



"Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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Dismissal for Children's Sunday School
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" WB # 106
 Scripture – Luke 19: 28-40 Jerry Hesselink
 Sermon *"Riding on a High Horse"*
 Hymn of response *"Ride on, ride on in Majesty"* WB# 239
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer
 Sending Hymn: *"Blesses be the Tie That Binds"* WB 421
 Benediction
 Postlude

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Sixth Lent ~ Living Ink: The Plot Thickens

The Passion Week is thick with multilayered and complex symbolism. The characters in God's story are not straightforward. The people who praised "Hosanna" and hailed Jesus as the coming king may be the very ones who later shouted, "Crucify him!" Like them, we find ourselves to be deeply complex characters within the covenant story, characters whose unredeemed motives, desires, and passions all too often drive our behavior and actions.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 There are classes for adults. Please join the class of your choice.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Julia Bowman
Palm Processional	
<i>"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"</i>	WB #238
Welcome and Announcements	Robert Mann

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 43)
 L: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
 L: This is the day that the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
 L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
All: The Lord our God has given us light!
 L: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Merri-Lee Metzger
"Christ is our Cornerstone" WB # 43
 Prayer of Confession
All: Lord we confess that our motives, desires, and passions have not always been pure – we have not been living into the truth of your good news story. We confess that we have often acted in destructive ways as we live out of our brokenness rather than out of your healing, redeeming love. Help us to find our refuge in you. Forgive us, heal us, and reconcile us, oh God, so that we may be the living ink of your covenant love in all our relationships: with you, with each other, and with all of creation we pray. Amen.
 Congregational Song: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* STS #62 vs 1
 Words of Assurance
 Scripture – Psalm 118: 1-4, 19-29 Jerry Hesselink
 Children's Story
 "Jesus is Coming" STS #73

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

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:	Sylvan & Vera Martin
Next Week:	James & Susan Martin
Host/Hostess Today:	No one scheduled
Next Week:	No one scheduled
Nursery Helpers Today:	Taylor Horst
Next Week:	No one scheduled

Congregational Prayer List
Welcome to Floradale today. We seek to be people of compassion, love and justice.
 Pray for **Oscar JB Martin**. He will have heart valve surgery on Wednesday.
 Pray for **Joan and the family** as well.
 Pray for our Communion Service that will be held on Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebration.

We continue 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 were aware that you were a part of God's story? What was this like for you?"* **The reflective question for next Sunday is:** *"Where is God bringing resurrection joy and new hope into your life?"*

THIS WEEK
TODAY, noon - Congregational "Lunch and Learn" Pot-lunch: Please join us after church for a delicious pot-luck lunch and an opportunity to learn about how we can all be friendly and welcoming to new people who visit Floradale church on a Sunday morning. We want to extend the right hand of fellowship and welcome everyone who comes to worship with us.

Bring some food (hot or cold) for us to share together and prepare to engage in conversation about how we can welcome others to our church. Our program will conclude by 2 pm.

TUESDAY – World Water Day. View an interactive map at mcco.ca/ontario-water and read community narratives that highlight the state of water potability and access.

TUESDAY 1-3 – Knitters for prayer shawls meet at Parkview Manor. Anyone who would like to knit or crochet is welcome to join us.

TUESDAY 7:00 – Choir practice

WEDNESDAY 7:00 – Church council, this is the first meeting for 2 new members Rosie Martin & Florence Jantzi.

THURSDAY 9:30 – Let's Connect

FRIDAY 10:00 – Good Friday Communion and Footwashing

SUNDAY 11:00 – Easter Celebration, John 12:1-20 “YES”

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 30, 6:00 – The Power of Partnership: An evening with Stephen Lewis St. George Banquet Hall, Reception at 6, dinner & program at 7. Enjoy an evening highlighting MCC's partnerships in humanitarian work in the Middle East and refugee resettlement in Ontario. Tickets \$150. More info at powerofpartnership2016.ca

Mar. 30, 6:00 -St. Clement's Parish, St. Clements will be hosting a SPRING CARD PARTY at the St. Clement's Parish Hall, 3619 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of prizes, share the wealth and quilt raffle. Admission is \$8.00. Wheelchair Accessible. This event is sponsored by the St. Clement's Christian Mothers' Society. Everyone is welcome!

Mar. 30, 6:00 – Barnswallow Place, Guest speaker: Alzheimer's Society, Understanding Responsive Behaviours in Dementia

Mar. 31, 7:30 – Dr. Troy Osborn will be speaking on “The Bottle, the Dagger, and the Ring: Church Discipline and Dutch Mennonite Identity in the Seventeenth Century.” This will be in the Grebel Chapel.

Apr. 9, 7:00 – Steve Bell in concert at Waterloo MB Church. Freewill donation

More announcements on the insert.

