



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

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE – Fourth Advent

Prelude Casey Horn
Welcome and Announcements Richard Bauman
Call to Worship
L: *In the nighttime of our longing, we find ourselves far from God's presence.*
All: **Even though we yearn to see God's face, our daily burdens and distractions keep us from coming near. We forget that the truest joy comes from being in God's presence.**
All: **Come! Walk in God's presence.**
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing Merri-Lee Metzger
"My Soul Cries Out" STS #124
"O come, O come, Immanuel" WB #172
Scripture and Candle Lighting – Isaiah 7:10-16 Zenas & Eleanor Buehler
Choir
"No candle was there"
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 reading
"Do you hear what I hear?"
Junior Church Children
"The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy"
"This Little Light"
Dismissal for Jr. Church
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Choir
"Cantique de Noel"
"Glory, Glory to God"
Scripture – Matthew 1:18-25 Alina Kehl
Meditation "God's Reassuring Love" Gary Knarr
Hymn of Response
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" WB #178
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
Sending Song:
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" WB #201
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: Orville & Mary Martin
Next Week: Richard & Norma Bauman
Host/Hostess Today: no one scheduled for December
Nursery Helpers Today: Becky & Cam Ribble
Nursery Helpers Next Week: Romy & Ryan Schill

Congregational Prayer List

There will be no scheduled time for **Sharing, Testimony and Silence** in next week's **Christmas Day service**. Please direct your prayer requests, joys and concerns to Gary prior to the service to be included in the Pastoral Prayer.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday, 9:00 – January calendar information is due
Thursday, 9:30 – Let's Connect
Sunday, 11:00 – Gary Knarr preaching, Christmas Day

MYF CORNER

New Years Elmira presents Sunday Night Live at Woodside! Come out on Dec. 31st, 7-1 for some great New Years celebrations!

YAF CIRCLE

December - Enjoy your holiday times with family and friends!
January 8, 2017 - At 12 noon, young adults will meet in the gym for "Lunch and Sports."
Details in your email - or check with Nancy Mann.
January 15, 2017 - Supper-at-Six. Pot-luck supper at 6 pm at the church.
Nancy will lead a Bible study on "Difficult choices for men." All young adults welcome.

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 18, you will have read up to Jonah and Revelation 9. By December 25, you need to read up to Haggai and Revelation 16, and by December 31, you will finish the bible with Malachi & Revelation 22.

Financial Report

\$8661.55 required to meet 2016 budget.
2 offerings left this year.
Surplus givings would be helpful to meet over-budget costs (\$10,000?).
Any questions can be forwarded to Finance Chair.

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,
Seniors Class	Board Room	19, Mar 5 & 12.
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

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.

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

Two career opportunities have been posted to kindredcu.com:
- Member Services Representative & Senior Internal Auditor

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Join the MCC Team! Make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in Ontario and around the world as the Relief Manager at our Milverton Thrift Shop or as the General Manager at our Stouffville Thrift Shop. Go to mcco.ca/serve to apply today.

MCC's Blanket Making Program at Grand Valley Institution for Women needs women volunteers! This is a great opportunity to help women who are incarcerated develop work skills. Sewing skills are helpful, but not a necessity. For more info visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved or contact Kay Ojameruaye at 519-745-8458 ext 214 or kayojameruaye@mcco.ca

Serving and Learning Together SALT Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Looking for ways to use your skills to make a difference in the world? Check out this video and consider living out your faith as you learn

and serve alongside MCC partners in countries around the world! Be challenged! Be changed! Explore MCC's SALT program mcco.ca/salt

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

Tune in to the Church Matters podcast for a dramatic retelling of the Christmas story from an Indigenous perspective at <http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/63/9018>



Advent and Christmas Services at Floradale

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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