



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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Third Sunday in Lent

Worship focus: Our bodies know the desperate need for water: we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES (More info below)

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Lisa Demerling
 Welcome and Announcements Pete Ellis
 Call to Worship

L: In a dry and weary land,
All: restore us, O God.
 L. When we are parched and depleted,
All: restore us, O God.
 L: When we long for your living water,
All: restore us, O God.
 L: We thirst for you, O God. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Mary Bauman
“Come, let us all unite to sing” WB #12
“In thy holy place we bow” WB #2

Prayer of Confession:
 L: O God, you are the living Water. You restore us to life. We confess that in the desert moments of our lives we forget your faithfulness. Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up. Our minds become clouded and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

All: When we see the dryness behind and before us, we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another. We cry out: “Is the Lord even among us?”

L: Forgive us, O Lord,
All: Restore in us a remembering spirit, that we may hope in you again. Renew our hearts, O Lord. Make us generous in our praise,

that we may worship you anew!

L: God, our living Water,
All: restore us.
 L: Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water. Let all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come – without money or price. Come and draw freely from the well of our Lord, which will never run dry.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 95
 Children's Time Nancy Mann
 Dismissal for Junior Church
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
“I hunger and I thirst” WB #474
“Gentle shepherd come and lead us” WB #352
 Scripture Reading – Exodus 17:1-7 Brent Bauman
 Sermon *“Camping at Rephidim”* Nancy Mann
 Hymn of Response
“Rain Down” STJ # 49
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Song:
“When I survey the wondrous cross” WB # 259
 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: Ross & Vernelda Weber
 Next Week: Rick & Donna Freeman
 Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled
 Host/Hostess Next Week: no one scheduled-Fundraiser Lunch
 Nursery Helpers: no one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List

Zenas and Eleanor Buehler are on an MCC Learning Tour to Guatemala. We pray God's blessing upon their journey and their return. Our prayers are with **Dan Draper**, who left on Friday for a teaching position at Tienjin International School in Tienjin, China. He will be teaching English to grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Pray that he will have safe travels and settle in well to this new community. Remember **Erma Martin** at Heritage House with cards, visits and prayers as she grieves the loss of her sister-in-law Edna Martin, a faithful friend.

During this Lenten Season, we want to remember those who live in retirement homes or long-term care facilities. We continue to remember them in our thoughts and prayers and as valued members of our faith community.

At Barnswallow Place – **Allen Martin, Clarence Martin, Paul Quenneville**
 At Chartwell Retirement Residence, Elmira – **Lovina Martin, Alice Weber**
 At Heritage House, St Jacobs – **Erma Martin, Gordon Weber**
 At Parkwood Mennonite Home – **Mel and Martha Eby**

Please pray for **Michael J. Sharp**, a Mennonite peace worker formerly with Mennonite Church Canada's ministry partner Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Central Committee, was kidnapped in the Democratic Republic of Congo on March 12. Pray also for the kidnappers. May the light of Christ shine through the darkness.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

We **thank Erin Miles** for her excellent service to the congregation as Administrative Assistant over the past year, and we **welcome Marj Bauman** as she begins to work in this role.

Tuesday, 9:00 – April calendar information due.

Tuesday, 7:00 – MYF Life on Life

Tuesday 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Sunday, 26 – Gary Knarr preaching

Sunday, 26 - “Creation Care” Worship Service with special music by David Lamble

Sunday, 26, 12:15 – Refugee Support fundraiser lunch Guest presentations from Engin Sezen (IDI – Intercultural Dialog Institute) and Moses Moini (MCC). 50% of the donations will go to MCC in the Floradale Generosity Grant and 50% will go to Conrad Grebel to extend intercultural opportunities.

Sunday, 26, 7:00 – Reference Group Meeting

MYF CORNER

Tuesday 21st: 7:00 Life on Life

Sunday 26th: 7:00 Panel night on relationships and gym night with other youth groups at Floradale

Start thinking about whether or not you are able to go on the **TOOLS trip** (August 17-20th)! I will need to know by April 1st. Thanks to everyone who helped out at our fundraisers... WE MET OUR GOAL!! So the cost will be minimal.

YAF CIRCLE

March 19 - TODAY! - Supper-at-Six is back at the church at 6 pm with another great pot-luck meal. Rick Martin, our Church Council Chair, will share with us on “Being a Christian in Business.” Just grab some food and come prepared to think about faith and work.

Week of April 24 - We would like to send a young adult team to the **MCC Meat Canning Project** again this year. Talk to Doug Draper (by March 25) if you are interested in participating.

June 3 - Young Adult trip to Toronto to see the Toronto Blue Jays play the

New York Yankees. Details are in your weekly email or talk to Nancy Mann for further info. **We must confirm our numbers by March 31.** Let Nancy know if you are coming.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

Mar. 28, 7:00 – Choir Practice

Mar, 30, 9:30 – Let's Connect

Mar, 30, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Apr. 2, 7:00 – Worship Cafe

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canadian Mennonite Subscription List: This is on a table in the lobby.

