



“Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13
 Sermon: “The Spaces Between the Darkness”
 Hymn of Response: “*When I'm Lonely and Defenseless*”
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Hymn: “*Guide My Feet*”
 Benediction
 Postlude

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First Lent ~ Living Ink: Letting Go of the Pen:

When we acknowledge God as the author of life, “letting go of the pen” becomes possible. There are necessary moments in our stories when we come to the end of ourselves and realize the need to give up our pen. This is when we have opportunities to recognize the Word planted in us and to rely on the Author to be our provider/daily bread, by allowing God’ hand to write our lives.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are classes for adults. Please join the class of your choice.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Angela Ishaka
 Welcome and Announcements Nancy Mann
 Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91:1-2)
 L: As we gather in this place,
 let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God.
 With the psalmist, we proclaim:
All: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Barb Draper
 “God of Grace and God of Glory” WB #366
 “A Mighty Fortress in our God” WB #165
 Prayer of Confession
 Provider God, we confess that we often forget that all we are and all we have comes from you. We forget that we can trust in you and rely on you in times of trial and temptation. Forgive our weakness and forgetfulness. Help us to lean on your life-giving Word and to believe in your promise of reconciliation and eternal love. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.
 Congregational Song: “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” STS #62
 Words of Assurance
 Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Children's Story
 Song: “*I Love to Tell the Story*”
 Dismissal for Children's Sunday School
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings: “*On Eagle's Wings*”
 Congregational Singing
 “*Blest are They*” STJ #94

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website.

Church Greeters Today: Derrick & Delphine Burkhart
 Next Week: Ross & Vernelda Weber
 Host/Hostess Today: No one scheduled
 Next Week: Lloyd & Brenda Martin
 Nursery Helpers Today: Mike Towns
 Next Week: Chris Kehl

Congregational Prayer List

We begin a journey of 40 days. Be open to God writing in ink on your soul.
Fred, Nancy & Angela are all attending Pastor's Week at Grebel Wednesday to Friday.
 Pray for **Mennonite Savings and Credit Union** as they seek a name change to **Kindred Credit Union** at their General Meeting on February 29th.
 Pray for **Darrell & Florence Jantzi** as they travel in Ethiopia.

We begin our **season of Lent** this Sunday as we explore together our worship theme: **Living Ink**. If we consider our lives being “written on a page” through our actions every day, do we allow God to be our “co-author,” as we release the pen and give God some control of what is written?
 During our time of sharing in the service this Sunday, you are invited to reflect and share on a faith question: **The reflective question for this Sunday is:** “*Think about a time when you had to depend on God. How did this experience shape your faith?*”
The reflective question for next Sunday is: “*Do you have a special place where God seems near to you? What does it mean to you to be able to go to that place?*”
 This week the **Lenten service** will be Wednesday, 7:00 at Elmira Mennonite with Fanoise Legesse speaking.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, 2:30 – Knitters for prayer shawls will meet at Parkview. Anyone who wants to knit or crochet are welcome to join us.
THURSDAY, 7:00 – Hopping Thursdays at the church.
FRIDAY, 11:00 - 35th Annual Heifer Sale at David Carson Farms & Auction Services, Listowel. To sponsor or donate a heifer contact Clarence D.
SATURDAY, 7:00 – Resonate: A New Take on Concert. Becky Reesor fuses her love of music and the arts in an interactive concert featuring classical and folk-jazz music with piano, guitar, voice and visual art at Trinity United. Dessert buffet to follow. Tickets: \$10-\$25. See poster on board.
SUNDAY, 11:00 – Nancy will be preaching.
SUNDAY, 12:00 – Soup Fundraiser Lunch followed by our Annual Meeting

beginning at 1:30. Proceeds for the MYF summer Service Trip with MDS to Detroit.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 23 – Choir begins rehearsals for Easter Sunday (7-7:45) and Good Friday (7:45-8:30).

Feb. 26, 12:00 – Community Potato Lunch at St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church, Kitchener to finish off the Potato Blitz for House of Friendship.

Feb. 26 & 27 – “Preaching with Power and Passion”, a workshop on the art and science of preaching for lay preachers held at Elmira Mennonite. Cost \$10. Register at elmiramennonitechurch@golden.net or 519-669-5123.

Feb. 26-28 – Women's Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. Theme: “Travel Lightly” with Tanya Dyck Steinmann. More info at www.slmc.ca/retreats.

Feb. 26 & 27 – Jingle Dress, A Dancing Toward Reconciliation event at Bloomingdale Mennonite. Be part of MCC`s response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and explore reconciliation through a story circle and the film “Jingle Dress.” RSVP to mcco.ca/events.

Feb. 27, 7:00 – Mennonites Got Talent! Bring your family for a night of hilarity and maybe even some serious talent! Sign up if you would like to share some of your God-given gifts with the congregation. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

Feb. 27, 7:30 – (pre-concert talk at 7:00) at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Menno Singers presents “Music from the Royal Saxon Court at Dresden”, joined by Nota Bene Baroque players and soloists Sheila Dietrich, Daniel Cabena, Bud Roach and Dion Mazerolle. Tickets are \$25 (students \$5) available at Music Plus, at the door and online www.mennosingers.com.

