



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

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements Gloria H. Bauman
 Information about Reference Group letter in mailbox Rick Martin
 Call to Worship
 L: Come into the presence of God.
 Come and focus on God's vision for us.
 Come and be renewed.
 Come and simply be in the presence of God.
**All: We come into the presence of God, humbly, respectfully,
 gladly, openly.
 In the presence of God we come as we are,
 Trusting that God welcomes us and meets us here as we
 meet together.**
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Worship Team
 "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" on screen
 "Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)" on screen
 Scripture – Psalm 40:1-11
 Children's Time : "My Little Red Box" David Martin
 Dismissal for Junior Church
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
 "10,000 Reasons" on screen
 "Cornerstone" on screen
 Scripture – Acts 17:14-34 Luke Martin
 Sermon "Connecting the Congregation to the Mission" David Martin
 Hymn of Response WB #226
 "You are Salt for the Earth"
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
 Sending Song:
 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" WB #478
 Benediction
 Postlude

We welcome David Martin, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada as our guest speaker.

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: Lloyd & Brenda Martin
 Next Week: Derrick & Delphine Burkhart
 Host/Hostess Today: Dennis & Marie Brubacher
 Host/Hostess Next Week: Cliff & Mary Bauman
 Nursery Helpers Today: no one scheduled
 Nursery Helpers Next Week: no one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Vernelda Weber and her family** in the death of Vernelda's mother, Velma Geiser, on Monday, Jan. 2. The funeral was at the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron, Ohio 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday, 8:30 – Ladies breakfast at Crossroads
Tuesday, 7:30 – Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 5:00 – Reference Group Meeting **time changed
Wednesday, 8:00 – Elder's Meeting
Thursday, 9:30 – Let's Connect
Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday
Sunday Jan. 22 – Nancy Mann preaching
Sunday, Jan. 22, noon – Canadian Foodgrains bank fundraiser lunch.
 Everyone is encouraged to support the vital work of the Foodgrains Bank.

MYF CORNER

January 17, 7:00 – Life on Life
 January 24, 7:00 – Life on Life

YAF CIRCLE

TODAY - Supper-at-Six. Young adults meet at the church for a pot-luck supper at 6 pm. Bring some grub! After dinner, Nancy will lead a Bible Study on "Difficult Choices for Men." Curious? Come with an open mind.
Gender, Peace & Conflict: Exploring the Intersection: MCC is sponsoring a learning workshop for young adults on this topic in Ottawa from February 16-18. Details on the MCC website. Nancy would be happy to take a van full of inquisitive young adults to Ottawa for this event. Talk to Nancy if you have possible interest.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

- Jan. 23, 7:00 – Finance Committee Meeting** (snow day is Jan. 24, same time)
- Jan. 24, 9:00 – Calendar Information for February due**
- Jan. 25, 7:00 – Council Meeting**
- Jan. 26, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday**
- Jan. 27, 8:00 – Men's Breakfast at Crossroads**
- Jan. 29, 11:00 – Katie Gerber preaching**
- Feb. 1, 2:00 - Area Senior's Fellowship** at Elmira Mennonite Church. Hear Willie and Rodi Longenecker sing a mixture of familiar hymns and country gospel, old and new. Currently on tour, they live in Morson, ON, a small town on Lake of the Woods, where they have been teaching, preaching and singing. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the Longenecker's share the good news through music.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

"We plan to offer **Church Membership Classes** for those who would like to consider baptism into the church, are considering joining our congregation, or would like to reflect on questions of Christian faith and life. Please speak to Gary, Nancy, or one of the elders if you would like to be part of a class."

