



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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First Sunday in Lent

Worship Focus: As humans, we hunger for many things. God, our Provider, knows our deepest longings, offering both sustenance and deliverance from temptation.

9:45 BREAKFAST & WORSHIP

Join us for a delicious hot breakfast including omelet, sausage, yogurt, fruit salad, toast and mini muffins. Yum yum! Adults \$5, children eat free.

10:20 – Children of all ages, along with parents and Sunday School Teachers, are invited to share in some inter-generational games in the church foyer. Children are then invited to remain with their families during worship. There is no Jr. Church this morning.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Worship Team
Welcome and Announcements Nichelle Bauman
Call to Worship

L: In the midst of myriad distractions, we gather, longing for you.

All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: In the midst of the temptation to live in fear, we gather, trusting in you.

All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: In the midst of the challenges of daily living, we gather, craving your presence.

All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

L: Come, worship the One who feeds our deepest hungers and sustains us with love.

Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Worship Team
“This is the day” on screen
“Give me oil” on screen

Confession and Words of Assurance

L: God of abundance, you give us all we need. We confess that, too often, we focus on what we don't have. We forget that it is you who truly sustains us. Forgive us. Satisfy us with your steadfast love, and help us to take refuge in remembering that what you provide is good. It is enough. God of abundant grace,

All: restore us.

L: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Sing praises to the Lord! Taste and see that the Lord is good. Amen.

Congregational Singing

“Hungry”

on screen

“Your grace is enough”

on screen

Offering Prayer (offering will be received this morning at the back of the fellowship hall upon exit).

Lent Theme Song: “You are all we have”

STJ #29

Scripture Reading – Matthew 4: 1-11

Richard Bauman

Drama: “Fishin’ for Christians” by Far from Ordinary Ministries

with Pete Ellis & Roy Draper

Nancy Mann

Discussion Questions:

1. What are three things that made you smile?
2. Hornswoggle and Scabsworth have quite a “temptation box!” What temptations were they using to “fish for Christians”?
3. Hornswoggle knows that different people are tempted by different things. Think about yourself. What is an area of temptation for you? If you feel comfortable, share with your group.
4. Hornswoggle said, “When they are together, they are harder to catch.” What do you think?
5. Our scripture this morning from the gospel of Matthew was about Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. Does it help us to remember that Jesus was also tempted?
6. As we conclude our discussion time, take a moment to thank the people in your group for being a part of our faith family together.

Sharing our Response: We will invite a few people to share thoughts from their discussion groups.

Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Songs:

“Lord, I need you”

on screen

“Lead me to the cross”

on screen

Benediction

Postlude

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and the sermon portion put on our website. The full service will be sent out separately. 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: Erma Wideman & Martha Brubacher

Next Week: Jeff & Gloria Bauman

Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled – due to Breakfast & Worship

Host/Hostess Next Week: no one scheduled – due to March break

Congregational Prayer List

Please note a correction: the Memorial Service for Lorene will be on FRIDAY, March 10 at 2pm at St. Jacob's Mennonite Church. Zenas & Eleanor Buehler. This month we will pray for **Elmira Pentecostal Assembly**, as part of our commitment to living in an ecumenical community. Our prayers are with **Clarence and Marilyn Diefenbacher** and their family as Clarence has knee replacement surgery on Monday, March 6. May the surgery go very well and help Clarence on his way to recovery. Please join us in prayer for the **Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering** this weekend in Winkler, Manitoba.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today, 7:00 – Meeting with Betty Pries in the multi-purpose room for Church Council, Elders, Staff, and the Reference Group.

Tuesday, 9:00 – Ladies Quilting

Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Sunday, 12th – Robert Mann preaching, and the start of March Break

MYF CORNER

March 7, 7:00: Life on Life

March 11 – Stirling Suppers

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. Talk to Nancy TODAY, if you would like to join us.

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. 14, noon - 80th Birthday Lunch for Laurene Martin. All women welcome to share in this celebration at Crossroads restaurant. **Please note that this event is replacing the Ladies Breakfast today!

