



"Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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MOTHER'S DAY

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Vernelda Weber
Welcome and Announcements Rick Martin
Call to Worship
L: God's call to us echoes across the flat land, through the city, over the cool water, and into our hearts, and we respond.
All: We answer God's call as we gather for worship , praise, and fellowship with God and with one another, in Christian love and delight.
L: Touch us in this time of worship, our God,
All: So that we will become your new creation, rooted in Christ and open to your Holy Spirit. Amen
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Barb Draper
"Praise, I will praise you, Lord" WB#76
"God is here among us" WB#16
Scripture Reading – Psalm 31:1-5
Children's Story Gary Knarr
Dismissal for Junior Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Congregational Singing
"Great is thy faithfulness" WB#327
"O God, our help in ages past" WB#328
Scripture Reading – Mark 10:13-16 Char Weber
Sermon: "All God's Children" Gary Knarr
Hymn of Response
"Let the children come to me" STS#47
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
Sending Song
"Move in our midst" WB#418
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: Glenn & Elaine Martin
Next Week: Bernie & Martha Schatti
Host/Hostess Today: Mother's Day – No one scheduled.
Host/Hostess Next Week: James & Susan Martin

Congregational Prayer List

Roy Draper's mother, Greta, came through surgery for a broken hip well. We pray for her ongoing recovery and restoration to health and mobility.
Monday, May 15, 3 p.m. the memorial service for **Peter Surey** will be held at Floradale Mennonite Church. We pray God's peace and comfort for Peter's family and friends.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday, 7:00 – Worship Committee
Wednesday, 7:00 – Church Council
Sunday, 21st – Gary Knarr preaching

MYF CORNER

May 19-22 - PITCH AND PRAISE!

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

May 25, 9:00am – Area Senior's Spring Bus Tour leaves from Elmira Mennonite to Bell Homestead National Historic Site, Whistling Gardens, Windmill Country Market and lunch at Kings Buffet. Bus returns at 5:00. See poster on bulletin board for more information. Tickets: \$60.00 available from Darrell & Florence Jantzi before May 15.
May 25, 6:30 – Tea Ball Project
May 26, 8:00am - Men's Breakfast at Crossroads. Sarah French of MEDA will share with us.
May 26/27 – New Hamburg Relief Sale/Tea Ball Project
Sunday, May 28 - Country Gospel Sunday - Hey y'all! Mosey on down the country road to our Outdoor Service on Sunday, May 28. Worship outdoors (behind the church) will begin at 11 am and will feature our Worship team, great Country Gospel music, and the farmer's favourite parable, The Parable of the Sower. Bring a lawn chair and plan to stay for lunch, where we will serve BBQ sausages, hot-dogs and share desserts and salads which you bring along. If you can bring your own dishes for the picnic, that will help. Special attractions for the children include: pony

A Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and caring women who nurture others!

rides, a petting zoo and farm machinery displays. At 3 pm we will conclude with a baseball game. Plan to join us for this special day!

Global Music Sunday - June 11: Do you like international music? We will gather a small music group to give leadership to the singing for our Global Music Sunday - June 11. This group will practice on Thursday, June 8 at 7 pm and again on Sunday morning, June 11 at 9:30 am. Learning new music is always fun! Please let Nichelle know if you would like to join in.

Theatre of the Beat along with No Discernable Key presents "Yellow Bellies" Saturday, June 17, 2:00pm and 7:00pm, at Floradale Mennonite Church. Tickets: \$20 (\$10 students/children) available at the door. A pacifist and a romantic sling rocks as their friends fight. Is it braver to follow your faith or fight for your family? See poster for more details. Alternate showing at Steinmann Mennonite Friday June 16.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert and Nancy Mann are away from May 8 - May 23. They are travelling in Germany with TourMagination on a "Reformation history tour."

Kendra Whitfield Ellis has accepted an Interim Pastor Position at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, beginning in late May. Peter, Kendra and their children thank Floradale Mennonite for your loving support and care for their family over the years. We will carry your generous and gracious spirit with us in all that we do!

Thank you to the church for hosting the MCC concert last Saturday. It was great to have Nichelle Bauman, and Kevin Coates and the Interesting People perform. Thank you to the Events Committee for promoting event, and providing refreshments. The community donated \$3,175 to the work of MCC in Palestine/Israel. Thank you. MCC Ontario

Campbell Soup Label Program Finished. Campbell Soup is no longer promoting their "Labels for Education" campaign so we no longer need church families to collect soup labels for us. Over the many years, with your help, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate has benefited from electronics of all sorts purchased through this program. We would like to extend a huge thanks to all who helped make this happen!

We are looking for a male sponsor to join the youth on their trip to Toronto with MCC's TOOLS program from **August 17-20**. Please contact Katie if interested at Katie@floramc.org. Thank you!

