



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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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!*

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES (see info below)

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE – Second Advent

Prelude Florence Jantzi
 Welcome and Announcements Katie Gerber
 Call to Worship
L: In the nighttime of fear, we build walls and fences.
**All: Rather than showing hospitality, we keep the stranger away.
 We forget the truth that God’s love is for everyone.**
L: O God, show us the way to your heart.
All: Come quickly, our God, show us your way. Amen.
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Merri-Lee Metzger
“Come thou long expected Jesus” WB #178
“Praise the One who breaks the darkness” STS #1
 Scripture and Candle Lighting – Isaiah 11:1-10
 Peter, Kendra, Kyana & Oliver Ellis
 Congregational Singing
“Come, Light of the World” STS #3
 Parent/Child Dedication: Mitch, Tamara, Grayson & Nicholas Burt
 Children's Story Nancy Mann
 Dismissal for Jr. Church
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
“My soul cried out” STS #124
 Scripture – Matthew 3:1-12 Mike Shantz
 Sermon *“Recommitting Ourselves to Walk in God’s Way”* Gary Knarr
 Hymn of Response
“Blessed be the God of Israel” WB #174
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
 Sending Song:
“Oh how shall I receive thee” WB #182
 Benediction
 Postlude

Church Greeters Today: Merle & Rita Shantz
 Next Week: Brent & Rita Bauman
 Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled for December
 Nursery Helpers Today: Christine Kehl
 Nursery Helpers Next Week: Char & Tony Martin

Congregational Prayer List

We pray for **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** in Elmira this month as part of our Elmira & District Ministerial Association.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

TODAY, 7:00 – Community Carol Sing at St. Theresa of Avila
Monday, 6:30 – Council Meeting *TIME CHANGE*****
Tuesday, 7:00 – Choir Practice
Tuesday, 8:00 – Elder's Meeting
Dec. 7, 6:30 - Floradale Women’s Fellowship Christmas Banquet for ladies of all ages!
Thursday, 9:30 – Let's Connect
Sunday, 11:00 – Nancy Mann preaching, Third Advent
 Gary Knarr will be away Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11 for a quarterly weekend off.

MYF CORNER

December 6 – **Life on Life** Last one until January
 December 9, 6:45 – Meet at the church to travel as a group to St. Jerome's University to hear **Shane Claiborne speak**.
 December 17, 6:00 – **Christmas Banquet** at Drayton Chop House

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. 12, 7:00 – Finance Committee Meeting

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.

Dec. 13, 8:30 – Ladies Breakfast at Bonnie Lou's
Dec. 13, 7:00 – Choir practice
Dec. 18, 9:45 – Choir & Children's Musical practice

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Reading Goals – By December 4, you will have read up to Daniel 4 and 1 John 3. By December 11, you need to read up to Hosea 11 and Revelation 2, in order to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Please have your **donation** in by next Sunday, December 11, if you wish to donate to the **Canadian Foodgrains Project**.

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver Christmas Hampers for the House of Friendship in Kitchener. from Dec. 5- 17. To arrange a time and place contact Gail. gailc@houseoffriendship or call 519 742 8327 ext. 120 or talk to Lester

Financial Report	
Offering required to date:	\$325,252.80
Offering received to date:	\$313,681.10
Deficit as of November 20:	\$11,571.70
There are 4 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
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Bauman – 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, 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.

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

Today, 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. 9, 7:00 – SOSA – Single or Single Again will be going to Waterloo Park on Fri. Dec. 9 to view the Christmas lights. We will meet at 7 pm in the entrance to the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex, 101 Father David Bauer Dr. Waterloo. After viewing the lights we will go for coffee/tea/ hot chocolate for some social time. Any questions please call 519-662-2971"

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.

Dec. 11, 2:30 – Liona Boyd in concert, **accompanied by Andrew Dolson** at St. James Lutheran Church, Elmira. Tickets: Adult \$35, Senior \$30, Child/Student \$25 available at St. James church office (mornings), The Window Box (3 Arthur St. S) or eventbrite.ca

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMU – Canadian Mennonite University

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 airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio and online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Syrian Bazaar December 5, 2016 - 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, 11 am - 6 pm Come out and enjoy delicious Syrian food and sweets. Hosted by MCC Ontario and ShamRose for Syrian Culture, all proceeds go to MCC's work in Syria. mcco.ca/events

Christmas Giving Choose a gift that is a personal and meaningful expression of God's love through MCC's Christmas Giving Catalogue. Browse and purchase gifts at mcccanada.ca/christmas or call 1-800-313-6226 to request a printed booklet.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

The **annual Christian Seasons Calendar** has arrived - just in time for Advent! Shape your time around the seasons of the church year - Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost ... and enjoy the gorgeous artwork. Only \$15.95. Order online – www.commonword.ca/go/832

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

Rockway invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, *December 13*, 7:30 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener. All are welcome!

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, 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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