

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy when my mother passed away. God's blessings to you all. **Melinda and Homer.**

A part-time Junior Youth leader is needed for our Hopping Thursday program beginning in October. Your involvement would include leading a video discussion and having a snack (both of which will be provided) for Grades 6 to 8 students from our local community. Please consider helping with this vital ministry by contacting Merri-Lee Metzger or Veg Weber.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CAN DINE - "Where the entire community comes together to meet & eat." Join us in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Church, Elmira (21 Arthur St. N.) on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome and it's "pay as you can". Upcoming menus are:

October 13 – Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

November 10 - Lasagna

December 8 – Christmas Turkey Dinner

For more information contact the Trinity Office [519 669 5560](tel:519-669-5560) or triunited@golden.net

Sept. 14, 7 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Elmira. Hannah Redekop, a graduate of Elmira High School and Wilfred Laurier, will speak on "**Peace on Paper: What's ahead for Colombia?**" Hannah has spent the last four years in Colombia working with Christian Peacemaker Teams in human rights. Come out and hear her on the recent peace Treaty signed in Colombia. This event is a fundraiser for Woolwich Counseling.

Sept. 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Concert at Listowel Mennonite Church by "The Klassens" with the Paraguayan folk harp and keyboard. Free will offering.

Sept. 16 - 4:30-6:30 p.m. St. Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs) invites you to their **Annual Chicken and Sausage BBQ.** Join us for this annual Church Supper featuring BBQ Chicken Leg, Sausage, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Corn, Dinner Roll, Pie and Beverage. Take out is also available. Tickets: Adults - \$18.00; Children (5-12 years) - \$10.00 are available from the SJMC church office during regular office hours, by calling [519-664-2268](tel:519-664-2268), emailing church@sjmc.on.ca, or at the door. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Sat. Sept. 23, 10 till noon: Free Bike Tune Up Clinic at Hawkesville Mennonite, with mechanic from Ziggy's Cycle. Bring your bike for a tune-up; enjoy some Watermelon and Bannock; be ready for Ride for Refuge.

Sept. 23, 8 p.m. - Square Dance, hosted by Elmira Mennonite Church Adult Fellowship Committee, at Winterose Farm barn (Dennis & Helen Martin's) 1220 Lundy Road, West Montrose. See poster.

Sept. 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. St. Clement's Parish is hosting its HOT HAM SUPPER FUNDRAISER at the St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Tickets are adults \$12, children (5 to 12) \$6 and children (4 and under) free. There will be a raffle prize table and quilt raffle. For tickets call Sharon at 519-699-4032 or Stacey at 519-699-4774.

Sept. 25, 7 - 10 p.m. Gale Presbyterian is hosting a SafeTALK workshop. A nationally recognized program with trained facilitators. Suicide impacts our community. Imagine if we had so many people prepared to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide, that it prevented someone from taking that step? Seating is limited. Call the church office 669-2852 to reserve your seat. Be a part of a Safe Community. Free will offering. If expenses are covered, the proceeds will go to Woolwich Counselling.

You are invited to participate in "**Reading the Bible with Jesus**", an inspirational four-session Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew with Bryan Moyer Suderman. These are hosted on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00pm: Sept 26 (Elmira Mennonite), October 3 (Elmira Mennonite), October 10 (St Jacobs Mennonite) and October 17 (St Jacobs Mennonite). For more information see the fliers in the church foyer or contact sponsoring congregations Elmira, St Jacobs or Bloomingdale Mennonite.

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.

DETWEILER MEETING HOUSE

Sat. Sept 16, 11:00 a.m. "Mennonite Life in the Detweiler neighbourhood, 150 Years Ago" by Sam Steiner. Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. More information: Laurence Martin, 519-208-4591.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2:30 p.m. at Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. **Sixth Annual Male Chorus Sing.** Welcome to all former male quartet or chorus and want-to-be members who enjoy singing traditional male music, including gospel songs and anthems. Led by Laverne Martin, Charles Kruger and Laverne Brubacher. More information: Sam Steiner, [519-884-1040](tel:519-884-1040).

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2:30 p.m. at Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. **Fifth Annual Welcoming Advent, featuring the music of Lifted Voices from First Mennonite Church** in Kitchener. Some of the music will have a particular Advent theme. More information: Sam Steiner, [519-884-1040](tel:519-884-1040).

GRAND HARMONY WOMEN'S CHORUS

We have **two separate auditions nights - Sep 12 & Sep 19**. The first is for women of all ages, all vocal parts. And the latter is specifically for a Young Women Guest Ensemble. See the posters or website (www.grandharmonychorus.com) for more details.

