

Church Greeters Today: MYF
 Next Week: Mark & Marilyn Weber
 Host/Hostess Today: Gerry & Shirley Shoemaker
 Host/Hostess Next Week: Murray & Char Weber

Congregational Prayer List

We are thankful that **Clarence Diefenbacher** has returned home from hospital, and we pray for Clarence's ongoing recovery.

We look forward to 3 people joining our congregation. **Jack Goodwin** will be received into membership during worship today, and **Derek Martin and Vicky Roeder-Martin** will reactivate their membership at Floradale on April 16. Let us keep these friends in prayer.

We celebrate with **Eddie and Kaleigh Bauman** the safe arrival of their daughter, **Sadie Leigh Bauman**, who was born on March 27. We pray that Eddie and Kaleigh will enjoy many joy-filled moments as new parents.

This month we will pray for **St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira**, as part of our commitment to living in an ecumenical community.

Please be in prayer for the family of **Steve Gerber**, retired MCEC pastor. Steve died on Monday, March 27, 2017 in his 100th year. He was the former Pastor at Crosshill Mennonite Church for 25 years and served as an interim pastor at McArthurs Mills, Cassel and St. Agatha Mennonite churches. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Prayer Update on Kidnap Victims in Congo: Tragically, the bodies of Mennonite peace builder and UN worker Michael Sharp, his colleague Zaida Catalan, and interpreter Betu Tshintela have been found in a shallow grave. The fate of their drivers Isaac Kabuayi and one other as yet unnamed driver, remain unknown. Pray for the victims' grieving families, friends, and colleagues, the perpetrators and please pray for peace in the deeply conflicted region of Eastern Congo.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today, 7:00 – Worship Cafe

Tuesday, 9:00 – Ladies Quilting

Tuesday, 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Friday, 8:00 – Men's Breakfast at Crossroads

Sunday, 9 – Palm Sunday - Gary Knarr Preaching

(Note: Children, Sunday School teachers and Jr. Church Leaders are invited to meet at 10:45 a.m. in the church library to prepare for the procession of the palms.)

Church office hours will be Mon. 9:00-1:00, Tues & Wed. 9:00-3:00.

Please have all announcements to the office by Tuesday. Bulletin will be printed on Wednesday. Thank you.

MYF CORNER

TONIGHT: 7:00 Worship Cafe

Tuesday: 7:00 Life on Life

Saturday: 7:00 Bowling Elmira Bowl

Saturday 22nd: Community Clean up day

Friday 28th 7pm - Saturday 29th 12:30pm: Elmira Girls Conference

at Emmanuel Missionary Church in Elmira. Check out their website for more info! <https://www.elmiragirls.com/> and Maggie's Muddhouse in Elmira after

brunch on the Saturday! The cost is about \$20 to paint a piece of pottery that you can take home (specialty drinks included!)

Friday April 28th: Boys night! More info to follow!

YAF CIRCLE

TONIGHT! - Worship Cafe. Come join the Worship Team for informal worship followed by yummy goodies.

April 9 - Our next Supper-at-Six will take place at the home of Ross and Veg Weber at 6 pm. To help with our planning, please RSVP to Nancy Mann for this one. No need to bring food - Ross and Veg are hosting. Yea! Come prepared to be surprised.

June 3 - Blue Jays Game. Did you miss the sign-up deadline? Speak to Nancy ASAP.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

Apr. 11, 8:30 - Ladies Breakfast at Bonnie Lou's restaurant.

Apr. 11, 7:00 – Choir Practice

Apr. 11, 7:00 – Life on Life

Apr. 13, 9:30 – Let's Connect

Apr. 14, 10:00 – Good Friday – Communion and Foot-washing – Nancy Mann Preaching

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services: 7:00

April 5, Gale Presbyterian, Hans Borch speaking

We would like to thank our church family and friends for remembering us in prayer, visits, cards, food and words of encouragement. We thank God for healing as Merle's hip continues to heal. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. Merle & Rita Shantz

Please put on your calendar that **Sunday, May 7** we will have a **noon lunch** at the church followed by a **congregational meeting**. **Betty Pries**, who is working with our congregation through this interim time, will have a conversation with us and report on the results of our focus conversations and questionnaires.

VBS July 3 - 7, 2017 - Digging for Treasure: Exploring the parables of Jesus is our theme for our Vacation Bible School program this year. We participate with Elmira Mennonite Church to offer a wonderful program of worship, drama, music, Bible learning and crafts for children from Jr. Kindergarten through grade 8. We welcome participating children and adult and youth volunteers. Registration forms will be available shortly. Let Nancy Mann or Alina Kehl know of your interest.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		Upcoming Elective Classes
Children's classes	basement	Apr 9-Loss and Grief-Mary Martin
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Apr 23-Abundance Canada: Sherri Grosz
Drawing Class	Room 12	Apr 30-Medical Assistance in Dying-Nancy Mann
Discussion Class	Room 9	
Seniors Class	Board Room	
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

1st Thurs. Of Every Month, 7:45 – WOW Women of Worship is a praise and worship night for women 15+ from the KW region who desire to connect and bring praise to our Father together at Wallenstein Bible Chapel. womenofworship2017@gmail.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANADIAN MENNONITE

Stories and Songs, an evening to celebrate Canadian Mennonite magazine. All welcome to attend Canadian Mennonite's annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, **April 22**, 6 pm at Floradale Mennonite Church. Following dinner, there will be a program of music, biblical storytelling and stories from Canadian Mennonite's new Executive Editor Virginia Hostetler and special guests. RSVP by April 15 to alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com or call 343-262-1002. Freewill offering. Receipts will be issued for donations above \$30 per person.

CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK

Information Meeting April 11 2:00 at Wilmot Mennonite Church, 2995 Bleams Rd., New Hamburg, ON

FRASER LAKE CAMP

Youth Summer Opportunity - FLC is providing bursaries for youth affiliated with the Mennonite church to experience our Leaders In Training program (includes a canoe trip through Algonquin Park), and our Counsellor In Training program. Come join us for an experience of a lifetime! For application details contact Kristen Berg, kberg@fraserlakecamp.com

HIDDEN ACRES

SUMMER CAMP 2017 brochures available on the resource table beside the mailboxes.

Spring Seniors' Retreat May 1st or 2nd, 2017 (the same program will be offered both days). Our resource persons are Robert J. & Irene Suderman and the theme is "Dancing in the Wind: The Vocation of the Church in Society". Join us for a day of worship, learning and fellowship. For more information contact the camp at 519-625-8602, info@hiddenacres.ca, or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by **April 25th**.

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

A **career opportunity** for a Director, Development and Integration at our Head Office. See www.kindredcu.com/AboutUs/ContactUs/Careers/

INTER-MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Did you ever sing in the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir? All former choristers are invited to participate in the Alumni Choir at the IMCC 50th Anniversary Concert on **May 7th**. This celebration includes an afternoon rehearsal, dinner, and evening entertainment for alumni on May 6th. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/2kVbIBz> or email intermennonitechilrenschoir@gmail.com.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MCC is hiring! MCC Canada welcomes applications for MCC Canada Executive Director. For more info and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve.

The Amish Project April 13-16 at The Registry Theatre in Kitchener and

April 26-30 at St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre. A fictional exploration of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community and the path of forgiveness and compassion forged in its wake. Presented by Green Light Arts with support from MCC's Restorative Justice program. For more info or to purchase tickets call 519-957-2693 or go to mcco.ca/the-amish-project

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Fundraising Dinner - 6 pm, Monday, **April 24** at Bingemans, 425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener
Rachelle Friesen, former Peace Coordinator for MCC in Palestine and Israel will be speaking about justice and peace and her experiences in Palestine and Israel. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling 519-745-8458 or at MCC Ontario's 50 Kent Avenue office in Kitchener. More info at mcco.ca/events

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA

Junior Youth Retreat: May 12-14, at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Registration is now open. Theme is Building a Peaceful World and with educators from TREE. Worship and camp activities - including the new climbing wall! Register now for the Early Bird registration fee! For more information contact Mollee Moua.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights is a 600 km walk from Kitchener to Ottawa, promoting conversation around the UN Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous People. You are invited to join us on the first day of the Pilgrimage, Sunday **April 23**, 1:30 pm for the Opening Ceremony & Celebration, at Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N, Kitchener) At 2:30, anyone who wishes is invited to join the walkers on the first leg of the journey, walking part or all of the way to Cambridge. For more information on the April 23 event, please contact josie@stirlingmennonite.ca For the Pilgrimage For Indigenous Rights, organized by Mennonite Church Canada and Christian Peacemaker Teams, please see www.pfir.ca

!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth gives students in grades 10, 11 and 12 an opportunity to explore ministry, develop their leadership gifts and listen for God's call through a Congregational Experience and a Group Experience (**July 11–26**, 2017). Whom could you encourage to take part in this program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Centre for Faith Formation? Applications are being accepted now. ambs.ca/explore

Save the date: Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly **Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man.** The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. More info to come. For more info see futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Mennonite Disaster Service will be running the 2017 **Family Project at Camp Wildwood, New Brunswick.** We invite families to apply online at www.mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/family-programs, and filling out the Family Project application. You may contact the MDS Office if you have any further questions; at mdscn@mds.mennonite.net or 866-261-1274. Please note that preference will be given to families from Atlantic Canada

until April 15, but we invite all to apply beginning March 23.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE

Grade 7-12 Information Night - Join us on Tuesday **April 25** at 7 pm. Come hear a short presentation, receive a tour of the school and stay for our student Visual Arts Exhibit entitled "eunoia: beautiful thinking, a well mind" happening that same night! Register at www.rockway.ca

SHALOM COUNSELLING

Fundraising Breakfast – Saturday May 6, 2017 8:30 a.m. Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church. "Why Life Promotion is the Best Suicide Prevention" Speaker Tana Nash, Executive Director of the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Cost \$30 To order tickets call 519-886-9690 or admin@shalomcounselling.org by May 1st.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Registration is open for Summer with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more info, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

WOMEN OF MCEC

Women of all ages are invited to St Jacobs Mennonite Church, **April 22, 2017**. Registration and Coffee 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Program 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Guest speaker, Carol Penner Topic: "body and soul". **Pre-registraton due by April 10th**. See bulletin board.

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