



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

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Eileen Freeman
Welcome and Announcements Dan Bender
Call to Worship
L: *Come and worship Christ,*
**All: the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the eternal God:
the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.
L: *This is our God!*
All: Let's worship together.
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Barb Draper
"We praise thee O God" WB #99
"Blessed Saviour, we adore thee" WB #107
Parent/Child Dedication Tyler, Nicole and Everly Rose Woeschka
Scripture Readings
Luke 1:68-75, Luke 23:33-43, Luke 1:76-79
Dan Bender & Jamie Gingrich
Children's Story Nancy Mann
Dismissal for Jr. Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Moment in Mission – Report on MEDA convention and Annual Meeting from
October 27-30, Nancy Mann, Murray & Yvonne Martin, Rick Martin
Congregational Singing
"Tis not with eyes of flesh we see" WB #571
Scripture – Colossians 1:9-20
Sermon "The Tender Mercy of God" Nancy Mann
Hymn of Response
"Crown him with many crowns" WB #116, Verses 1, 2 & 5
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer Nancy Mann
Sending Song:
"Beyond a dying sun" WB#323
Benediction
Postlude**

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: Reg & Brenda Martin
Next Week: Dan & Karen Bender
Host/Hostess Today: Abner & Eleanor Metzger
Host/Hostess Next Week: Gerry & Jane Hesselink
Nursery Helpers Today: Becky & Cam Ribble
Nursery Helpers Next Week: Taylor Holst

Congregational Prayer List

Please pray for the **work of MEDA** and especially for their partnerships in business development with Global Affairs Canada. Pray that these partnerships will **help improve the lives of impoverished people** around the world. Pray that they will be a witness to our care for people in need around the world. We are thankful that **Mildred Martin came home** this week, and pray for Mildred's ongoing recovery. We remember in prayer **Tyler and Nicole Woeschka** as they present their child, **Everly Rose**, for blessing and dedication on today.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today, 3:00 – The Paralympics – From Rio to Woolwich Sheila Forler Bauman will speak and show pictures. She is a physiotherapist who works with the Women's wheelchair basketball team at the Paralympics.

Tuesday, 9:00 – Deadline for December calendar information

Tuesday, 7:00 – Choir Practice

Tuesday, 7:00 – MYF Life on Life

Thursday, 9:30 – Let's Connect

Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Friday, 8:00 – Men's Breakfast at Crossroads, Pastor Nancy Mann will share her faith story.

Saturday, noon – Annual Seniors Christmas Banquet at Floradale

Mennonite Church. Deb Misener Jones will provide fun, unique, interactive musical entertainment, including Swiss Alpine Bells. She is an accomplished singer, guitarist, yodeller, musician and speaker who will tell us of God's faithfulness through some very difficult life experiences. Tickets \$20.00. Contact Darrell or Florence Janzti for tickets.

Sunday, 11:00 – Gary Knarr preaching, First Advent

Sunday, 7:00 – Community Memorial Service at St. James Lutheran

MYF CORNER

MYF will meet at 3 pm on Friday the 25th, then proceed to **volunteer for Operation Christmas Child.**

Registration is now open for the **MCEC Silver Lake Winter Retreat** (February 3-5). Cost is \$95. Let me know if you're interested in going!

YAF CIRCLE

Supper-at-Six will take place next today at 6 pm here at the church. Chris Brnjas, a pastor with PiE (Pastors in Exile) will share with us on the topic: "Church engagement - relevant or not for today's young adults?"

Christmas Banquet - Friday, December 16 at 6 pm at the church. Cost \$10. Bring a \$10 gift for a quirky gift exchange. RSVP to Nancy Mann so we have enough food for you.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

Dec. 7, 6:30 - Floradale Women's Fellowship Christmas Banquet for ladies of all ages! At White Pine Ranch B&B (Ella Martin) -7016 Side 18, Drayton(off 8th Line). Meet at church at 6:10 to carpool, or should you require a ride call Karen Bender at 519-616-5981. Please respond to email or sign up sheet here at church by Nov.27th. \$25.00/person for dinner, Love offering to a local charity...There will be no gift exchange this year.... We hope to see you there!!!!

