



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES (More info below)

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Julia Bowman
Welcome and Announcements Dale Martin
Call to Worship
L: Our God, we pray this day for all who have a song they cannot sing,
All: For all who have a burden they cannot bear,
L: For all who live in chains they cannot break,
All: For all who wander homeless and cannot return home,
L: For all who are sick and for those who tend them,
All: For those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain,
L: For those who live in hunger and for those who will not share their bread,
All: For those who are misunderstood and for those who misunderstand,
L: For those who are captives and for those who are captors,
All: For those whose words of love are locked within their hearts and for those who yearn to hear those words.
Have mercy on us all, our God. Amen

Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Merri-Lee Metzger
“Come let us all unite to sing WB #12
“Just a closer walk with thee” STJ #106
Scripture Reading – Psalm 119:169-176
Children’s Time “The Runaway Bunny” by Margaret Wise Brown Gary Knarr

Dismissal for Junior Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Congregational Singing
“God of our strength WB #36
“In the rifted rock I’m resting” WB # 526
Scripture Reading – 1 Kings 19:1-18 Steve Bauman
Sermon “God of Our Hope” Gary Knarr
Hymn of Response
“I will come to you in the silence” STS #49
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song:
“Nothing is lost on the breath of God” STS #121
Benediction
Postlude

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.

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: Ron & Rosie Martin
Next Week: Erma Wideman & Martha Brubacher
Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled – due to fundraiser lunch
Host/Hostess Next Week: no one scheduled – due to Breakfast & Worship
Nursery Helpers: no one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List

We wish to **thank everyone** for their prayers and support during the time we were in New Brunswick, during which Eleanor’s sister, Lorene, passed away. There will be a Memorial Service for Lorene on Saturday, March 10 at 2pm at St. Jacob's Mennonite Church. Zenas & Eleanor Buehler

Nancy Mann is singing with Lifted Voices, a musical group offering the service of worship at First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, this morning.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today – Congregational Meeting and MYF Fundraiser Lunch
Tuesday, 7:30 – Elder’s Meeting
Thursday, 9:30 – Let’s Connect
Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday
Sunday, 5th, 9:45 – Breakfast & Worship

MYF CORNER

February 28: Reapers of Hope (in place of life on life)

YAF CIRCLE

March 11 - Expand your horizons and come to the **MEDA Banquet** at Crosshill Mennonite Church. Join Nancy and Robert Mann as we learn about how Mennonite business people are making a difference for people in the developing world. We have some FREE tickets available if you would like to join us. Talk to Nancy.
March 19 - Supper-at-Six will be back at the church at 6 pm with another great pot-luck meal. Rick Martin, our Church Council Chair, will share

with us on "Being a Christian in Business." Just grab some food and come prepared to think about faith and work.

June 3 - Young Adult trip to Toronto to see the Toronto Blue Jays play the New York Yankees. Details are in your weekly email or talk to Nancy Mann for further info. **We must confirm our numbers by March 31**. Let Nancy know if you are coming.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

Mar. 5, 9:45 – Breakfast & Worship. Enjoy omelet, sausage, yogurt fruit salad, toast and mini muffins. Adults- \$5.00. Kids Free. Creative worship begins at 11:00 in the gym with our Worship Team, Drama & conversation.

Mar. 14, noon - 80th Birthday Lunch for Laurene Martin. All women welcome to share in this celebration at Crossroads restaurant.

Mar. 18, 9AM - Women's Fellowship Breakfast at the church. Guest speaker - Our Turkish Friends. Topic-"Hope and Faith - A test during difficult times. Mark on your calendars - you won't want to miss this inspiring morning". Please respond to the email that was sent. Contact Karen Bender at dkgsbender@gmail.com or sign up sheet on bulletin board near kitchen **no later than March 12**. (incorrect time on calendar)

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services:

March 1, Ash Wednesday at St. James Lutheran, Fed Lichti speaking

March 8, St. Theresa's, Nancy Mann speaking

March 15, Elmira Mennonite, Paul Dyck speaking

March 22, Floradale Mennonite, Scott Sinclair speaking

March 29, Trinity United, Gary Knarr speaking

April 5, Gale Presbyterian, Hans Borch speaking

EASTER CHOIR: If you are interested in participating in the Easter choir, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Practices will run Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. March 21, 28, April 4 and 11. Contact Nichelle if you have any questions.

Address Update: Mildred Martin has a new address, please see the new directory for correct information

Thank you to everyone here at FMC. I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work with wonderful staff and serve such a warm and welcoming congregation. I have loved my time here and the decision to leave was difficult. A full-time position, (that works within my girls school hours) was offered to me by recommendation, and I could not pass it up. I appreciate your support and wish you all the best. Erin Miles

Best wishes to Erin Miles as she pursues a new employment opportunity. Her last official day is February 24. We encourage everyone to view www.floramc.org for details about the part time Administrative Assistant employment opportunity at our Church. Please encourage any qualified candidates you know to apply.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 26 - Refugee Support Fundraising Lunch

Apr. 2 - Worship Cafe at 7 pm

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		Upcoming Elective Classes
Children's classes	basement	Feb 26 – Music Discussion/Singing with Nichelle Bauman
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Mar 12 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Drawing Class	Room 12	Mar 19 – Music Discussion/ Singing with Nichelle Bauman
Discussion Class	Room 9	Mar 26 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl & Merri-Lee Metzger
Seniors Class	Board Room	
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

1st Thurs. Of Every Month, 7:45 – WOW Women of Worship is a praise and worship night for women 15+ from the KW region who desire to connect and bring praise to our Father together at Wallenstein Bible Chapel. womenofworship2017@gmail.com

Today (26th) 7:00 – at St Jacobs Mennonite Church. You are invited to a concert with the **Goshen College Women's World Music Choir** and the local Good Hearted Women Singers, a First Nations Women's Group. There will be an offering.

