



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

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE – First Advent

Prelude Lisa Demerling
Welcome and Announcements Jeff Bauman
Call to Worship
L: In the night time of despair, we are filled with doubt.
All: We are overwhelmed with busyness and the compulsion to do.
We have lost our way.
L: But the night is almost over.
We are emerging from our doubt.
All: O God, show us the way to your heart.
L: Come quickly to show us.
All: The dawn is near. Show us the way, our God.

Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Mary Bauman
"I know not why God's wondrous" WB #338
"Saviour like a shepherd lead us" WB #355
Scripture and Candle Lighting – Psalm 122 Jake & Ashley Albrecht
Congregational Singing
"Come, Light of the World" STS #3
Children's Story Nancy Mann
Dismissal for Jr. Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Congregational Singing
"Hope is a candle" STS #15
Scripture – Isaiah 2:1-5 Greg McCorquodale
Sermon "Walking in God's Way of Peace" Gary Knarr
Hymn of Response
"Joy to the world" WB #318
Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
Sending Song:
"Go now is peace" WB #429
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: Dan & Karen Bender
Next Week: Merle & Rita Shantz
Host/Hostess Today: Gerry & Jane Hesselink
Host/Hostess Next Week: no one scheduled
Nursery Helpers Today: Taylor Holst
Nursery Helpers Next Week: Christine Kehl

Congregational Prayer List

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mildred Martin and Delphine and Derrick Burkhardt and all their family** in the death of Mildred's son and Delphine's brother, Keith, on Monday evening Nov. 21.

We pray for **Mitch and Tamara Burt** as they prepare to dedicate their children **Grayson and Nicholas** in the worship service on December 4.

We are thankful that **Clarence Diefenbacher** returned home on Tuesday, and we pray for Clarence's ongoing recovery.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

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

Tuesday, 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

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

Sunday, 7:00 – Community Carol Sing at St. Theresa of Avila

MYF CORNER

December 6 – **Life on Life**

December 9, 6:45 – Meet at the church to travel as a group to St. Jerome's University to hear **Shane Claiborne speak**.

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

Shane Claiborne is speaking at St. Jerome's University College on Dec 9 at 7:30 pm on "The Scandal of Grace." Come and hear this internationally acclaimed author, speaker and activist. Contact Katie Gerber if you would like to join the young adult group that is going from Floradale. (This event is free.)

Young Adult 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 TODAY.** \$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 27, you will have read up to Ezekiel 39 and 1 Peter 4. By December 4, you need to read up to Daniel 4 and 1 John 3, in order to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: This morning in worship we offer a blessing for our prayer shawl ministry. Knitters in the church create these shawls to share with people in our congregation in times of need. Anyone interested in knitting a prayer shawl to contribute to this ministry can contact Fern Metzger for details. A simple pattern and wool are provided.

Thank you each one at Floradale Mennonite fellowship for your prayers, caring, visits, gifts, phone calls, and flowers from the Women's Fellowship. Thanks to pastors Nancy and Gary. May God bless each one of you, it is good to be home. God is good. ~ Mildred Martin and Family

We are thankful for all the prayers and support offered by the congregation during these past few weeks. Sylvan is now recovering and gaining strength at home after his surgery. We are grateful for all the contributions of food and the visits we have received during this time. Your support means so much to us. ~ Sylvan and Vera Martin

Our thanks to Susan Martin and Marilyn Weber for the beautiful worship decor for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Financial Report

Offering required to date: \$318,476.07
Offering received to date: \$308,775.01

Deficit as of November 20: \$9,701.06

There are 5 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		Upcoming Elective Classes
Children's classes	basement	Music, lead by Nichelle Bauman
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	– Jan 29, Feb 26 & Mar 26.
Drawing Class	Room 12	Adult class, lead by Leon Kehl –
Discussion Class	Room 9	Feb 5, 12, 19, Mar 5 & 12.
Seniors Class	Board Room	
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

Today, 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.

Today, 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.

Dec. 4, 4:00 - 'Born of Light': Spiritus Ensemble performs Advent and Christmas music for choir and orchestra by J.S. Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, Schuetz and Lauridsen at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St. N., Kitchener. For more information, please visit our website at spiritusensemble.com.

Dec. 10, 7:30 - Tickets are going fast for **Mennonite Mass Choir's performance of Handel's Messiah**. 225 well-rehearsed singers! Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony! Director Peter Nikiforuk! Soloists Bethany Horst, soprano, Maude Brunet, mezzo-soprano, Brandon Leis, tenor and Dion Mazerolle, baritone! Get your tickets through the Centre in the Square box office or online at www.centreinthesquare.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMU – Canadian Mennonite University

Registration is now open for the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 12-16 and 19-23, 2017. Go to csop.cmu.ca or e-mail csop@cmu.ca for more information.

Join the CMU Study Tour to the Middle East (Jordan and Israel/Palestine): April 26-May 15, 2017. For more information visit cmu.ca/met2017 or call 204-487-3300.

Canadian Mennonite University's Sunday@CMU radio program is pleased to feature a special sermon series by Sue Sorensen throughout December. Sue, who is associate professor of English at CMU, explores Jesus's miracles and relates them to Advent/Christmas in the four-part series. Sunday@CMU can be found online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

CONRAD GREBEL

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

Two career opportunities have been posted to kindredcu.com: Investment and Insurance Assistant at Head Office, Investment Services Representative in Waterloo

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

Check out **three new posts** at www.futuredirectionsmc.ca, the 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. Updates will be posted as they become available.

Looking for a good personal read? A congregational study or worship aid? The Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre at CommonWord has been providing trusted Anabaptist resources for over 40 years! Thousands of recommended titles are easily accessible across the country via www.commonword.ca. We offer free shipping and a large downloadable collection.

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.

MENNO MEDIA

Warehouse Sale—MennoMedia--50 Kent Ave. Kitchener. Great Gift ideas. Cookbooks, Commentaries, CDs and DVDs. Closeouts and damaged items. All in stock books (except hymnals) at least 40% off. Others 50-80% off. Many \$5 titles including the Take Our Moments and Our Days Anabaptist prayer books. *Saturday 3 Dec 9:00-3:00* and weekdays the following week.

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.

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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