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Reading Goals – By November 20, you will have read up to Ezekiel 23 and James 2. By November 27, you need to read up to Ezekiel 39 and 1 Peter 4, in order to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Flowers at the front of the church are placed in loving memory of Abner Frey, who passed away 20 years ago, November 15, 1996. Fond memories will always remain in our hearts forever. Florence, Gerald & Marlin Frey.

Financial Report

Offering required to date: \$311,700.60

Offering received to date: \$293,994.10

Deficit as of November 6: \$17,706.50

There are 6 Sundays remaining in the 2016 calendar year, with the last Sunday falling on Christmas Day.

Any budget requests for 2017 need to be forwarded to Finance Chair, by December 11.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45

Children's classes	basement
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room
Drawing Class	Room 12
Discussion Class	Room 9
Seniors Class	Board Room
Adult Bible Study	Room 11

Upcoming Elective Classes

Music, lead by Nichelle Bauman – Jan 29, Feb 26 & Mar 26.
Adult class, lead by Leon Kehl – Feb 5, 12, 19, Mar 5 & 12.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

Nov. 22, 10-11:30 – Planning for Your Health Care Future. At St. James Lutheran Church. RSVP to 519-669-5591. Join us for a FREE educational session to hear about: advance care planning, substitute decision making, powers of attorney and health care consent.

Nov. 25, 6:00 - Single or Single Again (SOSA) will be going out for dinner at the Schmidtsville Restaurant in Wellesley. This will be in place of the Christmas dinner originally planned for Sat. We will be ordering off the menu. If you intend on coming could you please call 519-662-2971 so we have a rough idea on how many people to expect."

Nov. 25, 7:00 – The Larry Mercey Trio & Guests at Gale Presbyterian Church. \$25/Ad, \$15/ 16years & under. Call 519-669-2852 for tickets.

Nov. 26, 7:00 – Rescue Junction Live in concert at Woodside Church. Concert and AGM for MennoHomes Inc. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 27, 2:30 - Fifth Annual Welcoming Advent Welcome Advent this year as you enjoy No Discernible Key (Fred Martin, David Neufeld, Dwight Steinman, Jim Bender) with their unique Canadian folk sound. There will be some audience participation. A freewill offering in support of Detweiler Meetinghouse operations will be held. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 27, 1:30 - Celebrate the Yuletide season with Grand Harmony Women's Chorus from Waterloo, as we ring in the holidays in 4-part harmony under the direction of Mr. Chris Arnold. SPECIAL GUESTS: Award-winning men's quartet, Supertonic, will delight with favourite holiday tunes. Goodies provided. Doors open at 1:30 PM with entertainment starting at 2:00 PM at the Elmira Lions Hall. Tickets Prices: \$15/Adult, \$8/ Youth (6 to 16). Free/Children 5 & under. FOR TICKETS: Contact Allana at 226-791-2638

Dec. 2, 6:00 - ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

DINNER. Tickets can be ordered through the Parish Office Mon.- Fri. 9-1 or by calling 519-669-3387. Tickets are: adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 5:30. Opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets! *Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 30th.* All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner. Funds raised for this event will go towards the new roof.

Dec. 2, 7:00 – Menno Youth Singers: Breath of Heaven

A Christmas Concert at Mannheim Mennonite Church. Free Admission, donations gratefully accepted.

Dec. 3, 8-9:30 am - BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICHOLAS

Join us before the Christmas parade at Trinity United Church Elmira.

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE. \$6.00 person Children under 5 free. Tickets available: (walk-ins welcome) Trinity office - Mon to Fri 9:30 to 12:00, 519-669-5560 OR Brad Fisher 519-669-9067

Dec. 3, 2:00 – Songs of Christmas featuring Twin City Harmonizers. At Calvary United Church in St. Jacobs. \$15/at the door, \$12.50 in advance. Call Calvary UC 519-664-2311 or contact Bill Orr 519-885-3548 for tickets.

Dec. 3, 3:00 – A Schneider Male Chorus and Kokoro concert: And the Angels Sang. At First United Church, Waterloo. Tickets: Adult \$15, Students \$5, 13 & under free. Contact 519-886-7566, 239-439-9447 or events@schneidermalechorus.ca

Dec. 4, 3:00-4:30 - A Birthday Party for PiE It's been a year since Pastors in Exile (PiE) launched into active ministry as a registered charitable organization. Come celebrate with us as we share stories from PiE's past year, enjoy musical entertainment by local folk musician Richard Garvey, and of course, eat pie! Join us at the Queen St. Commons Cafe in downtown Kitchener. Donations to the work of Pastors in Exile are appreciated. Learn more about PiE at www.pastorsinexile.org.