Feb. 27, 7:30 - Live With Matt Epp: A special Concert Event at First United Church in Waterloo (16 William St. W.) in support of the exciting new Skylight Festival. Matt's concert will be followed by a Skylight Festival ‘taster’ and refreshments. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

More announcements on the insert.

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Feb. 29, 7:00 – Mennonite Savings and Credit Union's Special General Meeting at Creekside Church, 660 Conservation Drive, Waterloo. Join us in making the most important decision for our credit union's future - a members' resolution to embrace a new name! There will be an opportunity to cast your vote if you have not already done so using one of the advanced voting options as well as enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Mar. 4, 7:30 – World Day of Prayer Service this year is written by the women of Cuba and will be hosted by Gale Presbyterian Church. All are invited to come and learn about the church in Cuba and to participate in prayers for the peace of our world.

Mar. 5, 9-11:00 – Women's Fellowship Breakfast Buffet at Crossroads \$20 (includes tax and tip). Guest speaker from House of Friendship Alcontrol (Women's Residential Treatment program), opportunity for cash love offering going towards purchase of bath towels/slippers for the program. Please sign up on pink sheet on bulletin board, at back of church or/let a committee member know (Rosie Martin/Rita Shantz/Sharon Cressman).

Mar. 5, 10:30 – Area Seniors Fellowship at Community Mennonite for a 'Spring Migration' presentation by 'birder' Jim Burrell from Linwood. Lunch at 12:00. Tickets \$14 need to be purchased by Feb. 28 from Darrell & Florence Jantzi.

Mar. 5, 7:00 – Inshallah Choir presents *Singing with our Neighbours* at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. Concert will include members of Mino Ode Kwewak N`gamowak (Good Hearted Women Singers) as well as local Syrian artists. Freewill donation.

Mar. 14 or 15 – Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Grandparent & Grandchild Days (Grades 1-6). This year's theme is "Family Ties" and activities will revolve around family and family traditions. Brochures in foyer. Register by email at info@hiddenacres.ca or phone at 519-625-8602.

Mar. 19, 8:00 – Elmira Meat Canning Fundraising Breakfast at Calvary United Church. Canned meat supported Jacob Reimer's family when they resettled in northern Ontario 50 years ago. Hear his story and enjoy a gourmet buffet breakfast. Tickets \$12 adults, \$5 ages 6-12 and under 5 free. Call 519-745-8458 to reserve your tickets.

MYF CORNER

Saturday, 3:45 – MYF meet at the church to head to the Coldest Night of the Year Walk! Bring your pledge forms, all money collected and signed waiver. Registration is \$25 unless you have raised \$75. Wear comfortable shoes for our 5km walk and dress warmly, we will be outside!

YAF CIRCLE

Sunday, February 21 - that's next Sunday - young adults will gather again for Supper-at-six - our monthly pot-luck dinner. Just grab some food and join us for dinner at the church. We always have an amazing buffet! After dinner we will dig into a Bible study. And the following weekend - not one, but two great social events planned. Ask Nancy for details.... or check your email.

Mar. 4-6 – Winter Camp for Grown-Ups: A Weekend Getaway for 20 & 30

Some things is a collaboration between PiE and Silver Lake Camp. For more info or to register, please visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

Greeters and Hosts Needed: Anyone wishing to add their name for the Greeters and/or Hostess list can contact Brenda Martin by the end of Feb.

Bible Reading Goals - By Feb. 14 you should have read the OT to Leviticus 19 and the NT to Matthew 27. Please read to Numbers 6 and to Mark 4 by Feb. 21 to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Generosity Fund – Four disbursements are going to be decided on at the Feb. 21st annual meeting. Any questions can be directed to Willis Freeman.

- a) House of Friendship - \$5000.00
- b) MennoHomes - \$50,000.00
- c) Meserete Kristos College - \$5000.00
- d) Conrad Grebel global peacebuilding fund - \$5000.00

Coldest Night of the Year: On the evening of February 20th the MYF will be participating in an event entitled The Coldest Night of the Year in Waterloo where we will be walking to raise money for Ray of Hope, an organization that provides care for those struggling with addiction and homelessness. If you would like to financially support our team, please place your donation in Katie's mailbox or give it to her directly. Thank you for your support!

Hidden Acres Bowlathon Fundraiser – Sat, Mar. 5th. This is the camp's main annual fundraising activity. Last year \$28,913 was raised! This money will be used for Capital expenses. Please show your support by sponsoring Lorne Bowman. Thank-you!

Leadership Opportunity in MCCO Material Resources Program – The Kitchener location is looking for volunteers to provide education and leadership to groups who come to pack kits and or knot comforters on an as-needed basis. Full training will be provided by MCC staff. Time requirement varies, but is approximately 2-4 evenings a month, based on availability. Contact Carolyn Gray at CarolynGray@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 ext. 234.

Job Opportunities

- MCC Ontario, Ontario Program Associate (part-time, 17 month contract position) and Enlace Leader (10 week position starting mid May). More info at mcccanada.ca/serve.