



**“Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”**  
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## 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Eileen Freeman  
Welcome and Announcements Brent Bauman  
Opening Prayer  
Call to Worship  
L: We believe in you, God, who loves us, heals us, and leads us.  
**All: We believe in you, God, who challenges us in ways we sometimes don't want to be challenged.**  
L: We thank you that you walk with us and encourage us to face challenges even when we are fearful.  
**All: We believe in you, God, who loves us and cares for us even when we choose the wrong way, and invites us to return again to a place of wholeness.**  
L: We commit ourselves to following in the way of Jesus, even when we stumble or take the wrong path.  
**All: For we know that no matter what, God is with us, God loves us, and we belong to Christ.**  
Congregational Singing Mary Frey-Martin  
“Great is the Lord” WB#87  
“Marvellous Grace” WB#151  
Scripture Reading – Psalm 66-1-6  
Children’s Story Gary Knarr  
Dismissal for Junior Church  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings  
Congregational Singing  
“Healer of our every ill” WB#377  
“Nothing is lost on the breath of God” STS#121  
Scripture Reading – Luke 7:36-50 Lorne Bownman  
Sermon: “A Tale of Two Debtors” Gary Knarr  
Hymn of Response  
“The love of God” STJ#44  
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence  
Pastoral Prayer  
Sending Song  
“Go my children” WB#433  
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: Bernie & Martha Schatti  
Next Week: Outdoor Worship Service  
Host/Hostess Today: James & Susan Martin  
Host/Hostess Next Week: Outdoor Worship – No one scheduled

### Congregational Prayer List

**Irene Freeman** is in hospital following surgery for a broken leg. We remember Irene, Cleason, and all their family in our prayers.  
Let's remember **Katie and our 10 youth** who are at Pitch and Praise in Paris this weekend from Friday to Monday. Katie asks that we pray that the youth will encounter God and experience Him in tangible, lasting ways this weekend.

### THIS WEEK AT FMC

**Tuesday – June calendar items due to the church office.**

**Thursday, 9:00am – Area Senior's Spring Bus Tour leaves from Elmira Mennonite**

**Thursday, 6:30 – Tea Ball Project**

**Friday, 8:00am - Men's Breakfast at Crossroads.** Sarah French of MEDA will share her experiences in economic development.

**Friday & Saturday – Tea Ball Project at New Hamburg Relief Sale**

**Sunday, 28th – Country Gospel Sunday - Outdoor Service** beginning at 11:00am. followed by BBQ/potluck. A-K bring desserts and L-Z salads. Don't forget your dishes and a lawn chair. Special attractions for the children include: pony rides, a petting zoo and farm machinery displays. At 3 pm we will conclude with a baseball game.

### MYF CORNER

**Saturday - Tea Ball Project**

### LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

**Ramadan Iftar Meal June 1st 8:00pm** Floradale Mennonite Church prepared by Intercultural Dialog Institute and Turkish community. Come learn more about Ramadan and enjoy some Turkish cuisine.

**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. **Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Annual General Meeting** and performance of **Yellow Bellies** at Floradale Mennonite Church **June 17**. Meeting at 1:00 pm. Performance times at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Yellow Bellies is a historical drama with live music highlighting the experiences and public response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII, written by Johnny Wideman and Rebecca Steiner. Tickets: \$20 (\$10 students/youth) available at the door. Proceeds of the performances will go towards a commemorative plaque at the Montreal River conscientious objector camp. More information at mhso.org

### **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." **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](mailto:Katie@floramc.org). Thank you!

**Employment Opportunity at FMC.** Interested in the rewards of interacting with youth? See [www.floramc.org/contact-us/directions/](http://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.

**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!

**Church Camping - Aug. 11-13** at Cedar Rail Campground in Scone. Please contact Howie and Gloria if you would like to join us. [howieandgloria@hotmail.com](mailto:howieandgloria@hotmail.com), home phone- 519-669-8379, or Howie's cell- 519-570-8989

### **LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY**

**Schneider Male Chorus and The Ontario Male Chorus** present "Our home, our song" to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Sunday June 4, 2017**, 3:00pm at First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo. Freewill offering.

**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.

**Sunday, September 17**, 2:30 p.m. "Sing a New Song" lead by Mark Diller Harder. Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. More information: Laurence Martin, 519-208-4591.

#### **HIDDEN ACRES**

##### **51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE & 11TH ANNUAL PIE AUCTION**

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. All proceeds support hidden Acres Ministry to children, families and individuals. Come enjoy a delicious meal and camp-style fellowship! Take-out meals are available! Regular size \$15.00, Small size \$12.00. Advance tickets only, available by calling Hidden Acres (519)625-8602, emailing [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or from Lorne Bowman.

**Family Camping Weekend** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is quickly approaching. This year's Family Camping Weekend will take place June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or to reserve a cabin, call (519) 625-8602 or email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca).

#### **KINDRED CREDIT UNION**

**Three new career opportunities** have been posted to [kindredcu.com](http://kindredcu.com): Member Services Representative New Hamburg and Elmira Branches and Member Services Representative – Casual.

#### **MENNOHOMES**

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

#### **MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA**

##### **Praying and Cultivating Spiritual Practices on the Bruce Trail.**

Anabaptist Learning Workshop June 10, 2017 (NEW DATE) Bruce Trail (near Georgetown) with Rebecca Seiling Praying and hiking workshop! You are invited to a prayer pilgrimage on the Bruce Trail (near Georgetown) brought to you by the Anabaptist Learning Workshop. Put on your hiking shoes and join us for a one-day experience. For more info see: [uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/bruce-trail?amp%3Bqid=188060](http://uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/bruce-trail?amp%3Bqid=188060)

**The Intotemak trilogy** in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is now complete, along with 3 studies to help churches engage the process of reconciliation between Settler and Indigenous peoples. Copies of Wrongs to Rights, Yours, Mine, Ours and Quest for Respect can be borrowed or purchased – for individual reading or group study. [www.commonword.ca/go/1204](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1204).

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Response to May ON & QC Flooding:** As floodwaters recede from snow melt and record rainfall in eastern Ontario and western Quebec, flooding thousands of homes, MDS has been asked by ON municipalities for assistance in cleanup. The plan is to start clean up Monday, May 22. Come for that day or the week. MDS will provide more info as soon as further response details have been finalized. Leadership for the response is also needed since we expect to be responding in several locations. For more information and/or to volunteer contact: Martin Durksen 905-736-1060 (cmdurksen@gmail.com) or Nick Hamm 905-401-3990 (hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com)

## **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.

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