



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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Palm Sunday

Worship focus: Our human society values status, power, wealth, and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God will deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this man?"

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

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Julia Bowman
 Palm Procession
 Congregational Song
 "Hosanna, loud hosanna" WB #238
 Welcome and Announcements Rob Martin
 Call to Worship
 L: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?
All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
 L: Who is this who comes, free from pride?
All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
 L: Who is this who comes, celebrated by children?
All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
 L: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Barb Draper
 "Praise him, praise him" WB #100
 "All hail the power of Jesus' name" WB #285
 Prayer of Confession:
 L: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly – riding on a donkey. In peace, you showed us the way of your kingdom. We confess that our vision of the kingdom is not pure. It is stained with our own selfish desires.
All: We shout hosannas to praise you, only out of our need to survive. We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you, only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.
 L: Forgive us, our Lord, when our mouths that seek to praise you often deny you.

All: Renew in us an obedient spirit, that we may fully accept and follow you.

L: God, our true Hope,
All: Restore us.
 L: Our lives are in your hands, our God. Let your face shine upon us and save us in your unfailing love. Amen.

Scripture Reading – Philippians 2:5-11
 Children's Time Gary Knarr
 Dismissal for Junior Church
 Congregational Singing
 "Fairest Lord Jesus" WB #117
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Scripture Reading – Matthew 21: 1-11 Katie Gerber
 Sermon "Jesus the Crowd Pleaser?" Gary Knarr
 Congregational Singing
 "I stand amazed in the presence" WB #528
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Song:
 "My Jesus, I love thee" WB # 522
 Benediction
 Postlude

An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service. 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: Mark & Marilyn Weber
 Next Week: Roy & Barb Draper
 Host/Hostess Today: Murray & Char Weber
 Host/Hostess Next Week: Easter – No one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List

We look forward to **Derek Martin and Vicky Roeder-Martin** reactivating their membership at Floradale on April 16. Let us keep these friends in prayer. Our prayers and sympathy are with **Howie and Gloria Bauman** and their family in the passing of Howie's mother Susannah Bauman. Her funeral was held at the Elmira Mennonite Meetinghouse on Wednesday morning.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday 8:30 - Ladies Breakfast at Bonnie Lou's restaurant.

Tuesday, 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, 9:30 – Let's Connect

**Friday, 10:00 – Good Friday – Communion and Foot-washing –
Nancy Mann Preaching**

Sunday, 16 – Easter Sunday - Gary Knarr Preaching

Marj will be on holidays for the next two weeks. There will not be regular office hours during this time. Please have bulletin items to the office by Wednesday. Thanks to Vernelda Weber for preparing the bulletin and Media Shout.

MYF CORNER

Tuesday: 7:00 Life on Life

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! - Supper-at-Six will take place at the home of Ross and Veg Weber. 6 pm - come prepared to be surprised! If you forgot to RSVP, then speak to Nancy this morning to let us know you wish to come.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

April 16: Due date for Focus on Floradale articles. Theme: Creation care. Photos, reports, recipes etc. welcome. Use the Focus mailbox or email to rbdraper@golden.net.

Apr. 18, 7:00 – Life on Life

Apr. 19, 7:00 – Church Council

Apr. 20, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Apr. 21, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday Year End Program. Please bring finger foods to share. Drink provided.

May 13, 9-5pm - Women's Fellowship Mystery Bus Tour - There are still some seats available – Feel free to ask a friend to come along and advise Karen Bender ASAP if you are able to attend. Please pay your \$30 bus fee to Karen Bender or Norma Bauman Asap. You will also require some cash for entrance fee to another place we are visiting as well as money for lunch.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mildred Martin celebrates the birth of a new great-grandson, Aidan Nathan Martin born Saturday, March 25th to Nathan and Melissa Martin. A brother for Charlotte.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday **May 6th** at 7:00 pm at Floradale Mennonite - **MCC fundraising concert. Kevin Coates and Nichelle Bauman** will be

performing. There will be an opportunity to donate to a new initiative by Mennonite Central Committee that continues to work at peace and justice in Israel/Palestine.

.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 23–Abundance Canada: Sherri Grosz
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Apr 30-Medical Assistance in Dying- Nancy Mann
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

St. Clement's Parish, St. Clements will be hosting a **SPRING CARD PARTY** at the St. Clement's Parish Hall, 3619 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements on Wednesday, **April 19, 2017**. Doors open at 6 p.m. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of prizes, share the wealth and quilt raffle. Admission is \$8.00. Wheelchair Accessible. This event is sponsored by the St. Clement's Christian Mothers' Society. Everyone is welcome!

The **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING** is on Tuesday, **May 9th**, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. (doors open at noon). If you are involved in Prayer Shawl Ministry or would like to learn about it, please plan to attend at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Please register by Wednesday, April 26th by contacting Mary Jane at 519-669-2963 or mj.yaeger@confinequip.ca. See Bulletin Board for more information.

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**.

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.

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

Three new career opportunities at Kindred have been posted to kindredcu.com, Business Project Manager - Head Office, Member Services Representative – Casual, Member Services Representative - Mount Forest

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

Tickets for the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** to be held at Bingemans on Monday **April 24** are now available. The guest speaker is Rachele Friesen and she will be speaking about

"Palestine/Israel --Where do we go from here?" Ticket price is \$10. Tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price. Please contact Donna Freeman at 519-669-2334 for tickets. Advance ticket sales only.

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

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 futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Volunteers are now being scheduled for the **Fort McMurray, Alberta Fire response**. Beginning May 14 until the end of July, weekly volunteer crews are needed at two locations – Fort McMurray, Alberta and Saskatoon, SK. Sign up to volunteer at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/> or by Email dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net or call 1-800-241-8111.

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
Employment Opportunity at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate
Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites applicants for the position of Vice-Principal. See full job posting 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-registration due by April 10th**. See bulletin board.

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