Please go through it and put a check mark on the number if everything is the same, and if you no longer wish to receive this document, please choose the appropriate circle on the right hand side. If you would prefer to get this by email – please include your email address. DUE MARCH 19

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services: 7:00

March 22, Floradale Mennonite, Scott Sinclair speaking

March 29, Trinity United, Gary Knarr speaking

April 5, Gale Presbyterian, Hans Borch speaking

EASTER CHOIR: If you are interested in participating in the Easter choir, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Practices will run Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. March 21, 28, April 4 and 11. Contact Nichelle if you have any questions.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		Upcoming Elective Classes
Children's classes	basement	Mar 26 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl & Merri-Lee Metzger
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	
Drawing Class	Room 12	
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

Mar. 24, 5:00 & 6:30 – Fish Fry at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. 2 dinner times. Ticket available until March 22. \$15/adult, \$8/child (12 + under), take-out \$15. Contact the office 519-669-3387 between 9-1 for tickets.

Mar. 24-25 – Introduction to the Enneagram Workshop This workshop that is being facilitated by Tamara Shantz at Bloomingdale Mennonite Church (Fri. 7-9, Sat. 9-9). *Registration is \$200 (includes meals on Saturday) if you register by March 1.* Contact Tamara for more info or to register tamarashantz@gmail.com.

Mar. 25, 7:00 Single or single again (SOSA) Christian singles will be going mini golfing at Max's Sports World. Cost is \$8. Following mini-golf we will go out for coffee for those who care to. If you need more info please call 519-662-2971.

Mar. 25, 7:30 – Menno Singers: St. John Passion with Nota Bene Baroque Players. At St Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. \$5/child & student, \$25/adult. Tickets at mennosingers.com

Mar. 26, 7:30 – Steve Bell in Concert at Brant Community Church, Brantford. Tickets \$20 through: the church 519-756-3993x1, Gospel Lighthouse 519-753-8837, stevebell.com or 1-800-854-3499

Mar. 28, 9:00 – Aging Well in Woolwich Information & Active Living Fair. Free event at Breslau Community Centre, with guest speakers, displays, lunch and door prizes. For lunch and/or transportation, register by March 24 at 519-664-1900 or 1-855-664-1900

Mar. 29, 4:30-6:30 - Pie Baking Class at St. John's Kitchen. Join Pastors in Exile (PiE) for a chance to study the fine art of pie baking! Bring an apron and rolling pin if you can, hone your skills, and leave with a pie to take home. Any new monthly donors to PiE will also receive a pie if you sign up to donate on the PiE website before March 29 - www.pastorsinexile.org.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMBS

AMBS webinar: Intercultural Leadership in Diversity-Oriented Churches: Thursday, March 23, 2–3:30 p.m. EDT. In this interactive webinar, A. Brian Leander, Ph.D., will introduce the concept of “cultural intelligence” and share findings from cultural intelligence research to help leaders who want to learn more about how they can enhance and support diversity in congregational and organizational life. This webinar is an offering of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Church Leadership Center. Cost: \$20 by noon on March 22; \$30 after. Your first AMBS webinar is free of charge! <http://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/webinars>

Want to learn more about Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary but can't make it to our Elkhart, Indiana, campus? Connect with us at the Seminary and Theological School Virtual Fair on March 29. The fair is a free online event where you can interact with faculty, students and admissions staff. Register today to get answers to your questions. <http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit>

CONRAD GREBEL

The Music Man: Mar 24, 7:00, Mar 25 at 1:00 & 6:00. Tickets: \$15 Student/Senior, \$20/adult. Held at The Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts.

Divest Waterloo and The Peace Hub at UW's Centre for Peace Advancement are hosting **The Age of Consequences film screening** Tuesday March 28th, 6:30-9:30pm, at Conrad Grebel University 140, Westmount Rd. N Waterloo. Following the screening, representatives from Project Plowshares will join a panel that includes Rick Cober Bauman, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, and Dr. Simon Dalby, CIGI Chair in the Political Economy of Climate Change at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, to discuss building peace in an

era of ecological crises. Registration is free at Eventbrite – details are available at DivestWaterloo.ca/Events. Enjoy homemade desserts and thought provoking discussion.

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! Please contact camp director, Kristen Berg, for application details 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.

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 intermennonitechildrenschoir@gmail.com.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MCC is hiring! MCC Canada welcomes applications for MCC Canada Executive Director. We're also searching for a Business Development Manager, Volunteer Services Manager, Relief Manager and Restorative Justice Program Coordinator to join our energetic team. 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

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA

Junior Youth Retreat: May 12-14, at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Registration is now open. Our theme is Building a Peaceful World and we will be joined by educators from TREE. We will also enjoy worship and camp activities - including the new climbing wall! Register now for the Early Bird registration fee! For more information contact Mollee Moua. **Welcome Your Neighbour Signs** Extend the peace of Jesus Christ in your neighbourhood. Available at MCEC, 201-50 Kent Ave., Kitchener for pick up for you and your congregation. \$10 (cost) each or a small

donation. For more details see www.mcec.ca or contact Joan Schooley (jschooley@mcec.ca / 855-476-2500 x 700) for more information.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – April 23 – May 14 – to join all or part of a 600 km Pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa stopping at 21 churches and engaging in teach-ins, all in support of Canada's implementation of UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). Web site and resources to come.

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.

SHALOM COUNSELLING

Invites applications for the Administrative Secretary position. More information can be found at www.shalomcounselling.org.

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 information, 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" Singing, Scripture, Stories, Sharing. After many years as a pastor Mennonite congregations, she joined the faculty of CGUC. She has a popular blog <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>. Offering towards WMCEC Conrad Grebel Scholarship.

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