



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

**11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude Veg Weber  
Welcome and Announcements Robert Mann  
Call to Worship

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God;  
that God so loves the world.

**All: We are the salt of the earth.**

L: We are called to bring a new hope in God;  
that God gives us new life.

**All: We are the light of the world.**

L: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**All: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**All: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.  
Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow  
Jesus.**

Opening Prayer  
Congregational Singing Mary Frey-Martin  
"What is this place" WB #1  
"Praise Him" WB #100

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 58:1-10

Children's Time : Cam Ribble

Dismissal for Junior Church  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
Congregational Singing

"I want to walk as a child of the light" STJ #95  
"Christian let your burning light" WB #402

Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:13-20 Mandy Martin

Sermon "Savour the Saltiness" Nancy Mann

Hymn of Response  
"You are salt for the earth" WB #226

Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence  
Pastoral Prayer

**All Pray Together**

*Our Father in heaven, we name you as the one who desires that we live  
at peace with one another in our earthly family. We pray for the  
protection of all people, whatever their nationality, gender or religion.*

*Today we stand with our Muslim neighbours who have suffered great  
loss through violence. May they know that we grieve with them at this  
sad time. Help us, God of peace, to build communities where all people  
feel included and accepted. Amen*

Sending Song:  
"Come, come ye saints"

WB #425

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: Oscar & Joan Martin  
Next Week: Willis & Eileen Freeman  
Host/Hostess Today: James & Susan Martin  
Host/Hostess Next Week: Cameron & Becky Ribble  
Nursery Helpers: no one scheduled

**Congregational Prayer List**

We pray for **Elmira Community Church** this month in the spirit of ecumenism.  
Please continue to pray that **our community and our nation** will be places where all  
people may live in safety, and will be treated with dignity and respect.  
Pray for **Katie Gerber, Tinus Clemmer and Reg Martin (sponsors) and our youth**  
who are away on the MCEC Winter Retreat this weekend at Silver Lake camp.  
Pray they they will have a fun time together and that they will be encouraged in  
their walk of faith.  
Pray for **Gary and Christine Knarr**, who are on retreat at Loyola Retreat Centre in  
Guelph this weekend.  
Pray for **Merle Shantz** as he is having a hip replacement surgery on February 7, and  
that this be successful.

**THIS WEEK AT FMC**

**Tuesday, 9:00 – Ladies Quilting**

**Tuesday, 7:00 – MYF Life on Life**

**Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday**

**Sunday, 12th – Gary Knarr, preaching \*Country & Gospel Sunday\***

**MYF CORNER**

February 7: Life on Life

February 14: Life on Life

February 18: Tubing

## YAF CIRCLE

**Supper-at-Six:** Our next Young Adult Supper-at-Six will be on Sunday, Feb 12 at the home of Jeremy and Christina Bowman. Please RSVP to Jeremby or Christina to help with our planning.

**Winter Camp for Grown ups:** March 3 - 5, 2017 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. This camp is for 20 & 30 somethings who wish they could do camp again! Enjoy everything winter has to offer at Silver Lake including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating on the lake, relaxing in the sauna, walking through the woods, good conversation by the fire, exceptional food etc. This "choose your own adventure" weekend is the perfect winter escape and is a collaborative project between PiE (Pastors in Exile) and Silver Lake. For more information contact Tamara Shantz (tamara@pastorsinexile.org.)

## LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

**Feb. 14, 8:30 – Ladies Breakfast at Bonnie Lou's**

**Feb. 16, 9:30 – Let's Connect**

**Feb. 16, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday**

**Feb. 17, 6:30- 7 start – Guys Night Out** (here at the church)

**Feb. 26 – Annual Meeting & MYF Fundraising Lunch**

**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. 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". Email reminder and sign-up sheet to follow at a later date.

## ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Survey:** Our Reference Group would like to hear from everyone about your thoughts on who we are as a congregation, how God is at work among us, and what characteristics and gifts we will need in our next pastor to help us accomplish God's purposes for us. In your mailboxes today there is a Memo explaining the purpose of a congregational survey, how to open the link to complete the survey online (also available on the website under Sunday Worship Information), and that paper surveys are available on the table beside the mailboxes. Please complete the survey online or return your completed paper survey (to office mailbox #76) by February 24. Thank you for participating in this survey. **If you would like to be part of a focus group** but haven't been approached, please speak to Erin Miles & she will book you in a group.