Mar. 4, 8:00-2:00 - COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall. All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. To arrange drop off/pick up of items you would like to donate please email BTWalkKW@braintumour.ca or call 519-498-4632. Due to space limitations, please no books or clothing.

Mar. 18, 8:00 - Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast and support meat canning in Elmira. Fred Redekop, MCC Ontario's Church and Community Relations Associate, will be sharing stories of meat canning in Ontario and around the world. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$5/ages 6-12 and under 5 free. Call 519-745-8458 to reserve your ticket.

Mar. 24-25 – Introduction to the Enneagram Workshop It is a helpful tool for seeing ourselves with more clarity, finding ways to live with more freedom, and opening ourselves to the presence of Divine Grace in the every day. This workshop that is being facilitated by Tamara Shantz at Bloomingdale Mennonite Church (Fri. 7-9, Sat. 9-9). *Registration is \$200 (includes meals on Saturday) if you register by March 1.* Contact Tamara for more info or to register tamarashantz@gmail.com.

Mar. 25, 7:30 – Menno Singers: St. John Passion with Nota Bene Baroque Players. At St Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. \$5/child & student, \$25/adult. Tickets at mennosingers.com

Mar. 26, 7:30 – Steve Bell in Concert at Brant Community Church, Brantford. Tickets \$20 through: the church 519-756-3993x1, Gospel Lighthouse 519-753-8837, stevebell.com or 1-800-854-3499

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL

Ontario Mennonite MUSIC CAMP information on table beside the mailboxes.

TUNE-IN to fun, friendship, Grebel Life, and your faith! Grebel will be hosting a MCEC Youth Night on February 26, 6:30–9:30 pm. Cost is \$5,

including pizza and cookies. Contact Rebekah DeJong
rjdejong@uwaterloo.ca, 519-885-0220 x24215.

Room Enough for Hope: Canada's Response to the Refugee Crisis.
Featuring Dr. Mary Jo Leddy. Friday, *March 3* at 7:30 pm in the Great Hall.

HIDDEN ACRES

Grandparent & Grandchild (gr 1-6) Days at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 13th or 14th. This year Bryan Moyer Suderman will be our resource person (www.smalltallministries.com). For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call (519)625-8602.

SUMMER CAMP 2017 brochures available on the resource table beside the mailboxes.

Single Mom's Camp information available on the bulletin board beside the mailboxes.

INTER-MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Did you ever sing in the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir? All former choristers are invited to participate in the Alumni Choir at the IMCC 50th Anniversary Concert on May 7th. This celebration includes an afternoon rehearsal, dinner, and evening entertainment for alumni on May 6th. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/2kVblBz> or email intermennonitechilrenschoir@gmail.com.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA

Welcome Your Neighbour Signs Extend the peace of Jesus Christ in your neighbourhood. Available at MCEC, 201-50 Kent Ave., Kitchener for pick up for you and your congregation. \$10 (cost) each or a small donation. A new shipment has just been received. Bulk signs are available for pick up for MCEC congregations - payment can be made at a later date. For more details see www.mcec.ca or contact Joan Schooley (jschooley@mcec.ca / 855-476-2500 x 700) for more information.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – April 23 – May 14 – to join all or part of a 600 km Pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa stopping at 21 churches and engaging in teach-ins, all in support of Canada's implementation of UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). Web site and resources to come.

Save the date: Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man. The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. The venue, costs, and other details are pending. More info to come.

MEDA

All are welcome to the **Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) Spring Banquet** *March 11th* at Crosshill Mennonite Church. Speaker is Helen Loftin, MEDA's Senior Vice President Marketing and Communications. We will also be joined by special musical guests, The DixonStrings. Doors open at 6:15 and the cost is \$40 Adults and \$20 Students. You can register by visiting www.MEDA.org/waterloo, calling 519-725-1633 ext. 100, or emailing Katie at kbrox@meda.org. Registration deadline is March 6.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Somewhere, over the rainbow...there is a ticket, waiting for you!! Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you and your family to their production of *The Wizard of Oz*, March 2-4, 2017. Tickets are available online at www.rockway.ca or in person during school hours.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Registration is open for Summer 2017 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

WOMEN OF MCEC

Women of all ages are invited to St Jacobs Mennonite Church, April 22, 2017. Registration and Coffee 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Program 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Guest speaker, Carol Penner currently. Topic: "body and soul" Singing, Scripture, Stories, Sharing. Carol Penner teaches and writes in the area of practical theology. After many years as a pastor Mennonite congregations, she joined the faculty of CGUC. She has a popular blog <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>. Offering towards WMCEC Conrad Grebel Scholarship.

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