Mar, 14, 7:30 – Worship Committee Meeting

Mar. 15, 7:00 – Council Meeting

Mar. 16, 9:30 – Let's Connect

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: 7:00

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.

April 5th, Gale Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Ecumenical Lenten Service, and they are interested in having a **mass choir sing "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.** The practice will be held at Gale Presbyterian on April 4th at 7:45 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please let Nichelle know as soon as possible.

Heifer Sale: The annual MCC event was held Feb. 17. 112 heifers were sold for \$202,550, an average of \$1800/ heifer. The total raised from the sale of the heifers, miscellaneous products and cash donations was \$214,200. 5 heifers were re-donated. The top 2 sellers went for \$4600 & \$4100. Thank you to everyone who asked about, attended or prayed for the successful sale. Clarence Diefenbacher

Address Update: Paul Quenneville has a different email: pauljquenneville@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Mar. 26 - Refugee Support Fundraising Lunch

Apr. 2 - Worship Cafe at 7 pm

<u>Sunday School Classes will continue next Sunday</u>		<u>Upcoming Elective Classes</u>
Children's classes	basement	Mar 12 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Mar 19 – Music Discussion/ Singing with Nichelle Bauman
Drawing Class	Room 12	Mar 26 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl & Merri-Lee Metzger
Discussion Class	Room 9	
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

Mar. 15, 7:30 - Queerly Christian: Do you identify as LGBTQ+ and Christian? Would you like a space to discuss how those identities intersect? **Queerly Christian** is an initiative of Pastors in Exile (PiE) and Erb Street Mennonite Church, and meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting March 15th, 7:30 pm, at Erb St. Mennonite Church. Allies

are welcome, but please recognize that this is intended as a space for LGBTQ+ Christians to share their lived experience. More info: <http://erbstchurch.ca/queerly-christian>

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

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

Want to encounter other cultures? Come hear fascinating stories and experience the diversity at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding. Courses run June 12-16 and June 19-23, 2017 and are a great opportunity to experience an inspiring community of people gathered to learn about peace. For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca. Apply by April 1 to avoid a \$50 late fee.

CONRAD GREBEL

Ontario Mennonite MUSIC CAMP information on table beside the mailboxes.

March Break Open House *Saturday, March 18, 10-5.* This is for students looking to attend Grebel and the University of Waterloo in Fall 2017.

Church as Mission – a new course with Robert “Jack” Suderman. The course will explore the astonishing definition of the nature of the church as defined in Ephesians 1:22, accompanied by the equally astounding vocation assigned to the church in Ephesians 3:10. Course is May 8-19, 9-12:30 daily.

HIDDEN ACRES

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/2kVbIz> or email intermennonitechilrenschoir@gmail.com.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Infant Care Kits: Material Resources plans to send two bales of infant care kits in its next shipment to Syrian refugees. To make that happen, we need 196 NEW baby onesies in sizes 3-9 months. Would you consider donating a onesie or 2, or 10, to meet this need? Please send to Material Resources, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, or drop off at your local MCC receiving site. Questions? Contact Carolyn Gray or Wendy Cotter at 519-745-8458 or carolyngray@mcco.ca and wendycotter.mcco.ca

MCCO Lent Labyrinth Enter the season of Lent by walking the Labyrinth with Patricia Wagler. There is no need to register for this "open house" style opportunity. We hope this is a rich way for you to begin your Lenten journey. More info at mcco.ca/events

MCC is hiring! We are searching for a Communications Specialist and a Volunteer Services Manager to join our energetic team. For more info and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve.

MCC Thrift and Gift Ladies Night Out 6:30-9 pm, Tuesday, March 7 at MCC Thrift and Gift, Elmira. MCC Thrift and Gift is hosting a Ladies Night Out. Come out and enjoy an evening of shopping, refreshments and door prizes! Tickets are \$5 each and are available at MCC Thrift and Gift.

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

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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