



Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES (see info below)

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE – Third Advent

Prelude Worship Team
Welcome and Announcements Rick Martin
Call to Worship
L: In the nighttime of sorrow, we become impatient and lose hope.
All: Our joy disappears, and our songs become silent.
We forget the truth: that God will restore us and all of creation.
All: Come! Walk in the way of God's heart!
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Worship Team
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
"Glory in the Highest"
Scripture and Candle Lighting – Isaiah 35:1-10
Martha Brubacher and Erma Wideman
Congregational Singing
"Come, Light of the World" STS #3
Children's Story Nancy Mann
Dismissal for Jr. Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Congregational Singing
"For Unto Us / Open the Eyes of y Heart / Angels from the Realms of
Glory / Emmanuel"
Scripture – Luke 1:39-56 Oscar J. B. Martin
Sermon "Finding Hope in Unexpected Places" Nancy Mann
Hymn of Response
"Holy Child Within a Manger" STS #28
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer Nancy Mann
Sending Song:
"Joy to the World"
Benediction
Postlude

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church following the children's story. We ask that parents or guardians accompany very young children as needed.

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website. If for any reason you would not like a portion of the service to be included please contact the AV person.

A warm welcome to our visitors this morning.
We hope our time of worship together has been an encouragement to you.
You are invited to drop by our Welcome Table and learn more about our church and our ministries. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

Church Greeters Today: Brent & Rita Bauman
Next Week: Orville & Mary Martin
Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled for December
Nursery Helpers Today: Char & Tony Martin
Nursery Helpers Next Week: Becky & Cam Ribble

Congregational Prayer List

Please pray that our times of celebration during the Christmas season will remain joyful and safe. Pray that the bonds of love within our families will be strengthened though our many family gatherings. Pray that our times of worship together will encourage us and make the love of Christ manifest in our midst. Pray that those with special needs at Christmas will be enfolded into a community of care and support.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Monday, 7:00 – Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 8:30 – Ladies Breakfast at Bonnie Lou's
Tuesday, 7:00 – Choir practice
Sunday, 9:45 – Choir & Children's Musical practice
Sunday, 11:00 – Gary Knarr preaching, Third Advent
Gary Knarr will be away Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11 for a quarterly weekend off.

MYF CORNER

December 17, 6:00 – **Christmas Banquet** at Drayton Chop House

YAF CIRCLE

Young Adult Christmas Banquet - Don't miss out! This Friday, December 16 at 6 pm at the church. A great dinner and games etc. to follow. Cost \$10. Bring a \$10 gift for a quirky gift exchange. RSVP to Nancy Mann by Tuesday, Dec 13 so we have enough food for you. A highlight of the season!

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

David Martin – Executive Minister of MCEC will be leading the discussion class on January 15.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Reading Goals – By December 11, you will have read up to Hosea 11 and Revelation 2. By December 18, you need to read up to Jonah and Revelation 9, in order to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Please have your **donation** in by next Sunday, December 11, if you wish to donate to the **Canadian Foodgrains Project**.

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver Christmas Hampers for the House of Friendship in Kitchener. from Dec. 5- 17. To arrange a time and place contact Gail. gailc@houseoffriendship or call 519 742 8327 ext. 120 or talk to Lester

Financial Report

Offering required to date: \$352,357.44
Offering received to date: \$321,782.10

There are 3 Sundays remaining in the 2016 calendar year, with the last Sunday falling on Christmas Day.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		Upcoming Elective Classes
Children's classes	basement	Music, lead by Nichelle
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Bauman – Jan 29, Feb 26 & Mar 26.
Drawing Class	Room 12	Adult class, "Creation Care"
Discussion Class	Room 9	lead by Leon Kehl – Feb 5, 12, 19, Mar 5 & 12.
Seniors Class	Board Room	
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

TODAY, 2:30 – **Liona Boyd** in concert, **accompanied by Andrew Dolson** at St. James Lutheran Church, Elmira. Tickets: Adult \$35, Senior \$30, Child/Student \$25 available at St. James church office (mornings), The Window Box (3 Arthur St. S) or eventbrite.ca

TODAY, 6:30 – **Over 18** A documentary about porn. Produced by Canadian Charity "hope for the sold". Director Jay Brock will be present to give a short presentation and host a Q & A session. Held at Gale Presbyterian Church. Cost: donation. www.over18doc.com

Dec. 20, 7:00 – **Dreaming of Christmas with Mags** Join the 3x Canadian Gospel Music association nominee. At Hope Fellowship, St. Jacob's outlet Mall. Tickets \$10. www.magsthesinger.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL

Advent Jazz @ Grebel – Here is a little mid-week rest with some good music and fine thoughts. Musicians are Paul Fehderau, Linden Gossen, Brad Moggach, Greg Prior, and Tom Cummings. Conrad Grebel Chapel is the place. Tuesday, *December 20*, 2016, 7pm. All are welcome.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Christmas Giving Choose a gift that is a personal and meaningful expression of God's love through MCC's Christmas Giving Catalogue. Browse and purchase gifts at mcccanada.ca/christmas or call 1-800-313-6226 to request a printed booklet.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

The **annual Christian Seasons Calendar** has arrived - just in time for Advent! Shape your time around the seasons of the church year - Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost ... and enjoy the gorgeous artwork. Only \$15.95. Order online – www.commonword.ca/go/832

MCEC – Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

Saturday, *January 21*, 2017 at Steinmann Mennonite Church is an MCEC sponsored workshop on the theme: **Befriending Death**: How do we accompany people who are dying and their families? How do we talk about dying and death from a spiritual perspective? Michelle O'Rourke will lead this day of learning, prayer and conversation on this important topic. See the poster on the bulletin board for further information. Please speak to Gary if you would like to attend.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Rockway invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, *December 13*, 7:30 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener. All are welcome!

Employment Opportunity at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate:

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites applicants for the position of Business Studies Program Coordinator and Teacher, a part-time position commencing September 2017. See www.rockway.ca for job posting.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Christmas Goodwill program. If you would like to support this program, you can donate gifts of new clothing, new toys or money or you can sponsor a family or child. All gifts should be delivered to the WCS office by Friday December 9 or to the Lion's Hall on Sunday, December 11 between 1-3. A list of suggested items are on the bulletin board in the hall near the kitchen.



Advent and Christmas Services at Floradale

Sunday, December 18 at 11 am

Sunday worship at Floradale will be special Christmas worship, including music by our children and our Floradale Christmas Choir. We rejoice to celebrate the birth of Christ together.

Christmas Eve - There will not be Christmas Eve worship at Floradale this year. Enjoy this special time with your family.

Sunday, December 25 at 11 am

Join us on Christmas day for morning worship. Families are invited to worship together. There will be no Jr. Church or Sunday School on this Sunday.

Sunday, January 1 at 11 am

Ring in the New Year by gathering for worship. We will celebrate the New Year with our regular Sunday morning worship service. There will be no Jr. Church or Sunday School on this Sunday.



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