Thank you to everyone who provided supplies or money for the MCC Relief kits. We have 17 complete kits, and enough additional supplies for approximately 17 more kits, in addition to \$806 in cash donations.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 12 – Country Gospel Sunday
- Feb. 26 – MYF Fundraising Lunch & Annual Meeting
- Mar. 5 - Breakfast & Worship
- Mar. 26 - Syrian Fundraiser Lunch
- Apr. 2 - Worship Cafe

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	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

- Jan. 17, 6:15 – Grade 9 Information Night** at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Complimentary Dinner at 6:15, Information session at 7:00 Register at www.rockway.ca
- Jan. 19, 7:00 – Scientific Reason & Religious Faith.** MC 4020 at University of Waterloo. Many today believe that religious faith is, at best, a matter of opinion and, at worst, irrational nonsense. Meanwhile, science is seen as based on reason, which is to be sharply distinguished from faith. In this talk, theology professor Stephen N. Williams will show why this kind of

thinking misunderstands both scientific reason and religious faith, looking at Christian belief in creation as a test case. Reason is actually more restricted than many people take it to be, and Christian faith is neither inferior or contrary to reason. Refreshments! <https://goo.gl/0cVUbF> or Dayna Nelson dayna.nelson@uwaterloo.ca www.casca.ca

Jan. 19, 7:30 - MEDA Breakfast at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs. We will be joined by students from Conrad Grebel who will share about their experience at the 2016 MEDA Convention in Texas. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 and everyone is invited to attend"

Jan. 29, 2:00 – Winter Concert to Benefit Refugees Still in Camps

Featuring Jennifer Enns Modolo (mezzo-soprano) accompanied by Lorin Shalanko, at St. James Lutheran Church. Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors \$18, Children \$15 available at St. James office (mornings), The Window Box or eventbrite.ca

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 4:00: **Celebrate the book launch of Re-Imagining the Church: Implications of Being a People in the World** by author Robert (Jack) Suderman. The event features brief responses to the book, comments by the author, book signing, and reception. Room 2202, Conrad Grebel University College. grebel.ca/events

Kenneth Nafziger, music professor at Eastern Mennonite University and music editor of Hymnal: A Worship Book, will visit Conrad Grebel as the 2016-17 Bechtel Lecturer in Anabaptist-Mennonite Studies. Join us at several events to explore music and hymnody:

Fri. Feb. 3, 7:00 - Grebel Great Hall – Public Lecture: "Melting the Boundaries of Our Being: Explorations in Singing Together"

Sat. Feb. 4, 1:30 - Grebel Chapel – Song Leaders' Workshop, part of the Anabaptist Learning Workshop series

Sun. Feb. 5, 2:00 - Grebel Chapel – Hymn Sing

Complete details are available at grebel.ca/bechtel

Career Opportunity Applications are invited for the position of **Director of the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre**. The Director stewards the vision of an engaged Mennonite presence in doctoral-level theological education, primarily at the Toronto School of Theology, on behalf of Conrad Grebel University College and its binational Mennonite partners. This administrative position is 0.25 FTE. Applications for an initial two-year contract, starting July 2017 or later, are invited until March 1, 2017. Inquiries and applications should be directed to E. Paul Penner, Director of Operations, Conrad Grebel University College, eppenner@uwaterloo.ca. The College is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified persons; Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Read more at www.grebel.ca/positions

Free lunch and tour of Grebel tickets are on the counter in the photocopier room. Please help yourself.

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.

Learning Tour to Guatemala March 14-25, 2017. Hear the stories, meet the people, participate in the rich culture, and witness the efforts of Guatemalans who are striving for positive change. For more info, please contact Bernie Burnett at 226-235-4711 or bernieb747@gmail.com, Katie Buchnea at katiebuchnea@mcco.ca, or visit mcco.ca/events

Deadline for registration is Sunday, January 15, 2017

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

What songs connect you to God and your community, and empower you to serve? What songs do you turn to in joyful or difficult times? What are your heart songs? These are questions the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee is asking you to answer through this survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWSC_Heart_Song as it embarks on a listening and study phase toward developing a new song collection, to be released in 2020.

The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee is looking for new and original content to be part of the next song collection. Authors, songwriters, composers, and artists can submit their original work online at <http://mennoniteworshipandsongcollection.org>. This online submissions portal will be active throughout 2017.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Youth Retreat – How Do You Meet God? February 3-5, 2017 Information at <https://mcec.ca/winter-youth-retreat-event-information>

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