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Apr. 8-9 – Introduction to Enneagram Workshop at Bloomingdale Mennonite church. 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. This workshop is being facilitated by Tamara Shantz Friday 7-9 pm, and Saturday 9-9. Registration is \$200. Contact Tamara for more information tamarashantz@gmail.com

Apr. 10, 3 pm - Theatre and Spaghetti Dinner. Theatre of The Beat will provide a 3pm performance of “This Will Lead to Dancing.” The play explores attitudes in the church around same-sex relationships. FMC would like to provide a follow up spaghetti supper. Interested in helping? (kitchen, tickets, set-up, etc) please contact Dan or Karen Bender.

Apr. 11, 7 pm – Library night at Gale Presbyterian Church. Sharon Dow, a local author of several biblical novels, will be our Guest Speaker. Ann Schieckoff, a representative of Living Books will have a variety for sale. Cash or cheque only. Please RSVP by April 5, to Sharon Hollinger at 519-669-5914 or snhollinger@rogers.com Refreshments will be served.

Apr. 20 – Submission deadline for photographs - “Finding God in my Neighbourhood” What does this look like to you? Submissions are to be sent to photos@mcec.ca The pictures will be displayed at the MCEC Annual church Gathering being held in Leamington.

Apr. 23 – WMCEC Annual Enrichment Day at Rouge Valley Mennonite. Theme: “This is My Story, This is My Song” focusing on experiences and stories of our women through the last ten decades. Registration due April 9. They can only accommodate 225 participants.

Jul. 6-10 -MC Canada Assembly 2016 registration is now open at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016/information>. Theme: God~Faith~People (Jeremiah 31:33).

Aug.18-21 – Church camping at Cedar Rail, Scone. Let Howie & Gloria know by March 31 if you plan to attend.

Aug. 28 – Redekop's last Sunday.

MYF CORNER

March 26 meet at the church at 4pm with \$15.50. We will be going to Air U Indoor Trampoline Park and Katie's place for supper.

YAF CIRCLE

TODAY: Participate in the congregational pot-luck for lunch as we reflect together what it means to be a welcoming congregation.

TONIGHT: Come back for **Supper-at-six**: our monthly young adult pot-luck dinner as we reflect together on what it means to be “Salt and Light” (Matthew 5:13- 20)

Flowers at the front of the church have been provided by Walter Burkhardt's family.

Bible Reading Goals - By March 20 you need to read up to Joshua 3 and Luke 1. By March 27, you need to read up to Joshua 20 and Luke 5 to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Camp brochures for this summer are on the table in the foyer.

Job Opportunities: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites applicants for the positions of Director of Advancement, or Math and Computer Teacher. Visit www.rockway.ca for more information.

Update FMC emails you want to receive - go to our website www.floramc.org and click on “contact us” then “Sign Up For Email Updates” Please fill out the required boxes (both names if that is how you get emails from the church) and check off the items you would like to receive. Click “subscribe” If you are already part of the email list, you will get a confirmation notice in your inbox to confirm that you have made changes. Follow directions.

Mennonite Church Canada - The Assembled News, a pre-Assembly 2016 newsletter, is now available from Mennonite Church Canada. Subscribe to regularly receive advance inspiration and information on the lead up to Assembly: www.commonword.ca/go/518.

- Follow Mennonite Church Canada Future Directions Task Force conversations at each Area Church gathering by visiting home.mennonitechurch.ca/FutureDirections

-Starting on April 13, 2016, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will offer an online, non-credit short course: Participation, Power and Process: Why Polity Matters. Sign up or encourage others in your congregation to join www.amb.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Anabaptist-short-courses.cfm

URGENT – WE NEED YOUR GOOD USED FURNITURE! - Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) ON continues partnering with MCC ON to help settle Syrian Refugees in the Waterloo Region by operating the MDS Furniture Depot in Elmira. Thank you for your generous donations but our depot is emptying fast. Due to the size of the refugee families more box springs, dressers and chairs are urgently needed, along with other household furniture. If you have good condition furniture to donate (no junk please), it can be dropped off at the MDS Furniture Depot at 6 Arthur St. N, Elmira, Thur and Fri between 12 to 5 pm and Sat 10 am to 3 pm, or by appointment. For more information on donating furniture call 519-669-2009 Furniture Depot Coordinator [519-502-0623](tel:519-502-0623)

MDS Family Project at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Ontario & Camp Assiniboia, Manitoba! MDS is partnering with these two Mennonite Camps to build cabins and other small buildings. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come and learn from each other while serving others. In Ontario, food and camping sites are provided. Cost is \$75/family unit. Contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net or [1-866-261-1274](tel:1-866-261-1274)