

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Loepp Thiessen – Church Council is recommending Jim Loepp Thiessen to the congregation as our full-time lead pastor. Jim and his wife Ingrid will visit us on the weekend of January 13 and 14. This is a brief summary of the events that are planned:

- January 13 – Jim and Ingrid will meet with Church Council, Elders, Staff Relations, the Pastoral Search Committee, and our staff for breakfast at The Stone Crock in St. Jacobs.
- January 14 – We will have three opportunities to experience Jim: Sunday School in the multi-purpose room, a sermon and children's story during the worship service, and a potluck lunch and presentation following the worship service.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will ask everyone to complete a brief survey sharing affirmations, concerns, and general comments. Church Council will evaluate the feedback and make a decision. Jim is available to start in the lead pastor role on May 1, 2018 if called.

Gary Knarr has received a call to an interim position at Preston Mennonite Church beginning March 1, 2018. Church Council asked Nancy Mann to move into a full time pastoral position at Floradale Mennonite Church for the months of March and April, and Nancy has graciously consented to this. December 10 Gary and Christine will visit Preston Mennonite Church to meet the congregation. Gary and Christine request your prayers during this time of transition, and will keep all of you in our prayers as well.

Rejoice Devotional – This quarter's Rejoice did not come with our regular order. We should be receiving it soon and will be in mailboxes as soon as it is received.

MCC Relief Kits – Supplies for relief kits will be collected until Sunday, January 7. Please place items under the tree in the foyer. For items needed, refer to Dec. 3 bulletin insert or see <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief>.

Thank you - Wanda Wagler Martin, director of Shalom Counselling Service, has expressed her thanks for our congregation's donation to the work of Shalom Counselling, and her appreciation for her Sunday morning with us on October 22.

Notes of Thanks – Check the sanctuary bulletin board for thank you notes received for gifts sent to various organizations.

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:

December 8 – Christmas Turkey Dinner

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

Dec. 2 and 3 – 7:00 p.m. - "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**", a Christmas Opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, directed by Stephanie Kramer and featuring soloists Adrienne Enns as Amahl, Pamela Derksen as The Mother, Daryl Roth, Laverne Brubacher and Mark Diller Harder as The Kings and Kevin Derksen as The Page. The performances will take place at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, [1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs](https://www.sjmc.on.ca). General Admission Tickets are Children (12 years and under) \$5.00; Students \$10 and Adults \$20. Tickets are available through the church office ([519-664-2268](tel:519-664-2268) or church@sjmc.on.ca). Please see poster on bulletin board.

Dec. 3 - 3:00 p.m. – Join **Menno Singers** (Brandon Leis), **Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** (Carolyn Neumann-Vanderburgh) and **Menno Youth Singers** (Steve Surian) for a **Three Choirs at Christmas** Concert entitled "**Come Emmanuel**," at St John's Lutheran Church ([22 Willow St, Waterloo](https://www.sjmc.on.ca)). Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children/students and \$35 Family, available from choristers, at the door and online at www.mennosingers.com.

Dec. 3 - 4:00 p.m - **BACH VESPERS FOR ADVENT: Spiritus Ensemble** presents a Bach Vespers for Advent Sunday. This one hour service will include a performance of Bach Cantata #30, 'Freue dich, erloeste Schar' and a choral setting of George Herbert's poem 'Heaven' by Zachary Wadsworth. Soloists are Sheila Dietrich, Sarah Pearson, Christopher Fischer and Richard Hrytzak; Kenneth Hull conducting. The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kitchener. Admission free; donations gratefully received.

Dec. 6 - Fairview Seniors Community wishes to invite you to our **Annual Vocal and Handbell Choir Program**. This year entitled "Celebrating Christmas Around the World". Tickets include choir program and dessert for just \$5.00, with option of 2 pm and 7 pm seating. It is highly recommended to purchase or reserve tickets in advance by calling [519-653-5719](tel:519-653-5719).

Dec. 9 - 7:30 p.m. at Centre in the Square. **The Grand Philharmonic Choirs and KW Symphony present "the Messiah"** with guest soloists: Jacqueline Woodley, Soprano; Marjorie Maltais, Mezzo-Soprano; Andrew Haji, Tenor;

Russel Braun, Baritone. Along with the timeless beauty of Handel's music, we will project breathtaking, hand-crafted images from the Saint John Bible, through a partnership with St. Jerome's University, Conrad Grebel University College, and University of Waterloo Critical Media Lab. Tickets at CITS box office [519 578 1570](tel:5195781570)

Dec. 12 - 7:30 p.m. - Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Christmas Concert at St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Celebrate the season with Rockway's Music Department as students from Grades 7-12 present Songs for a Winter's Night. Free will offering. All are welcome!

Dec. 13 - 7:00 p.m. - "Men in Song" – A Christmas celebration with the Schneider Male Chorus and the Waterloo

Regional Police Male Chorus at First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo. Tickets: \$20, students \$15 and children 12 and under free. See bulletin board poster for more info.