**VBS - Save the date!** Our Vacation Bible School program this summer will take place at Elmira Mennonite Church during the week of July 3 - 7. We invite young families to plan to join us for this joyful and inspiring week.

**NEW Event Planning Committee** – If you have an event idea that you would like to see here at FMC, please contact one of the Planning Committee members: Dan Bender, Nancy Martin, Gloria H. Bauman or Erin Miles.

**Fun, Food, Flowers and Fellowship** – Ladies please look for your email/mailbox message for our Mystery bus trip May 13th and sign up today with Karen Bender

## **Upcoming Events**

Mar. 26 - Refugee Support Fundraising Lunch

Apr. 2 - Worship Cafe at 7 pm

<b>Sunday School Classes available at 9:45</b>		<b>Upcoming Elective Classes</b>
Children's classes	basement	Feb 5 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Feb 12 – Tarcia Gerwing (from Loyola House), Helping Children Find God Through Creation
Drawing Class	Room 12	Feb 19 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Discussion Class	Room 9	Feb 26 – Music Discussion/Singing with Nichelle Bauman
Seniors Class	Board Room	Mar 12 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	Mar 19 – Music Discussion/ Singing with Nichelle Bauman
		Mar 26 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl & Merri-Lee Metzger

## LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Feb. 5, 4:00 - Bach Vespers before Lent.** Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach Cantata 102, "Lord, your eyes look for faith" and the motet "Search me, O God" at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. With soloists Daniel Cabena, Steve Surian and Kirk Lackenbauer.; Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission free, donations gratefully received.

**Feb. 10, 6:00 – Community Can Dine** at Trinity United Church. Everyone welcome. Pay what you can. Ham & Scalloped Potatoes.

**Feb. 10 + 11 – Break Through – Break FREE** Emotional Health Weekend with guest speaker Dr. Grant Mullen. At Woodside Bible Fellowship. Register at [www.woodsidechurch.ca](http://www.woodsidechurch.ca) or 519-669-1296x0

**Feb. 11, 6:00 – SOSA Single or Single Again** will be holding a potluck at St. Agatha Mennonite Church. Coffee, tea, or cold drink provided as well as plates & utensils. For more information please call 519-662-2971

**Feb. 12, 7:00 -** Join song lead Mark Diller Harder and the Menno Singers Family of Choirs (Menno Singers, Menno Youth Singers and Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir) for an evening of vigorous hymn singing on the theme "**Be not Afraid.**" Admission by donation. W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George St, Waterloo).

**Feb. 24-25 – Beauty in the Waiting, Awaken Women's Conference.** At Emmanuel Missionary Church, Elmira. Speakers include: Shannon Leibold, Kim Habermehl, Melina Estabrooks and Donna Schultz. Register

at [awakenwomensconference.wordpress.ca](http://awakenwomensconference.wordpress.ca) or 519-504-4995

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – DRAYTON JK – Grade 8 Open House/Registration Days:** CCS Drayton is a place where students are nurtured within a community of faith, love, and excellence. We invite you to come and see for yourself on February 7, March 7, April 4, and April 27 during the school day (evening by appointment). Check out the website for more information at [www.ccsdrayton.org](http://www.ccsdrayton.org) or call the school at 519-638-2395. Ask about our bursary programs and find out how your first year can be half price.

#### **CONRAD GREBEL**

**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 dollars, including pizza and cookies. Talk to your youth pastor if you would like to attend or contact Rebekah DeJong [rjdejong@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:rjdejong@uwaterloo.ca), 519-885-0220 x24215. This is a fun way to connect with youth from other Mennonite churches and Conrad Grebel University College Students. Can't wait to see you there!

**February 23, Grade 10 Family Night.** All Grade 10 students and their families are invited to come to the College to share a complimentary pizza supper before heading over to main campus for the University of Waterloo's annual Grade 10 Family Night. Supper will begin at 5:30 and we will walk you over to main campus for UWaterloo's 6:30 pm event. Email [pbartel@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:pbartel@uwaterloo.ca) by February 21 to indicate supper attendance (and #'s). Register for the UWaterloo event at [www.uwaterloo.ca/fom/grade-10](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/fom/grade-10).

