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Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Hymn: *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*
 Benediction
 Postlude

WB #575

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Third Lent ~ Living Ink: Leaping Off The Page:

God, the Author of the grand story, invites us to drink in the words of covenant, the good news that we are part of an abundant narrative. As we do, we become living words that leap off the page into all aspects of relations: with God, each other, and the earth.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Florence Jantzi
 Welcome and Announcements Dale Martin
 Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63)
L: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
All: We gather to praise you.
L: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
All: We will bless you as long as we live.
L: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
All: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Mary Frey Martin
“I Am Thine, O Lord” WB #505
 Prayer of Confession
All: Almighty and gracious God, we confess that we don't give all of ourselves to you. We lack the vulnerability to fully invite you into our midst and we look for strength in places other than you. Like Adam and Eve, we try to hide our nakedness from you. Accept our confession, and break us free from the idols of strength we use to hide our vulnerabilities. Help us to live as vulnerable people who know ourselves to be embraced by your loving arms. Amen.
 Congregational Song: *“Create in Me a Clean Heart” STS #62 vs 1*
 Words of Assurance
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-8
 Children's Story
 Song: *“I Love to Tell the Story”*
 Dismissal for Children's Sunday School
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Special Music: *“The Lighthouse”* by Ronnie Hinson Steve Shoemaker
 Congregational Singing
“I know not Why God's Wondrous” WB #338
 Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9 Jeremy Bowman
 Sermon: *“Let It Go”* Fred Redekop

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: Jeff & Gloria Bauman
 Next Week: Dave & Marj Metzger
 Host/Hostess Today: Clarence & Marilyn Diefenbacher
 Next Week: Cliff & Mary Bauman
 Nursery Helpers Today: Alina Kehl
 Next Week: Tony & Char Martin

Congregational Prayer List

Welcome to Floradale. We seek to be a place of peace, justice and love.

Pray for **Amsey Martin** who remains a patient at Listowel Hospital.

Sawyer Mable was born to Luke and Tricia Martin on February 18.

Pray for the **ceasefire in Syria** to hold.

Pray for **MSCU**, their meeting on Monday about their name change.

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 joyful time in your life when you felt God's presence. What did you learn about God through that experience?”*

The reflective question for next Sunday is: *“Think about a time when God brought you renewal. How did this give you hope for the future?”*

This week the **Lenten service** will be Wednesday, 7:00 at Gale Presbyterian with Fred Redekop speaking.

THIS WEEK

TODAY - Being a Welcoming Church: This morning you will see our new Welcome Table in the foyer of the church. This table is designed to be a connecting point for newer attendees/visitors to our congregation. Here they may receive additional information about our church and its many ministries. The church greeters will also provide a friendly welcome by being present at this table for a time after our services. We want to warmly welcome any newer attendees/visitors in this way

MONDAY, 7:00 – Mennonite Savings and Credit Union's Special General Meeting at Creekside Church, 660 Conservation Drive, Waterloo. Join us in making the most important decision for our credit union's future - a

members' resolution to embrace a new name! There will be an opportunity to cast your vote if you have not already done so using one of the advanced voting options as well as enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

TUESDAY – WMCEC Quilting at the church

TUESDAY – Choir rehearsals for Easter Sunday (7-7:45) and Good Friday (7:45-8:30).

TUESDAY, 7:30 – 2016 Rod & Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholar, Sir James MacMillan, Scotland's most celebrated composer, "The Spiritual in Music" at Conrad Grebel Great Hall.

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

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

FRIDAY, 6:30 – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. Teresa's. Advanced tickets until March 2. Cost \$15/adults, \$8/children 12 and under available at 519-669-3387.

FRIDAY, 7:30 – World Day of Prayer Service this year is written by the women of Cuba and will be hosted by Gale Presbyterian Church. All are invited to come and learn about the church in Cuba and to participate in prayers for the peace of our world.

SATURDAY, 9-11:00 – Last chance to sign up – we still have room! Ladies Fellowship Breakfast Buffet at Crossroads \$20 (includes tax and tip). Guest speaker from House of Friendship Alcontrol (Women's Residential Treatment program) -opportunity for cash love offering going towards purchase of bath towels/slippers for the program. Please let a committee member know today! (Rosie Martin/Rita Shantz/Sharon Cressman).

SATURDAY, 10:30 – Area Seniors Fellowship at Community Mennonite for a 'Spring Migration' presentation by 'birder' Jim Burrell from Linwood. Lunch at 12:00. Tickets \$14 need to be purchased by Feb. 28 from Darrell & Florence.

SATURDAY, 7:00 – Inshallah Choir presents *Singing with our Neighbours* at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. Concert will include members of Mino Ode Kwewak N'gamowak (Good Hearted Women Singers) as well as local Syrian artists. Freewill donation. Florence Jantzi.

More announcements on the insert.

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SUNDAY, 10:00 – Breakfast and Worship. Breakfast includes blueberry French toast casserole with cinnamon chunky apples and/or maple syrup, sausage, juice, muffins, yogurt, tea and coffee. Cost \$5, children free.

SUNDAY, 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 8, 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.

Mar. 12, 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.

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. 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.

April 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.

April 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.

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

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

MYF CORNER

Saturday, 5:00 – MYF meet at Dan & Karen Bender's for supper, games and a movie.

YAF CIRCLE

Young Adults: Today - we will meet in the Foyer after church and head out for our lunch together.

Thanks to Zenas and Eleanor Buehler for hosting. Upcoming Supper-at-six events - mark March 20 and April 24 in your calendars.

Thank you so much for the "garden" gift and picture you presented me last Sunday. Your generosity will be treasured. I have truly appreciated the opportunity to serve the church the past 23 ½ years as the Administrative Assistant. Blessings to all of you.
Veg Weber

Greeters and Hosts Needed: Anyone wishing to add their name for the Greeters and/or Hostess list can contact Brenda L. Martin by TODAY.

Bible Reading Goals - By Feb. 28 you should have to Numbers 24 and to Mark 8. By March 6 you need to read to Deuteronomy 2 and Mark 11 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.



Hi! I'm Erin. My partner is Lloyd and our daughters are Zoe (5 1/2) and Anna (3 1/2). We live in Elmira, love travelling to see family. I spent about 20 years in Camping with roles from lifeguard to Director and worked at this both in Ontario & Alberta. During that same time I often worked "off season" in hotels including Jasper Park Lodge and Kannanaskis Guest Ranch. I am VERY excited to be joining the Floradale Mennonite Church Staff Team, and am looking forward to the challenges this position will bring. Stop by & say hello!