



“Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Hymn: “God Be With You”
 Benediction
 Postlude

WB 430

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Fifth Lent ~ Living Ink: An Unexpected Twist

The Grand Author works in mysterious ways – ways that we often find to be inexplicably, extravagantly generous. The twists that are thrown into the plot are counterintuitive to our human ways of seeing things. Where one would expect only to find a vast, dry, barren desert, we discover a refreshing, anointing, life-giving stream of hospitality.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are classes for adults. Please join the class of your choice.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Eileen Freeman
 Welcome and Announcements Rita Bauman
 Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 43)
 L: *The Lord is doing a new thing:*
All: The Lord makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!
 L: *The Lord forms us as a people*
All: and we declare God's praise!
 L: *The Lord has done great things for us!*
All: And we rejoice!
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Mary Frey Martin
 “Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord” WB 151
 “New Earth, Heavens New” WB 199
 Prayer of Confession
 All: *God all who thirst, our hearts are parched from wandering in deserts far from your life-giving springs. Call us to your well. Fill our cups with your grace. Let your love overflow in our hearts, and make us fully alive. Amen.*
 Congregational Song: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” STS #62 vs 1
 Words of Assurance
 Scripture – Isaiah 43: 16-21
 Children's Story Katie Gerber
 “I Love to Tell the Story” (chorus 2x)
 Dismissal for Children's Sunday School
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
 “Spirit of the Living God” WB # 349
 Scripture – John 12: 1-11 Clarence Diefenbacher
 Sermon “Lavishing Everything for Jesus”
 Hymn of response “My Soul is Filled With Joy” STJ 13, vs 1,3,5
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website.

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: Randy & Bonnie Martin
 Next Week: Sylvan & Vera Martin
 Host/Hostess Today:
 Next Week: Orval & Mary Martin
 Nursery Helpers Today: Ryan & Romy Schill
 Next Week: Taylor Horst

Congregational Prayer List

May God surprise all of us as we pray, sing and be silent together.
 Pray for **Amsey Martin** who remains a patient in long-term care at Listowel Hospital.
 Pray for Mildred Martin.
 Pray for our Communion Service that will be held on Good Friday.

We continue our **season of Lent** this Sunday as we explore together our worship theme: *Living Ink*. If we consider our lives being “written on a page” through our actions every day, do we allow God to be our “co-author,” as we release the pen and give God some control of what is written?

During our time of sharing in the service this Sunday, you are invited to reflect and share on a faith question: **The reflective question for this Sunday is:** “Think about a moment in your life when God surprised you. What was this experience like?”

The reflective question for next Sunday is: “Think about a time when you were aware that you were a part of God's story? What was this like for you?”

This week the **Lenten service** will be Wednesday, 7:00 at Floradale Mennonite with Hans Borch speaking.

Next Sunday, March 20 is Palm Sunday. We invite all children (of any age), junior youth, youth, Sunday School teachers and Youth Leaders to meet in the church library at 10:45 am to receive your palms and prepare for the Palm processional. Hosanna! Hosanna! Praise the name of Jesus!

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 7:00 – Choir practice
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY – Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Grandparent & Grandchild Days (Grades 1-6). This year's theme is “Family Ties” and activities will revolve around family and family traditions. Brochures in foyer. Register by email at info@hiddenacres.ca or phone at 519-625-8602. ****SPACES STILL AVAILABLE****

SATURDAY, 8:00 – Elmira Meat Canning Fundraising Breakfast at Calvary United Church. Canned meat supported Jacob Reimer's family when they resettled in northern Ontario 50 years ago. Hear his story and enjoy a

gourmet buffet breakfast. Tickets \$12 adults, \$5 ages 6-12 and under 5 free. Call 519-745-8458 to reserve your ticket.

SATURDAY, 10-4 – Open house at Conrad Grebel, UWaterloo for new students.

SATURDAY, 6:00 "Single Or Single Again" (SOSA) March get together will be a pot-luck dinner at St. Agatha Mennonite Church If you are not much of a cook/ baker, your contribution does not have to be homemade! Coffee & tea will be provided. For more information please call 519-662-2971.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 20, 12:00 - Congregational "Lunch and Learn" Pot-lunch: Please join us after church for a delicious pot-luck lunch and an opportunity to learn about how we can all be friendly and welcoming to new people who visit Floradale church on a Sunday morning. We want to extend the right hand of fellowship and welcome everyone who comes to worship with us. Bring some food (hot or cold) for us to share together and prepare to engage in conversation about how we can welcome others to our church. Our program will conclude by 2 pm.

Mar. 25, 10:00 – Good Friday Communion & Footwashing

Mar. 30, 6:00 – The Power of Partnership: An evening with Stephen Lewis St. George Banquet Hall, Reception at 6, dinner & program at 7. Enjoy an evening highlighting MCC's partnerships in humanitarian work in the Middle East and refugee resettlement in Ontario. Tickets \$150. More info at powerofpartnership2016.ca

Mar. 30, 6:00 -St. Clement's Parish, St. Clements will be hosting a SPRING CARD PARTY at the St. Clement's Parish Hall, 3619 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of prizes, share the wealth and quilt raffle. Admission is \$8.00. Wheelchair Accessible. This event is sponsored by the St. Clement's Christian Mothers' Society. Everyone is welcome!

Mar. 30, 6:00 – Barnswallow Place, Guest speaker: Alzheimer's Society, Understanding Responsive Behaviours in Dementia

Mar. 31, 7:30 – Dr. Troy Osborn will be speaking on "The Bottle, the Dagger, and the Ring: Church Discipline and Dutch Mennonite Identity in the Seventeenth Century." This will be in the Grebel Chapel.

More announcements on the insert.

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Apr. 9, 7:00 – Steve Bell in concert at Waterloo MB Church. Freewill donation.

Apr. 10, 3 pm - Theatre and Spaghetti Dinner. Theatre of The Beat will provide a 3pm performance. FMC would like to provide a follow up spaghetti supper. Interested in helping? (kitchen, tickets, set-up, etc) please contact Dan or Karen Bender.

Apr. 23 – WMCEC Annual Enrichment Day at Rouge Valley Mennonite. Theme: “This is My Story, This is My Song” focusing on experiences and stories of our women through the last ten decades. Registration due April 9. They can only accommodate 225 participants.

Jul. 6-10 -MC Canada Assembly 2016 registration is now open at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016/information>. Theme: God~Faith~People (Jeremiah 31:33).

Aug.18-21 – Church camping at Cedar Rail, Scone. Let Howie & Gloria know by March 31 if you plan to attend.

Aug. 28 – Redekop's last Sunday.

MYF CORNER

No MYF during March Break.

March 26 meet at the church at 4pm with \$15.50. We will be going to Air U Indoor Trampoline Park and Katie's place for supper.

YAF CIRCLE

Fri. Mar 18 Young adults will be bowling at 9pm at Elmira Bowl. Let Nancy know if you are joining us.

Supper-at-six on March 20 and April 24. Mark your calendars!

Bible Reading Goals - By March 13 you need to read to Deuteronomy 22 and Mark 14. By March 20 you need to read up to Joshua 3 and Luke 1 to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Camp brochures for this summer are on the table in the foyer.

Job Opportunities: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites applicants for the positions of Director of Advancement, or Math and Computer Teacher. Visit www.rockway.ca for more information.