

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, Century Room.
- 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.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

Feb. 10, 2018 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Worship Come to its Senses at Waterloo North Mennonite Church with Don Sailers.

In this workshop we will explore songs, texts, and a combination of verbal and non-verbal ways to communicate our worship. Through interactive learning, we will discover how, in the words of facilitator Don Sailers, "Christian worship, like a dazzling diamond, must continually be turned in the light of our living and dying, our struggles and our deepest hopes, in order to be fully appreciated" (*Worship Come to Its Senses*, p. 90). For registration go to:

<https://uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/worship-come-its-senses-february-10-2018>

Feb. 17, 2018 - Marriage Encounter Valentine's Banquet at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Road,

[Waterloo](#). Refreshments are served at 6:00 p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner catered by Bellzy's. After dinner entertainment is provided by the music group, "Stand Firm." Tickets are \$45.00/person. See poster for details.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

On **Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 pm**, visit Conrad Grebel University College for the Fretz Visiting Scholar Lecture with Russian history scholar Aileen Friesen. Aileen will explore Mennonite colonization on Muslim land in her lecture, "**Muslim-Mennonite Encounters in the Russian Empire.**" Grebel Great Hall. grebel.ca/events

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

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**

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration - Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. There will be a receiving line from 2 - 3 p.m. with a program from 3 - 4 p.m. and more receiving line after from 4-5 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout. Please join us to celebrate Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years of teaching at Rockway.

Grade 9 Information Night - Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7pm Is your child currently in Grade 8? Do you know of families wanting to make a change for High School? Attend the Gr.9 Information Night to discover "The Rockway Experience." Register at rockway.ca

SILVERLAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Fathers and Kids Retreat: January 12-14, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Don't miss out on this great winter experience! Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smore's over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dad's enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that's the Fathers & Kids Retreat. NOTE: Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call [519-422-3200](tel:519-422-3200)

Women's Retreat: *February 9-11, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.* Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food.....those are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women's Retreat. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call [519-422-3200](tel:519-422-3200)