
"To us a Child of Hope is Born" WB #189
Welcome and Announcements Richard Bauman
Call to Worship
L: Rejoice in the Lord! The fullness of time has come.
All: **As the earth brings forth its shoots,**
L: so God sent the Son, born into humanity,
All: **to show us God's heart.**
All: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Barb Draper
"Joy to the World" WB #318
"Silent Night" WB #193
Scripture – Isaiah 9:2-7 Ashley Albrecht
Special Music Cliff & Mary Bauman
Children's Story Nancy Mann
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Scripture and Lighting of the Christ Candle – Luke 2:1-14
Robert & Nancy Mann
Congregational Singing
"Come, Light of the World" STS #3
Special Music Carmen Read
"Gesu Bambina"
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Congregational Singing
"O Come All Ye Faithful" WB #212
Sermon "God's Greeting of Goodwill" Gary Knarr
Hymn of Response
"The First Noel" WB #199
Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
Sending Song:
"Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" STS #32
Benediction
Postlude

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website. If for any reason you would not like a portion of the service to be included please contact the AV person.

A warm welcome to our visitors this morning.

We hope our time of worship together has been an encouragement to you. You are invited to drop by our Welcome Table and learn more about our church and our ministries. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

Church Greeters Today: Gary & Christine Knarr
Next Week: Ron & Merri-Lee Metzger
Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled for December or Jan. 1
Nursery Helpers Today: Romy & Ryan Schill
Nursery Helpers Next Week: no one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List

Congratulations to Willis and Eileen Freeman in the birth of their first grandchild Zaida Marie Freeman, and to Blair and Brett on the birth of their first child! We pray God's blessing for Zaida and her family.

Abner Weber, brother-in-law of Mildred Martin and uncle of Delphine & Derrick Burkhart, was critically injured in a traffic accident on Tuesday and passed away on Thursday. We remember Mildred and her family during this time. Our prayers are with **Matilda Gingrich**, Pauline Martin & Florence Jantzi's mother, who suffered a massive stroke on Thursday. We remember Matilda and her family in our prayers.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Sunday, 11:00 – Gary Knarr preaching, New Years Day **no Sunday School

MYF CORNER

New Years Elmira presents Sunday Night Live at Woodside! Come out on Dec. 31st, 7-1 for some great New Years celebrations!

YAF CIRCLE

January 8, 2017 - at 12 noon, young adults will meet in the gym for "Lunch and Sports." Details in your email or check with Nancy Mann.
January 15, 2017 - Supper-at-Six. Young adult pot-luck supper at 6 pm at the church. Nancy will lead a Bible Study on "Difficult Choices for Men." All young adults welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

David Martin – Executive Minister of MCEC will be preaching and leading the discussion class on January 15.
Jan. 10, 9:00 – Ladies sewing group is meeting 1 week later than usual (typically the 1st Tuesday of the month).
Jan. 17, 8:30 – Ladies Breakfast at Crossroads

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church following the children's story. We ask that parents or guardians accompany very young children as needed.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Quenneville is not travelling home and will therefore be around throughout the Christmas & New Year season. If you're able to invite Paul to your home for a few hours or a meal please contact Paul directly at Assisted Living Center 519-669-3173 ext. #23

Bible Reading Goals – By December 25, you need to read up to Haggai and Revelation 16, and by December 31, you will finish the bible with Malachi & Revelation 22.

Financial Report

The 2016 budget has been met.

This is the last offering of the year. Some over-budget expenses still need to be covered.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		Upcoming Elective Classes
Children's classes	basement	Music, lead by Nichelle
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Bauman – Jan 29, Feb 26 & Mar 26.
Drawing Class	Room 12	Adult class, "Creation Care"
Discussion Class	Room 9	lead by Leon Kehl – Feb 5, 12,
Seniors Class	Board Room	19, Mar 5 & 12.
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Join the MCC Team! Make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in Ontario and around the world as the Relief Manager at our Milverton Thrift Shop or as the General Manager at our Stouffville Thrift Shop. Go to mcco.ca/serve to apply today.

MCC's Blanket Making Program at Grand Valley Institution for Women needs women volunteers! This is a great opportunity to help women who are incarcerated develop work skills. Sewing skills are helpful, but not a necessity. For more info visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved or contact Kay Ojameruaye at 519-745-8458 ext 214 or kayojameruaye@mcco.ca

Serving and Learning Together SALT Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Looking for ways to use your skills to make a difference in the world? Check out this video and consider living out your faith as you learn and serve alongside MCC partners in countries around the world! Be challenged! Be changed! Explore MCC's SALT program mcco.ca/salt

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

As the calendar year ends, please know that your gifts to Mennonite Church Canada are growing disciples of Christ around the world. You can make a gift of healing and hope online at www.mennonitechurch.ca.

Join the Future Directions conversation at www.futuredirectionsmc.ca, the transition website devoted to the ongoing change process of our area and national churches. New documents have recently been posted there.

The **Mennonite Heritage Centre's Facebook page** is the place to visit for stories, event announcements, and quirky tidbits about our faith, culture, and family history: 'Like' us at <http://tinyurl.com/hwz32o7>.

Featured prayer request from the wider church (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: www.commonword.ca/go/96):

As our thoughts turn to the birth place of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we are again reminded to pray for people in conflict all around the world. Please also remember Jennifer Otto and Gregory Rabus, and Karl and Marla Langelotz as they minister to refugees in light of the tragic truck crash into a Christmas market in Berlin. The Otto Rabuses and Langelotzes are Witness workers serving in Mannheim.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Fathers and Kids Retreat – January 13-15, 2017

Don't miss out on this great winter experience! Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smore's over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dad's enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that's the Fathers & Kids Retreat. NOTE: Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor.

Retreat Cost: \$225 for Father and one Child (each additional child is \$50)

To Register: Father's & Kids Online Registration, Contact Rebekah at 519-422-3200 or rebekah@slmc.ca with any questions.

Youth Retreat – How Do You Meet God? February 3-5, 2017

Information at: <https://mcec.ca/winter-youth-retreat-event-information>



Advent and Christmas Services at Floradale

Sunday, January 1 at 11 am

Ring in the New Year by gathering for worship. We will celebrate the New Year with our regular Sunday morning worship service. There will be no Jr. Church or Sunday School on this Sunday.



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