

Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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9:45 <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES</u> (More info below)

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Robert Mann

Call to Worship

L: We thank you, our Gracious Lord, that through Jesus Christ you have made us your people, and have joined us together into one body as Christ's Church.

All: We thank you that you have made us different, and given us different gifts, abilities, interests, perspectives and ideas.

L: We thank you that you have made us so that we need each other, and that you have equipped us to help, encourage and challenge one another.

All: We thank you that through your love and grace we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. Amen

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing

"Are you washed in the blood"

"Higher Ground"

"Just a closer walk with thee"

Worship Team
on screen
STJ #106

Scripture Reading – Psalm 118:1-7

Children's Time "Frog and Toad are Friends"

Gary Knarr

Dismissal for Junior Church Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Singing

"As I went down to the river"

"STJ #79
"Softly & Tenderly"

on screen

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Jeremy Bowman

Sermon "Who Are We? Members of Christ's Body"

Gary Knarr

Hymn of Response

"What a friend we have in Jesus" on screen

Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence

Pastoral Prayer Sending Song:

"I saw the Light / I'll fly away" on screen

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: Willis & Eileen Freeman

Next Week: Jeff & Gloria Bauman Host/Hostess Today: Cameron & Becky Ribble

Host/Hostess Next Week: no one scheduled Nursery Helpers: no one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List

We are thankful that <u>Merle Shantz</u> has returned home from hip replacement surgery and we pray for Merle's continuing recovery.

Our prayers and sympathy are with <u>Eleanor and Zenas Buehler and all their family</u> in the death of Eleanor's sister, Lorene, the evening of February 7. There will be a funeral service at Petitcodiac Mennonite Church this Saturday afternoon, and a Memorial Service at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church March 10.

Our prayers are with <u>Clarence and Laurene Martin and their daughter Mary Ellen</u>
<u>Davidson</u> and all their family as Mary Ellen is receiving treatment for cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

<u>Today, 2:00</u> – Focus Group Meeting

Tuesday, 8:30 - Ladies Breakfast at Bonnie Lou's

Wednesday, 4:00 - Focus Group Meeting Wednesday, 7:00 - Focus Group Meeting

Thursday, 9:30 - Let's Connect

Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

<u>Friday, 6:30ish</u> – Guys Night Out *please RSVP to one of the contacts no later than February 14.

Sunday, 12th - Gary Knarr, preaching

MYF CORNER

February 14: Life on Life

February 18: Tubing

February 21: Life on Life? (I won't be there but you guys can still meet!) February 25: Coldest Night of the Year Walk (I won't be able to go to this, but you're welcome to get a team together with friends or family and go!)

February 26: Annual meeting lunch food prep/cleanup

February 28: Reapers of Hope (in place of life on life)

YAF CIRCLE

Supper-at-Six: TODAY! Young Adult Supper-at-Six will be at the home of Jeremy and Christina Bowman. It's not to late to let them know you are

coming. Just grab some food and show up around 6 pm.

Friday, Feb 17 -Guy's night out. Hey guys - come out and spend a fun night with the men of the church (see poster for details). RSVP by Feb 14.

Winter Camp for Grown ups: March 3 - 5, 2017 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. This camp is for 20 & 30 somethings who wish they could do camp again! Enjoy everything winter has to offer at Silver Lake including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating on the lake, relaxing in the sauna, walking through the woods, good conversation by the fire, exceptional food etc. This "choose your own adventure" weekend is the perfect winter escape and is a collaborative project between PiE (Pastors in Exile) and Silver Lake. For more information contact Tamara Shantz (tamara@pastorsinexile.org.)

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

Feb. 19, 2:00 - Focus Group Meeting

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Feb. 20 - FAMILY DAY

Feb. 23, 7:00 - Hopping Thursday

Feb. 24, 8:00 – Men's Breakfast at Crossroads – Dean Shoemaker of MEDA speaking

Feb. 26 - Annual Meeting & MYF Fundraising Lunch

Mar. 5, 9:45 – Breakfast & Worship. Enjoy omelet, sausage, yogurt fruit salad, toast and mini muffins. Adults- \$5.00. Kids Free. Creative worship begins at 11:00 in the gym with our Worship Team, Drama & conversation.

Mar. 18, 9AM - Women's Fellowship Breakfast at the church. Guest speaker - Our Turkish Friends. Topic-"Hope and Faith - A test during difficult times. Mark on your calenders - you won't want to miss this inspiring morning". Email reminder and sign-up sheet to follow at a later date. *PLEASE NOTE – the wrong date is on the February calendar

ADDITONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Reports are available in the church foyer.

Thank you to the Men's groups for all their support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Please know that all you do is appreciated. From Dave Epp, on behalf of CFB.