Dec. 4, 3:00 – Christmas Benefit Concert with Jubilation Male Chorus. At W-K United Mennonite Church. Free will offering in support of House of Friendship.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMU – Canadian Mennonite University

CMU Study Tour to the Middle East (Jordan and Israel/Palestine): April 26-May 15, 2017. Join Gerald Gerbrandt, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Associate Professor of New Testament on a journey in time to the land of the Bible. Meet people working for peace and reconciliation today. For more information visit cmu.ca/met2017 or call 204-487-3300.

CONRAD GREBEL

Spotlight on innovation in restorative justice on *November 23* from 7:00-9:00 pm. Hear from leaders of innovative restorative justice initiatives in K-W. Stay for a reception.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Restorative Justice Week. Nov 20-27 is Restorative Justice Week and we encourage our partners to acknowledge the impacts or the approach of Restorative Justice to the traditional justice system.

Three lanes on the Refugee Highway 9:30 - 11:30 am, Nov 29, Community Room, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. An information session for community leaders and service providers to clarify the three streams of refugee newcomers. For more info and to register go to mcco.ca/three-lanes or call 519-745-8458 ext 237.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

futuredirectionsmc.ca is a new website devoted to the ongoing Future Directions work of the area and national churches. It will be the central hub of information for all matters related to the church in transition. Stay tuned for announcements and news that will point you there!

Short term ministry worker needed to support the ministry of Lillian and Norm Nicolson (Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Burkina

Faso, West Africa) by home-schooling their two young children, beginning September 2017. Conversational French required. For more info, check out home.mennonitechurch.ca/ShortTerm/ChildcareWorker or email Tany at twarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca

MCEC – Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

Saturday, *January 21, 2017* at Steinmann Mennonite Church is an MCEC sponsored workshop on the theme: **Befriending Death:** How do we accompany people who are dying and their families? How do we talk about dying and death from a spiritual perspective? Michelle O'Rourke will lead this day of learning, prayer and conversation on this important topic. See the poster on the bulletin board for further information. Please speak to Gary if you would like to attend.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE

Come and Sing! Please set aside Sunday evening, *Dec. 4* at 7 pm for a time of singing with our global Anabaptist faith community. Mennonite World Conference is holding an international songfest at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. We will be learning songs from the international songbook that was created for the Pennsylvania 2015 Assembly. An offering will be collected for MWC.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Open House Thursday, *November 24*, 7:00-9:00 pm

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Christmas Goodwill program. If you would like to support this program, you can donate gifts of new clothing, new toys or money or you can sponsor a family or child. All gifts should be delivered to the WCS office by Friday December 9 or to the Lion's Hall on Sunday, December 11 between 1-3. A list of suggested items are on the bulletin board in the hall near the kitchen.



Advent and Christmas Services at Floradale

Sunday, November 27 at 7 pm

Community Memorial Service at St. James Lutheran Church.

This service is an opportunity for people who have lost loved ones during the past year, or for anyone who has a deep grief or painful loss, to gather in prayer, remembrance and hope at the beginning of the Christmas season.

Sunday, December 4 at 7 pm

Community Carol Sing - St Teresa Catholic Church

Elmira and District Church choirs join together and share a joyful evening of anthems and carolling. Our Floradale Christmas Choir will present an anthem. Bring your joyful voices and join in this festive holiday tradition.

Sunday, December 18 at 11 am

Sunday worship at Floradale will be special Christmas worship, including music by our children and our Floradale Christmas Choir.

We rejoice to celebrate the birth of Christ together.

Christmas Eve - There will not be Christmas Eve worship at Floradale this year. Enjoy this special time with your family.

Sunday, December 25 at 11 am

Join us on Christmas day for morning worship. Families are invited to worship together. There will be no Jr. Church or Sunday School on this Sunday.

Sunday, January 1 at 11 am

Ring in the New Year by gathering for worship. We will celebrate the New Year with our regular Sunday morning worship service. There will be no Jr. Church or Sunday School on this Sunday.



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