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EASTER SUNDAY

9:45 **SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES** (More info below)

11:00 **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude — Casey Horn
Easter Drama — Alina Kehl
Welcome and Announcements — Richard Bauman
Call to Worship
L: When all hope seems lost, Christ is risen!
All: He is risen, indeed!
L: When fear hovers close at hand, Christ is risen!
All: He is risen, indeed!
L: When disillusionment and despair threaten us, Christ is risen!
All: He is risen, indeed!
L: Come! Celebrate the risen Lord! Alleluia!
Opening Prayer
Choir
"I will call upon the Lord" — *STJ #19*
Congregational Singing
"Low in the grave He lay" — *WB #273*
"Christ the Lord is risen today" — *WB #280*
Scripture Reading – Psalm 118:1-2, 21-24
Membership Renewal: Derek & Vicky Roeder Martin — WB #777
Children's Story — James & Susan Martin
Dismissal for Junior Church
Congregational Singing — Mary Frey Martin
"Lift your glad voices" — *WB #275*
Scripture Reading – Matthew 28:1-15 — Rita Bauman
Sermon: "Surprised by Joy" — Gary Knarr
Hymn of Response
"This joyful Eastertide" — *WB #276*
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
Pastoral Prayer
Choir
"*Glory to the Risen Lamb!"* — Words by Jean Anne Shafferman
Arr. by Lloyd Larson
Traditional American Melody from The Olive Leaf, 1878, attributed to F. R. Warren
Sending Song
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" — *WB #118*
Benediction
Postlude

Choir
Soprano: Kate Bauman, Mary Bauman, Barb Draper, Nancy Mann, Merri-Lee Metzger
Alto: Norma Bauman, Eileen Freeman, Florence Jantzi, Wanda Kehl, Marj Metzger
Tenor: Richard Bauman, Darrell Jantzi, Lester Kehl
Bass: Cliff Bauman, Steve O. Bauman, Steve Bauman, Roy Draper, Robb Mann, Rick Martin
Accompanist: Casey Horn

An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.
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: Roy & Barb Draper
Next Week: Jerry Hesselink, Mahlon Martin
Host/Hostess Today: Easter – No one scheduled
Host/Hostess Next Week: Ross & Veg Weber

Congregational Prayer List

We are glad to welcome **Derek Martin and Vicky Roeder Martin** back into membership at Floradale Mennonite Church. We pray God's blessing for the family of Derek, Vicky, Clay, Annika, and Lucan.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today – **Due date for Focus on Floradale articles.** Theme: Creation care. Photos, reports, recipes etc. welcome. Use the Focus mailbox or email to rbdraper@golden.net.
Wednesday 7:00 – Church Council
Thursday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday
Friday, 7:00 – Hopping Thursday Year End Program. Please bring finger foods to share. Drink provided.
Sunday, 11:00 – Sherri Grosz from Abundance Canada preaching

Marj is on holidays. There will not be regular office hours during this time. Please have bulletin items to the office by Wednesday.

MYF CORNER

Tuesday, 7:00 – Life on Life

Saturday – Community Clean-up day

April 28, 7pm-April 29, 12:30pm: Elmira Girls Conference at Emmanuel Missionary Church in Elmira. Check out their website for more info! https://www.elmiragirls.com/ and Maggie's Muddhouse in Elmira after brunch on the Saturday! The cost is about $20 to paint a piece of pottery that you can take home (specialty drinks included!)

April 28: Boys night! More info to follow!

PITCH AND PRAISE! May 19-22 – Registration is now open for Pitch and Praise (camping youth festival) if you would like to come this year!! Katie will need your payment before April 30th for the early bird price ($130). The price jumps to $150 after that.

YAF CIRCLE

May 7 – Young adults will gather at the church for a baseball game and a BBQ to follow.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

April 28, 8:00am – Men's Breakfast at Crossroads. Robb Mann will discuss issues of Faith and Science with us.

May 13, 9-5pm - Women's Fellowship Mystery Bus Tour - There are still some seats available – Feel free to ask a friend to come along and advise Karen Bender ASAP if you are able to attend. Pay your $30 bus fee to Karen Bender or Norma Bauman ASAP. Some cash will be required for entrance fee to another place we are visiting as well as money for lunch.