90th **Birthday Celebration:** Erma Martin turns 90 on Feb 27. Please remember her birthday with cards and short visits. A small group will have a party with her on the 27th

Congregational Survey: Our Reference Group would like to hear from everyone about your thoughts on who we are as a congregation, how God is at work among us, and what characteristics and gifts we will need in our next pastor to help us accomplish God's purposes for us. In your mailboxes today there is a Memo explaining the purpose of a congregational survey, how to open the link to complete the survey online (also available on the website under Sunday Worship Information), and that paper surveys are available on the table beside the mailboxes. Please complete the survey online or return your completed paper survey (to office mailbox #76) by February 24. Thank you for participating in this survey. If you would like to be part of a focus group but haven't been

approached, please speak to Erin Miles & she will book you in a group.

NEW Event Planning Committee – If you have an event idea that you would like to see here at FMC, please contact one of the Planning Committee members: Dan Bender, Nancy Martin, Gloria H. Bauman or Erin Miles.

Fun, Food, Flowers and Fellowship – Save the date for a Women's Fellowship Mystery Bus Tour on Saturday May 13/17. Bring a friend or make it a mother/daughter day. What better way to spend time together for Mothers Day!! Time - approx. 9am to 5pm with a cost of \$45 to \$50.00 plus lunch. Please respond to Karen Bender ASAP by cell phone 519-616-5981 or email dkgsbender@gmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your spot on the bus and to better assist us now as to what size bus we require. *Extra notices on on the tables by the sanctuary doors for those whose mailboxes I missed.

The House of Friendship Receipts for "Trek For Kids" 2016 are in your church mail box. Thanks again for your support in helping to send children to camp. We regret that they are so late due to technical problems at the office. Lester Kehl

Upcoming Events

Mar. 26 - Refugee Support Fundraising Lunch

Apr. 2 - Worship Cafe at 7 pm

Sunday School Classes available		Upcoming Elective Classes
at 9:45		Feb 5 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Children's classes	basement	Feb 12 – Tarcia Gerwing (from Loyola
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	House), Helping Children Find God
Drawing Class	Room 12	Through Creation
Discussion Class	Room 9	Feb 19 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
Seniors Class	Board Room	Feb 26 – Music Discussion/Singing
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	with Nichelle Bauman
		Mar 12 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl
		Mar 19 – Music Discussion/ Singing
		with Nichelle Bauman
		Mar 26 – Creation Care: Leon Kehl &
		Merri-Lee Metzger

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

- 1st Thurs. Of Every Month, 7:45 WOW Women of Worship is a praise and worship night for women 15+ from the KW region who desire to connect and bring praise to our Father together at Wallenstein Bible Chapel. womenofworship2017@gmail.com
- TODAY (Feb. 12), 7:00 Join song lead Mark Diller Harder and the Menno Singers Family of Choirs (Menno Singers, Menno Youth Singers and Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir) for an evening of vigorous hymn singing on the theme "Be not Afraid." Admission by donation. W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George St, Waterloo).
- <u>Feb. 24-25</u> Beauty in the Waiting, Awaken Women's Conference. At Emmanuel Missionary Church, Elmira. Speakers include: Shannon Leibold, Kim Habermehl, Melina Estabrooks and Donna Schultz. Register

at awakenwomensconference.wordpress.ca or 519-504-4995

Feb. 26, 7:00 – at St Jacobs Mennonite Church. You are invited to a concert with the **Goshen College Women's World Music Choir** and the local Good Hearted Women Singers, a First Nations Women's Group. There will be an offering.

Mar. 4, 8:00-2:00 -

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall. All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. To arrange drop off/pick up of items you would like to donate please email BTWalkKW@braintumour.ca or call 519-498-4632. Due to space limitations, please no books or clothing. There will be a 31 Independent Consultant and Holly's Homemade Cinnamon Buns on site as well!

Mar. 24-25 – Introduction to the Enneagram Workshop The Enneagram is a helpful tool for seeing ourselves with more clarity, finding ways to live with more freedom, and opening ourselves to the presence of Divine Grace in the every day. You are invited to learn about the Enneagram through this workshop that is being facilitated by Tamara Shantz at Bloomingdale Mennonite Church (Friday, 7-9 p.m., Saturday, 9-9). Registration is \$200 (includes meals on Saturday) if you register by March 1. Contact Tamara for more information or to register (tamarashantz@gmail.com).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL

TUNE-IN to fun, friendship, Grebel Life, and your faith! Grebel will be hosting a MCEC Youth Night on February 26, 6:30–9:30 pm. Cost is \$5 dollars, including pizza and cookies. Talk to your youth pastor if you would like to attend or contact Rebekah DeJong rjdejong@uwaterloo.ca, 519-885-0220 x24215. This is a fun way to connect with youth from other Mennonite churches and Conrad Grebel University College Students. Can't wait to see you there!