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

House of Friendship's Charles St. Men's Shelter is **recruiting helping hearts (social) and administrative volunteers for the fall**. We are seeking volunteers who can commit to a 2-4 hour shift once a week for six months (during the week or weekend). For information please email volunteering@houseoffriendship.org or call [519-742-8327](tel:519-742-8327) x. 136.

Sat. October 21, 2017-5:00 p.m. – Friendship Dinner Fellowship and Inspiration – featuring Sean McCann, of the iconic Canadian band Great Big Sea at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. See poster.

MCC

Lunch and Listen – September 13 at 12:00 p.m. at 50 Kent community room or via livestream. Guest Speakers: James & Joan Alty, Area Directors for Southern Africa. See poster for details.

Lunch and Listen – September 26 at 12:00 p.m. at 50 Kent community room or via livestream. Guest Speaker: Moses Moini, Refugee Program Coordinator for MCC Ontario. See poster for details.

MCCO Annual General Meeting – Saturday September 30, 2017 – 12:00 p.m. – Grounded in the Church. See poster for details

Empty Bowls for Haiti – Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyders Rd. W., Baden. Seatings at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$30 available online emptybowlsforhaiti.eventbrite.ca or by calling MCC at 519-745-8458 or at MCC's Kent Avenue office.

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 Website:

<https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mennonite Disaster Service Response Constance Bay (Ottawa), ON - Repairing from May Flooding: MDS is starting to repair homes that were flooded this spring, assisting vulnerable families who need their basements or crawl spaces insulated and do not have insurance. Volunteers are needed in particular for insulating, some hanging and finishing of drywall, and carpentry. Related skills are desirable but not required. Accommodations will be available. Leadership & Weekly volunteers are needed. The project will start the week of 11 Sept, into Oct. Please consider volunteering by calling or emailing, Nick Hamm at [905-401-3990](tel:905-401-3990) or hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com

Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the severe flooding on the Texas Gulf Coast. MDS is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing for a response. We will be sending an assessment team to the area this week to determine short and long term responses. MDS is accepting financial donations for its Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, which can be given [online](#) or by cheque and made payable to: MDS Region 5 Office, 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB Canada R3T 4J6. Designate "Hurricane Harvey" on the memo line. If you're interested in volunteering for service in Texas, please fill out the [online volunteer registration form](#).

MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

October 14: Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Fall Meeting. "Celebrating a Century of Mennonite Sewing Circles in Ontario". Meeting at 2:00 pm, in the Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener (Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, 2nd floor). Come hear the history and personal reminiscences. A tour of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario's Material Resources operations will follow. For more information check our <http://www.mhso.org/content/celebrating-century-mennonite-sewing-circles-ontario> or contact Bethany Leis [519-568-8086](tel:519-568-8086)

MENNONITE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS OF EASTERN CANADA

Day of Quiet Prayer - Call to Prayer - September 21, 2017-9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Are you longing for a way to move through your day with greater mindfulness? Do you desire to be more in tune with God and the turning of the earth? This retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect on scripture and prayerfully move through the hours of your day.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Important Invitation from Rockway Mennonite Collegiate: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Board of Directors invites you to attend an Information and Consultation Meeting regarding Board Member representation on Rockway's Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at Rockway on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found on Rockway's website at <https://rockway.ca/about/board-of-directors/> Please continue to keep Rockway in your prayers as they work to discern the best way forward in Board leadership at Rockway.

SHALOM COUNSELLING

On **Saturday, September 16, 2017** join us for **10,000 Steps for Shalom**, a fundraising walk/run for mental health. Help Shalom make counselling affordable and accessible for everyone. Sign up as an individual or a team at shalomcounselling.org or (519) 886-9690.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 - 7:00 pm—9:00 pm Faith-Fullness: Spirituality and Mental Health. Stigma around mental health issues persist in our society. Unfortunately, those who have been raised in, or value their own faith tradition, often face additional challenges understanding mental health. Struggles emerge in reconciling messages from society with personal understanding, experience, and expression of faith. This interactive presentation seeks to explore the connection, dispel some myths, and learn an integrated approach to faith and mental health. Presented by Cairine Domzella, MA Theology: Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy, WCHC and Sid Bater, MSW Counsellor at WCHC.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 - 1:00PM TO 4:00PM – 24TH Annual Family Violence Prevention Bowl-A-Thon. Each team consists of **5 to 7** bowlers. Your team will bowl for **one hour** between **1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Please **call 669-5139 to register your team and confirm bowling time.** See bulletin board for pledge sheets.