

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Florence Jantzi
Welcome and Announcements	Darrell Jantzi
Call to Worship	
L: Our God, you know us from the inside out.	
ALL: You already know it all, God.	
L: We pray to be connected to you.	
ALL: You are the beginning and end of all things.	
In this connection we find our joy and peace.	
L: We find solace in hard times through your love.	
ALL: We have our hope for eternal life in you.	
L: We pray that you will release our hearts from anxiety and worry.	
ALL: We hand it all over to you. In you is our hope and our trust.	
Amen	
Opening Prayer	
Congregational Singing	Mary Frey-Martin
“O worship the Lord”	WB#124
“Come, gracious Spirit”	WB#303
Scripture Reading – Psalm 86:11-17	
Children’s Story	
Giving of Tithes and Offerings	
Congregational Singing	
“O God, our help in ages past”	WB#328
“Come, ye disconsolate”	WB#497
Scripture Reading – Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60	Jerry Hesselink
Sermon: “Looking beyond pain and suffering”	Barb Draper
Hymn of Response	
“In the rifted Rock I’m resting”	WB#526
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence	
Pastoral Prayer	Nancy Mann
Sending Song	
“Take thou my hand, O Father”	WB#581
Benediction	
Postlude	

Everyone is invited to stay after worship for fellowship and snacks in the gym.

An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.

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: Dave & Marj Metzger
Next Week: Leon & Christine Kehl

Congregational Prayer List

Please pray for **our youth** as they conclude a canoe trip that they have taken this weekend with Derek and Vicky in Sprucedale, Ontario. Pray for safety and a good time of learning outdoor skills and connecting with the beauty of nature.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday – August calendar items due to the church office.

Gary Knarr is away for a second week of vacation July 22-30.

MYF CORNER

July 26, 7:00 – Campfire at Conestoga Bible Camp

August 17-20 - TOOLS trip!

YAF CIRCLE

TONIGHT! Young adults will gather for a **campfire at the home of Cal and Jenn Shantz at 6 pm.** Bring your own lawn chair and a salad or snack to share.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

Bible Study for Fall 2017: Thursday evenings on a monthly basis starting Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Nancy Mann will be leading a women’s group which will study **“Live your call: Embracing God’s Mission”** by Anna Leichty Sawatsky, a resource provided by Mennonite Church Canada. Anna writes: “God’s mission is all around us, no matter where we are, and it’s up to us to notice and join God’s work in the world.” Let Nancy know if you are interested. Gary would like to lead a monthly Bible study for men. Please speak to Gary if you are interested in participating.

Farewell to Katie Gerber: We will say farewell to Katie Gerber and thank her for her ministry with us over the past two years on **Sunday August 27.** Plan to join us for worship and refreshments following the service.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Camping - Aug. 18-20 (*NOTE DATE CHANGE*) at Cedar Rail Campground in Scone. Please contact Howie and Gloria if you would like to join us. howieandgloria@hotmail.com, home phone- 519-669-8379, or Howie's cell- 519-570-8989.

Joint worship service on Sunday, August 20th: We will join with other congregations in the Elmira district to share an ecumenical service of Christian worship on Sunday morning, **August 20th at 10:30 am at Gibson Park.** In case of rain, the service will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church.

Women’s Fellowship needs your help. The Planning Committee and the Food Committee each have a vacancy to fill. Please call Rita Shantz at 519-669-1709 for more information or to help fill one of these positions.

The Hopping Thursday Team is in need of a leader for the Jr. Youth program beginning in September. Your involvement would include a

45 minute lesson time with Grade 6,7 and 8 students from our local community, followed by an opportunity if you wish, to support the program for the younger children for the second half of the evening (often craft-related). If you have a heart for working with young people to encourage their faith development, and would like more information about this program, please contact Veg Weber or Merri-Lee Metzger. Please note new telephone number for Johnny Friesen: [\(519\) 496-5720](tel:5194965720).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

Sunday, September 17 at 2:30pm Join us for a **memorial bluegrass concert** featuring **Rescue Junction**, and **5 on the Floor** who are reuniting for this special concert in memory of former band-mate Jim Reimer.

Saturday, September 30 Members of the public are invited to **Grebel's Annual General Meeting** from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Great Hall. This is a good opportunity to learn about the activity at Grebel this past year.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

Ride for Refuge will be held this year across Canada, Saturday, **September 30th**. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. This year as last year, Mennonite Church Canada is inviting congregations across the country to ride or walk in support of its Witness program. You can join a team or consider organizing a Floradale Church team. Further information is available at the Ride for Refuge Web-site: <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) receiving financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia. People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at [1-866-261-1274](tel:18662611274).

No separate announcement sheet this week.



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