February 23, Grade 10 Family Night. All Grade 10 students and their families are invited to come to the College to share a complimentary pizza supper before heading over to main campus for the University of Waterloo's annual Grade 10 Family Night. Supper will begin at 5:30 and we will walk you over to main campus for UWaterloo's 6:30 pm event. Email pbartel@uwaterloo.ca by February 21 to indicate supper attendance (and #'s). Register for the UWaterloo event at www.uwaterloo.ca/fom/grade-10.

HIDDEN ACRES

Grandparent & Grandchild Days at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 13th or 14th. This is a great day for grandparents and their grandchildren in grades 1-6 to spend time playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. This year Bryan Moyer Suderman will be our resource person (www.smalltallministries.com). For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call (519)625-8602.

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

Community Potato Lunch – Friday, February 24 at noon. Join us for this

annual treat of delicious potato dishes and our 7th annual *Soup Idol*. Free-will offerings accepted.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

36 Annual Heifer Sale *Fri. Feb 17 - 11* am at David Carson Farms & Auction Services Ltd., 5531 Perth Line 86, RR # 3, Listowel. Never been there? Come see how dairy farmers do relief, development and peace! To sponsor or donate a heifer, contact Clarence Diefenbacher at 519-669-2164 or MCC at 519-745-8458. For more info go to mcco.ca/event. **Thrift Challenge** *Ends Feb 25* or until supplies last at MCC Thrift and Gift, 59 Church St W, Elmira. Reuse, rethink, repurpose and rebuild using thrift items with the Thrift Challenge! Contact or drop by MCC Thrift and Gift for all the details. Prizes to be awarded!

Thrift University *Friday evenings in February, 7-8 pm* DIY fun February Fridays. Register for classes at Thrift on Kent. Expert instruction in crafting, paper quilling, mitten making and sign making. Sign up with friends, it's FREE! Register today by calling 519-886-8828 or visiting our shop.

Office space available at MCCO 800 square feet of prime office space on the 2nd floor of MCCO's building in Kitchener is available. The space can be built to suit and will be available after January 31, 2017. If interested, please contact John Head, Associate Executive Director, johnhead@mcco.ca, or 519-745-8458, ext 218

MCC in Palestine and Israel: A brown bag lunch. Are you interested in the complexities of peace and justice in Palestine and Israel? Join us in the Community Room at 50 Kent Avenue, *February 24* from noon to 1:30 pm. Bring your lunch and hear from Joanna Hiebert Bergen, former MCC Rep in Palestine and Israel. More info available at mcco.ca/events

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

New documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process have been posted at futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – April 23 – May 14 – to join all or part of a 600 km Pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa stopping at 21 churches and engaging in teach-ins, all in support of Canada's implementation of UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). Web site and resources to come. **Save the date:** Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man. The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. The venue, costs, and other details are pending. More info to come.

MENNO YOUTH SINGERS

Are you between the ages of grade 9 and 20-something? Do you enjoy music? How about snacks? Check out the Menno Youth Singers choir: mennosingers.com/mys First rehearsal for 2017 is Wednesday, Feb 8. Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. 6:45 p.m. 'Nuff said. Parents of teens and young adults: Menno Youth Singers is a great choir experience for your offspring. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church,

Kitchener. Conductor Steve Surian is a trained music educator who is

also a public high school music teacher. New singers welcome at any time! See mennosingers.com/mys for registration and other info."

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Somewhere, over the rainbow...there is a ticket, waiting for you!! Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you and your family to their production of The Wizard of Oz, March 2-4, 2017. Tickets are available online at www.rockway.ca or in person during school hours.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Registration is open for Summer 2017 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Leadership Programs, Outtrips and much more. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

As a reminder, our Warden Woods Campership Fund has the capacity to provide financial assistance to families who face a financial hardship sending their children to camp. We want camp to be a possibility for all MCEC children and hope you can help make that a reality by ensuring all families know of the campership program.

WOMEN OF MCEC

Women of all ages are invited to St Jacobs Mennonite Church, April 22, 2017.Registration and Coffee 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Program 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Guest speaker, Carol Penner currently. Topic: "body and soul" Singing, Scripture, Stories, Sharing. Carol Penner teaches and writes in the area of practical theology. After many years as a pastor Mennonite congregations, she joined thefaculty of CGUC. She has a popular blog http://carolpenner.typepad.com/. Offering towards WMCEC Conrad Grebel Scholarship.

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