Dec. 15, 7-9 p.m. Dec. 16, 7-9 p.m. and Dec. 17, 2-4:30 pm and 7-9 pm - An Advent Journey Marketplace - Experience the

sights, smells and drama as you journey back to the time when Christ was born. Indoor guided walking tours are approximately 45 minutes long and run at Listowel Mennonite Church. Everyone welcome - bring a friend!

Dec. 17- 3:00 p.m. - Menno Singers is sponsoring a **Messiah Sing-a-Long** with orchestra and soloists at St Jacobs

Mennonite Church ([1310 King St. N, St Jacobs](http://1310KingStNStJacobs.com)) with conductors Brandon Leis and Mark Diller Harder. Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Attendance is by donation with tax receipts available for donations over \$20. www.mennosingers.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

The Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies invites you to a **Double Book Launch** on December 7, at 7:00 pm in Conrad Grebel University College's Community Education room. Join Hildi Froese Tiessen and Connie T. Braun as they celebrate their newest publications: *11 Encounters with Mennonite Fiction*, and *Silentium: And Other Reflections on Memory, Sorrow, Place, and the Sacred*.

Take a moment to reflect and be inspired at a mid-week **Advent Jazz Vespers service** at Conrad Grebel University College. The service will be held in the Grebel Chapel on **Wednesday, December 13, 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

Conrad Grebel University College, a residence and teaching community affiliated with the University of Waterloo, seeks a married couple for the position of **Campus Hosts** (formerly known as Senior Residents), **beginning spring 2018**. The role involves living in an apartment in the College's residence building and supervising the College during non-business hours. Rent and utilities are free in exchange for performance of duties. Applicants should be mature, responsible and able to relate to a broad range of people, especially students in residence. Application deadline is **January 8, 2018**. Read more at grebel.ca/positions

To start in January 2018, Conrad Grebel University College is hiring a **part-time food services assistant** for a contract position covering a maternity leave, working 6-8 shifts per 2-week period. Apply by Dec. 11, 2017. Read the full job description at grebel.ca/positions

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

International Teams Canada is currently looking for an independent contractor to fulfill Payables & Payroll Clerk duties at our office. International Teams Canada Inc. (also known as iTeams Canada) is a growing, innovative charitable organization dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of widows, orphans, and refugees around the globe. (www.iteams.ca) The contract will be for a few hours a week, beginning as soon as possible. For more details contact: Email: danica.chamberlain@iteams.ca or Phone: [519-669-8844 ext 1050](tel:5196698844)

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

2017 Christmas Hampers with Turkey Drive - Hamper packing starts November 29. Packing volunteer spots are full. Hamper delivery is from **December 11 – 19. Volunteers are needed.** Turkey Trucks run from **December 13 – 20. Volunteers are needed.** Resourced primarily by the incredible financial support of the Kitchener-Conestoga Rotary Club and the hands of over 600 volunteers, we are excited to once again partner with this compassionate and caring community to provide food hampers and turkeys to those in need of food over the Holidays. To volunteer to hand out turkeys or deliver hampers, please visit www.christmashampers.ca or email Diana at info@christmashampers.ca

23rd Annual February Potato Blitz – February 2018

- **Don Cameron Potato Night** at the Aud. Friday, Jan. 26, 7:30pm
- **Supermarket Blitz** throughout KW Saturday, Feb. 10, all day. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please invite your church or networks to volunteer at a local store in collecting spuds and donations, or consider working with your local school to organize a class-wide or school-wide *February Potato Blitz* – school edition! To learn more contact DawnG@houseoffriendship.org or 519-742-8327 x 119.
- **Community Potato Lunch - St. Andrew's Presbyterian (Kitchener) Friday, Feb 23**

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for a **Donations Coordinator**. The Coordinator ensures our four Auctions (Indoor, Outdoor, Silent & Children) have enough items for auction and each auction is run effectively. For more information see www.nhmrs.com/news or contact John Reimer at john.b.reimer@outlook.com or [519-662-4315](tel:5196624315).

SINGLE OR SINGLE AGAIN

Single Or Single Again (SOSA) will be going out for a Christmas dinner on Friday December 8th. We have a 6:30 pm reservation at the Schmidtsville Restaurant in Wellesley. If you are not on our mailing list & are planning on attending, please call [519-662-2971](tel:519-662-2971) & leave a message with a call back number. We need to confirm final numbers with the restaurant.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES

If you would like to support the **Christmas Goodwill program**, you can donate gifts of new clothing, new toys or money, or you can sponsor a family or child. Volunteer help is another way to donate. Sponsor guidelines can be seen on the bulletin board inside the sanctuary. All gifts should be delivered to either Woolwich Community Services office, new location 5 Memorial Ave. by Friday, Dec. 8th or to the Lion's Hall, on Sunday, Dec. 10th, between 1:00 - 3:00.