Employment Opportunity at FMC. Interested in the rewards of interacting with youth? See www.floramc.org/contact-us/directions/ for details about the part time Youth Worker position available September 1 at our Church. Feel free to encourage people gifted in youth work to apply.

Tea Ball Project Sign up – Volunteers needed for batter mixing May 25th 6:30 at the church and May 26 & 27 in New Hamburg at the Relief Sale. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Marilyn Weber – 519-669-2378.

VBS July 3 - 7, 2017 - Digging for Treasure: This is the theme for the Joint Elmira/Floradale Mennonite VBS this summer. It will be held at Elmira Mennonite Church the week of July 3 – 7 from 9 am – 11:30 am. We are accepting children entering Jr. Kindergarten up to Grade 8. Registration forms can be obtained from Elmira Mennonite Church or Floradale Mennonite Church. Please register your children in advance to assist us

with our planning. There is no cost for the program however a daily offering will be received. Children and grandchildren are most welcome! Come and be surprised as we explore the parables of Jesus. We welcome participating children and adult and youth volunteers. We are **collecting empty gift wrap or paper towel rolls** for a craft this summer. Please place in the box (under the coat rack near the kitchen) or bring directly to Nancy's office. Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

St Jacobs Mennonite Church has worked in cooperation with the Blyth Festival Theatre to offer a group discount to see the production of "Ipperwash" on Sunday, **August 27** at 2:00 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for conversation following the play. This offer is extended to the local MCEC congregations. See bulletin board poster for details.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DETWEILER MEETINGHOUSE

Sunday, May 28, 2:30 p.m. A "Community Memorial Service"

Sunday, June 4, 2:30 p.m. "Stiff Family Singers" is a new Gospel Bluegrass program by a popular Wellesley musical family.

Sunday, July 9, 2:30 p.m. "Folk and Gospel Songs" led by Mike and Diana Erb, who are well known on the local music scene.

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. For application details contact Kristen Berg, kberg@fraserlakecamp.com

HIDDEN ACRES

Summer Camp Staff Needed - Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is looking to round out our summer camp staff team with people who are looking for a fun, challenging and growth-filled summer. We are accepting applications for our LIT Leader, Boys Cabin Leader, and Boys Inclusion Cabin Leader positions. For more information on the roles go to www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Chris Pot at chrispot@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

Family Camping Weekend at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is quickly approaching. This year's Family Camping Weekend will take place June 30th to Sunday, July 2nd. Pitch a tent, park a trailer or camp in a cabin and come and enjoy God's beautiful creation. For more information visit www.hiddenacres.ca or to reserve a cabin, call (519) 625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca.

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

A new career opportunity for an Investment Services Representative - Kitchener has been posted to kindredcu.com.

MEDA

All are welcome to attend the next **MEDA breakfast Thursday May 18th** 7:30 at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs. We will be joined by Doug and Jodie Hatlem, who are co-pastors at Erb Street Mennonite Church.

Previously, Doug was a street pastor in Toronto. A special invitation to pastors to join us for this breakfast.

MENNOHOMES

MennoHomes annual **Bike-a-thon, Out-Spok'n VII** will be held on Saturday **June 17th** at Elmira Mennonite Church. All proceeds to the new affordable housing project in Elmira. Details at www.mennohomes.com or contact Dan Driedger at 226-476-2535 or ddriedger@mennohomes.com.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA

Mennonite Men's Retreat - A Man's Spiritual Path: Up and Down - Friday, June 9 - Saturday, June 10 Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, New Hamburg, ON Pastor Scott Brubaker-Zehr will lead our conversations, drawing from his research conducted during his doctoral studies - Understanding Men's "Experience of God." Bryan Moyer Suderman, accomplished musician and teacher, will lead worship.

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE May 26-27 (www.nhmrs.com)

is less than three weeks away! Pack up your travel mugs, water bottles and your rhubarb (to donate to the Rhubarb Tent J), register for the 2k or 5k Run (on our website), and take in the Indoors Auction (Fri evening) and Outdoors Auction (Sat morning).

Bring your yeast baking (with name and contact info) to our Yeast Baking venue. Contact Darlene at ddriedger@simplycreative.ca for more information.

We are also looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. We would love your potted plants, labelled with name if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. Drop them off at our Drop Off Tent at the entrance to the Sale. Contact Marlene at callmtk@yahoo.com or 519-662-1464.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

The **Ultimate Alumni Picnic, Saturday, June 3**, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, rain or shine at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and beverages (alcohol-free) for an afternoon of fun with Alumni and families - all ages welcome! Share a BBQ lunch for a small cost. Then enjoy some ultimate Frisbee before the final match-up between Alumni and Rockway's Ultimate Team. We will have family mini-soccer in the ball diamond area and the gym open with equipment. There's NO charge for admission, but please RSVP by May 31, to advancement@rockway.ca or 519-743-5209 x3011 and let us know if you'd like to play on the Alumni ultimate team.

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.