



“Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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Fourth Lent ~ Living Ink: Turning Over a New Leaf:

As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find our-selves invited to “re-turn” to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience his good news of reconciliation.

Breakfast at 10am, Intergenerational Worship to follow
 (no Sunday School classes today).

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Nichelle Bauman
“Lead Me to the Cross”
“Arms of Love”
“Far, Far Away From My Loving Father”
 Welcome and Announcements Rita Bauman
 Call to Worship (based on Psalm 32)
 L: *Many are the torments of the wicked,*
All: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
 L: *Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,*
All: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Worship Team
“Amazing Love”
 Prayer of Confession
 All: *While we keep silent, our bodies waste away through our groaning all day long. Day and night your hand is heavy upon us and our strength dries up as in the heat of summer. Then, when we acknowledge our sin to you, and so not hide our iniquity, you forgive the guilt of our sin. Therefore, we offer our prayer and worship to you. Amen.*
 Congregational Song: *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”* STS #62 vs 1
 Words of Assurance
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Scripture Drama and Response
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 Readers: Fred Redekop and Katie Gerber
We respond to the Bible story:
 1. Choose one character and comment on the story from that person’s point of view.
 2. Who is the character in this story with whom you most relate? Why?
 3. What do you think is the saddest part of this story?
 4. What is the happiest part of this story?

5. Does this story provoke an “unanswered question” for you?
 6. What does this story teach us about forgiveness?
 Responding in Song - *“Far far away from my loving father”* HWB # 139
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Hymn: *“Create in Me”*
 Benediction
 Postlude

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: Dave & Marj Metzger
 Next Week: Randy & Bonnie Martin
 Host/Hostess Today: Cliff & Mary Bauman
 Next Week:
 Nursery Helpers Today: Tony & Char Martin
 Next Week: Ryan & Romy Schill

Congregational Prayer List

Enjoy breakfast and worship today.
 Pray for **Amsey Martin** who remains a patient at Listowel Hospital.
 Pray for the **New Elders and Church Council Members**.
 Pray for **Shirley Redekop**. She has been named President of Mennonite Women Canada. She will be in Winnipeg next weekend.
 In a spirit of ecumenism each month our Parish Community will designate another local church that we will pray for each Sunday for an entire month. March is **St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**.
 You can pray for a variety of Mennonite Works and Issues as described in PrayerNet. To subscribe call 886-888-6785 (Ingrid Miller) or register online at resources.mennonitechurch.ca/ResourceView/59/7507

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 time when God brought you renewal? How did this give you hope for the future?”*
The reflective question for next Sunday is: *“Think about a moment in your life when God surprised you. What was this experience like?”*
 This week the **Lenten service** will be Wednesday, 7:00 at Trinity United with Scott Sinclair speaking.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3:00 - U of W Chamber Choir and Grand Philharmonic Choir present *The Music of Sir James MacMillan* at St. Peter’s Lutheran, Kitchener.

Tickets \$30/adults, \$14/under 30, \$5/youth available at Grebel.

TODAY 7:30 – Ross & Veg will be showing slides of their recent trip to Uganda & Vincents traditional marriage. Meet in the multi-purpose room.

TUESDAY 8:30 – Ladies breakfast at Crossroads

TUESDAY 6:00 – EDSS Youth in Action Club in partnership with Crossing Borders Youth are hosting a fundraiser at the high school. Join us for music, song, spoken word and dance performances by Crossing Borders and E.D.S.S. youth. Tea, coffee and delicious snacks will be provided. Tickets \$10, available at the door. all proceeds are in support of refugee claimants at MCRS. (Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20, including ticket sales.) More details on poster on the bulletin board.

TUESDAY 7:00 – Choir practice

WEDNESDAY 7:00 – Worship meeting

THURSDAY, 9:30 – Let's Connect meet at the church

THURSDAY, 7:00 – Hopping Thursdays at the church.

SATURDAY, 6:15 – MEDA's Spring Banquet at Steinmann Mennonite.

Speaker: Intissar K. Rajabany, MEDA's Libya Country Manager. Cost \$40/adults, \$10/students. RSVP by March 3. Details on poster on bulletin board.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 11, 6:00-7:30 – Community Can Dine at Trinity United Church, Ham & Scalloped potatoes

Mar. 14 or 15 – 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.

Mar. 19, 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.

Mar. 19, 10-4 – Open house at Conrad Grebel, UWaterloo for new students.

Mar. 19, 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.

More announcements on the insert.

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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 – Barnswallow Place, Guest speaker: Alzheimer's Society, Understanding Responsive Behaviours in Dementia

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!

Apr. 10 - 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.

Bible Reading Goals - By March 6 you need to read to Deuteronomy 2 and Mark 11. By March 13 you need to read to Deuteronomy 22 and Mark 14, to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Church Membership/Baptism – Please speak to Fred before March 13 if you are interested.

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

Note from MCC: With the incredible surge of support for MCC's response to the earthquakes in Nepal and the Syrian refugee crisis, our out-of-the-spotlight work in water, food, health and peacebuilding are experiencing severe shortfalls. MCC is humbly asking individuals who attend our constituency church communities to consider making an additional gift before our year-end on March 31 to help meet this funding shortfall.

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MYF CORNER

Saturday, 7:00 – MYF gym night at Floradale with Wellesley and Drayton MYF

YAF CIRCLE

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

Thank you! MennoHomes would like to thank FMC for your ongoing support of our new project in Elmira. The recent sharing from your Generosity Fund is just another example of your incredible commitment to affordable barrier-free housing. Thank you! Dan Driedger