

# FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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## LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

**September 26 – October calendar items due to the office.**

**September 27 – 8:00 p.m. – Elders Meeting**

**September 28 – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Hopping Thursday begins.** Programs for SK to Grade 8. If you could provide 3 dozen nut-free cookies for an evening please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary or speak to Veg Weber.

**September 28, 9:00 a.m. - Area Senior's Fellowship Breakfast at Riversong Bakery Cafe, Three Bridges.** Guest speaker is Steve Martin from Martin's Family Fruit Farm. Following the presentation, we will visit their farm and see the growing and processing operation. Tickets \$12.00. Contact Darrell or Florence Jantzi before September 18.

**September 29, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Crossroads restaurant. Chris Cowie of Community Justice Initiatives is guest speaker.**

## ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:triunited@golden.net)

**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.

**Sept. 29 – 2:00-8:00p.m. – Blood Donor Clinic –** Lions Hall, 40 South St., Elmira

## 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.

**The World Remembers: 1914-1918.** Every day from **September 24-November 11**, the names of 661,818 soldiers and nurses on all sides of the First World War killed in 1917 will be displayed at more than 60 locations around the world. The commemoration is a unique expression of remembrance, reconciliation and education, and shows the enormous human cost of the war. The Mennonite Archives of Ontario Gallery (3rd floor, Conrad Grebel University College) will be one of these display locations. The Gallery is also the location of the exhibit "**Sites of Nonresistance: Ontario Mennonites and the First World War.**" [www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/nonresistance](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/nonresistance)

**Friday, September 22 at noon** – Join the Conrad Grebel University College community to plant a new sign in the College's Mennonite commemorative garden. As we continue to educate ourselves about injustice towards Indigenous peoples and recognize their history on this land where Grebel now sits, we acknowledge the need to change the historical narratives of Mennonite settlement in Waterloo Region. [www.grebel.ca/events](http://www.grebel.ca/events)

MCEC's college, Conrad Grebel University College, is holding its **Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 30 at 4:00 pm** in the Great Hall. The MCEC community is welcome to attend and learn about the activity at Grebel this past year. [www.grebel.ca/events](http://www.grebel.ca/events)

#### **DETWEILER MEETING HOUSE**

**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).

#### **HIDDEN ACRES**

**Fall Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, October 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017** (the same program will be offered both days). Our theme is "Food and Community" with Marlene Epp, Joe Mancini and Sarah French all sharing. Join us for a day of worship, learning and fellowship. For more information contact the camp at [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602), [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or visit our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). Space is limited, please register by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **KINDRED CREDIT UNION**

**Four new career opportunities have been posted to kindredcu.com.**

#### **MCC**

**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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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**

**Mennonite Disaster Service Response to Windsor, ON Flooding:** Heavy rains in Windsor-LaSalle-Tecumseh in late August saw 6000 calls to the city from homeowners with flooded basements. After a disaster MDS often partners with agencies such as Samaritan's Purse Canada (SPC) and World Renew in the cleanup phase. During clean-up, homeowners not insured and needing further assistance will be flagged for follow-up. If required, MDS will continue in the rebuilding phase. To help clean up call SPC at [1-866-628-6565](tel:1-866-628-6565) to volunteer and indicate you are part of MDS. Individuals and groups will be scheduled as needed. MDS will inform you if and when volunteers are needed for rebuilding. If you have any questions call Martin Durksen with MDS at [905-736-1060](tel:905-736-1060).

#### **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.

#### **PILGRIMAGE FOR INDIGENOUS RIGHTS**

**Saturday, Sept. 23, Mini KW Pilgrimage in Support of Bill C262 and the Adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:** 10:00 – Noon. Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights invites you to join us for a guided walk from the Joseph Schneider Haus (466 Queen St S, Kitchener) to Waterloo Park, with stops along the route to learn a little about the settlement of the Haldimand Tract. Plan to stay on at Waterloo Park and enjoy the St. Paul's [14<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow](#) Please contact [josie@stirlingmennonite.ca](mailto:josie@stirlingmennonite.ca) with any questions.

#### **PIONEER PARK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHP**

**Sunday, October 1, Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship will celebrate its 175 years** of being a church with a worship service at 9:45 am followed by a Potluck meal at noon and "Songs from our History" at 1:30 pm. We especially welcome those who attended in the past! All are welcome.

#### **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.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites parents, teenagers, pastors, and other community members to attend an evening discussion on **"Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way We View Racism"** to be held at Rockway on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** Drew Hart, Professor of Theology at Messiah College in Pennsylvania will be the keynote speaker for Rockway's Spiritual Emphasis Week. Hart will give a summary of his 3 chapel addresses and discuss the challenges we are all facing today regarding racism. Rockway is grateful to Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, who is sponsoring the evening session.

#### **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**

We are currently short on **empty egg cartons** for our foodbank. Any donations dropped off at 5 Memorial Ave., Elmira, would be appreciated.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 - 1:00PM TO 4:00PM – 24<sup>TH</sup> 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.