May 25, 9:00am – **Area Senior's Spring Bus Tour** leaves from Elmira Mennonite to Bell Homestead National Historic Site, Whistling Gardens, Windmill Country Market and lunch at Kings Buffet. Bus returns at 5:00. See poster on bulletin board for more information. Tickets: $60.00 available from Darrell & Florence Jantzi before May 15.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday **May 6** at 7:00 pm at Floradale Mennonite - **MCC fundraising concert. Kevin Coates and Nichelle Bauman** will be performing. There will be an opportunity to donate to a new initiative by Mennonite Central Committee that continues to work at peace and justice in Israel/Palestine.

Please put on your calendar that **Sunday, May 7** we will have a **noon lunch** at the church followed by a **congregational meeting. Betty Pries**, who is working with our congregation through this interim time, will have a conversation with us and report on the results of our focus conversations and questionnaires.

VBS July 3 - 7, 2017 - Digging for Treasure: Exploring the parables of Jesus is our theme for our Vacation Bible School program this year. We participate with Elmira Mennonite Church to offer a wonderful program of worship, drama, music, Bible learning and crafts for children from Jr. Kindergarten through grade 8. We welcome participating children and adult and youth volunteers. Registration forms will be available shortly. Let Nancy Mann or Alina Kehl know of your interest.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		**Upcoming Elective Classes**
Children's classes	basement	Today – Abundance Canada: Sherri Grosz
Jr. Youth & Youth	Youth room	Apr 30 – Medical Assistance in Dying-Nancy Mann
Drawing Class	Room 12	
Discussion Class	Room 9	
Seniors Class	Board Room	
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

MEDA Breakfast will be **Thursday, April 20, 7:30am** at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs. Guest speaker Audrey Petkau, owner of TourMagination. The cost of the breakfast is $10 and everyone is invited to attend.

SOSA (Single or single again) will be having a potluck on **Saturday April 22, 6:00** at St Agatha Mennonite Church. Following the meal we will hear about the travel/culture experiences of some of our participants. Any questions please call 519-662-2971.

Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support is holding a 30th Anniversary Celebration Fundraising Gala at The Tannery, 151 Charles St. W. Kitchener on **Monday, May 1**. RSVP at 519-571-1912 X 103. Cost is $50 per person.

Homecoming Sunday at Hawkesville Mennonite Church, Sunday, May 7. Come home and see people from days gone by! Fellowship at 10:00. Muffins and coffee provided. Worship service at 11:00. Email office@hawkesvillemennonite.ca for more info.

The **Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering** is on Tuesday, **May 9** from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. (doors open at noon). If you are involved in Prayer Shawl Ministry or would like to learn about it, please plan to attend at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Please register by Wednesday, April 26th by contacting Mary Jane at 519-669-2963 or mj.yaeger@confinequip.ca . See Bulletin Board for more information.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

EGG ROLL SALE at Grace Lao Mennonite Church, $10/10 egg rolls. Pick up **Saturday, May 6, 9-4:00** at 575 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary by April 30.

HIDDEN ACRES

Spring Seniors' Retreat May 1 or 2 (the same program will be offered both days). Resource persons are Robert J. & Irene Suderman and the theme is "Dancing in the Wind: The Vocation of the Church in Society". For more information contact the camp at 519-625-860 or info@hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by **April 25**.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MCC is hiring! Thrift Relief Manager in Elmira. For more info and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve.

Tickets for the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** to be held at Bingemans on Monday **April 24** are now available. The guest speaker is Rachelle Friesen and she will be speaking about "Palestine/Israel --Where do we go from here?" Ticket price is $10. Tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price. Please contact Donna Freeman at 519-669-2334 for tickets. Advance ticket sales only.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights is a 600 km walk from Kitchener to Ottawa, promoting conversation around the UN Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous People. You are invited to join us on the first day of the Pilgrimage, Sunday **April 23,** 1:30 pm for the Opening Ceremony & Celebration, at Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N, Kitchener) At 2:30, anyone who wishes is invited to join the walkers on the first leg of the journey, walking part or all of the way to Cambridge. For more information, please contact josie@stirlingmennonite.ca.

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE May 26-27 (www.nhmrs.com)

Plant Tent is looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. We would love your potted plants, labelled with name if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. More details on delivery, quantity, etc. will be on our website in the coming weeks.

10th Annual Run for Relief, 8:00 am. Come out for some exercise and work up an appetite before enjoying all the great food at the Relief Sale! This fun event includes a 5k Run and a 2k Run/Walk. All money raised goes to support MCC.

ROCKWAY MENNONITE

Grade 7-12 Information Night - Join us on Tuesday **April 25** at 7 pm. Come hear a short presentation, receive a tour of the school and stay for our student Visual Arts Exhibit entitled “eunoia: beautiful thinking, a well mind” happening that same night! Register at www.rockway.ca.

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