#### **HIDDEN ACRES**

**Grandparent & Grandchild Days** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 13th or 14th. This is a great day for grandparents and their grandchildren in grades 1-6 to spend time playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. This year Bryan Moyer Suderman will be our resource person ([www.smalltallministries.com](http://www.smalltallministries.com)). For more information or to register, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca), email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or call (519)625-8602.

#### **HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP**

**Community Potato Lunch** – Friday, February 24 at noon. Join us for this annual treat of delicious potato dishes and our 7<sup>th</sup> annual *Soup Idol*. Free-will offerings accepted.

#### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**36 Annual Heifer Sale** *Fri. Feb 17 - 11 am* at David Carson Farms & Auction Services Ltd., 5531 Perth Line 86, RR # 3, Listowel. Never been there? Come see how dairy farmers do relief, development and peace! To sponsor or donate a heifer, contact Clarence Diefenbacher at 519-669-2164 or MCC at 519-745-8458. For more info go to [mcco.ca/event](http://mcco.ca/event).

**Thrift Challenge** *Ends Feb 25* or until supplies last at MCC Thrift and Gift, 59 Church St W, Elmira. Reuse, rethink, repurpose and rebuild using thrift items with the Thrift Challenge! Contact or drop by MCC Thrift and Gift for all the details. Prizes to be awarded!

**Thrift University** *Friday evenings in February, 7-8 pm* DIY fun February

Fridays. Register for classes at Thrift on Kent. Expert instruction in crafting, paper quilling, mitten making and sign making. Sign up with friends, it's FREE! Register today by calling 519-886-8828 or visiting our shop.

**Office space available at MCCO** 800 square feet of prime office space on the 2nd floor of MCCO's building in Kitchener is available. The space can be built to suit and will be available after January 31, 2017. If interested, please contact John Head, Associate Executive Director, [johnhead@mcco.ca](mailto:johnhead@mcco.ca), or 519-745-8458, ext 218

**MCC in Palestine and Israel: A brown bag lunch.** Are you interested in the complexities of peace and justice in Palestine and Israel? Join us in the Community Room at 50 Kent Avenue, *February 24* from noon to 1:30 pm. Bring your lunch and hear from Joanna Hiebert Bergen, former MCC Rep in Palestine and Israel. More info available at [mcco.ca/events](http://mcco.ca/events)

#### **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA**

**Future Directions Update:** Working, Reference, and Listening Groups are taking shape. Visit <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/working-groups-progress-report> for names and members of the groups established so far.

**Are you a creator and maker of worship arts?** Do you compose music, write lyrics, prayers, readings, liturgies, or create visuals? If so, MennoMedia is looking for your contributions to its new Song Collection project, which may be expanded to art forms beyond music if there is sufficient interest and contributions. The new song collection project will benefit congregations all across MC Canada and MC USA. It is scheduled for release in 2020. Learn more at:

<http://mennoniteworshipandsongcollection.org/>

#### **MENNO YOUTH SINGERS**

**Are you between the ages of grade 9 and 20-something?** Do you enjoy music? How about snacks? Check out the Menno Youth Singers choir: [mennosingers.com/mys](http://mennosingers.com/mys) First rehearsal for 2017 is Wednesday, Feb 8. Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. 6:45 p.m. 'Nuff said.

**Parents of teens and young adults:** Menno Youth Singers is a great choir experience for your offspring. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener. Conductor Steve Surian is a trained music educator who is also a public high school music teacher. New singers welcome at any time! See [mennosingers.com/mys](http://mennosingers.com/mys) for registration and other info."

#### **ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE**

##### **SCREENAGERS Documentary & Discussion**

Parents: Do you struggle with how much access to technology to provide your children? Come and watch this ground-breaking film and join the discussion! Feb. 9th - 7 pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. RSVP at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca).

**We're off to see the Wizard!** Attend Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's grade 7-12 production of *The Wizard of Oz*, March 2-4, 2017. Tickets are available online at [www.rockway.ca](http://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 including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Leadership

Programs, Outtrips and much more. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) or contact the camp office [fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca) or 519-422-1401.

**As a reminder, our Warden Woods Campership Fund** has the capacity to provide financial assistance to families who face a financial hardship sending their children to camp. We want camp to be a possibility for all MCEC children and hope you can help make that a reality by ensuring all families know of the campership program.

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