



"Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor"
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9:45 **SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES** (More info below)

11:00 **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude	Nichelle Bauman
Welcome and Announcements	Dan Bender
Call to Worship	STS #146
Opening Prayer	
Congregational Singing	Worship Team
"My Redeemer Lives"	on screen
"Christ is Risen"	on screen
Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20	
Children's Story	
Dismissal for Junior Church	
Giving of Tithes and Offerings	
Congregational Singing	
"Jesus Messiah"	on screen
"Once Again"	on screen
Scripture Reading – 1 Timothy 6:17-19	Jeanette Towns
Sermon: "Choose life and walk in God's way!"	Juanita Laverty
Hymn of Response	
"I want to walk as a child of the light"	STJ#95
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence	
Pastoral Prayer	Nancy Mann
Sending Song	
"In Christ Alone"	on screen
Benediction	
Postlude	

Today we welcome Juanita Laverty, pastor of Hanover Mennonite Church, to share the message with us. We receive her as part of our Woolwich-Grey Mennonite Ministerial pulpit exchange. Gary Knarr is preaching at Elmira Mennonite Church this morning.

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: Lloyd Diehl & Tracey Martin
Next Week: Cliff & Mary Bauman
Host/Hostess Today: Dan & Karen Bender
Host/Hostess Next Week: Church lunch. No one scheduled.

Congregational Prayer List

Our prayers and deep condolences are with **Derrick and Delphine Burkhardt** and their family as they grieve the passing of Alice Burkhardt, Derrick's mother. Alice was a great-aunt to **Nicole Bauman** and a dear friend to many people. Her funeral was held on April 25 at Community Mennonite Fellowship.
We continue to pray for **Kristine, daughter of Darrell and Florence Jantzi**. May her health stabilize and her body regain strength.
Please keep **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada** in your prayers this weekend as they engage in their Annual Church Gathering—the final annual meeting of Area Churches scheduled for this year.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Tuesday, 9:00 – Ladies Quilting

Saturday, 7:00 – MCC fundraising concert. Kevin Coates, Nichelle Bauman and Ryan Bauman.

Sunday, 7th – Rick Cober Bauman from MCC preaching

Sunday, 7th – Congregational Lunch

Sunday, 7th 1:30 – Congregational Meeting – Betty Pries/Reference Group

MYF CORNER

Tuesday, 7:00 – Life on Life

May 9 – Last Life on Life

May 12 – Life on Life party at Maggie's Mudroom Elmira

May 19-22 PITCH AND PRAISE!

YAF CIRCLE

May 7 – Young adults will meet at the church for baseball at 4 pm, followed by a BBQ. Details in your weekly email.

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

May 9, 8:30 – Ladies Breakfast at the Crossroads restaurant

May 13, 9-5:00 - 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.
May 28, 11:00 – Annual Outdoor Service followed by a delicious BBQ and potluck lunch. Special activities for children...and adults. Plan to join us for this special Sunday!

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Knarr will be away May 4 and 5.

Marj Bauman will be in the office next week Mon, Wed, Thurs. and Fri.

We are looking for a male sponsor to join the youth on their trip to Toronto with MCC's TOOLS program from **August 17-20**. Please contact Katie if interested at Katie@floramc.org. Thank you!

The House of Friendship is having their **Annual Trek For Kids** on Saturday, May 6. Dave Metzger and Lester Kehl are walking to raise \$1200.00 to send to kids to camp for a week. They will be collecting funds of support on Sunday, April 30th. Thanks for your support of this program.

Next 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. A prepared lunch will be served. We are asked to bring our bowls and cutlery so the people helping in the kitchen have time to participate in the meeting.

Employment Opportunity at FMC. Interested in the rewards of interacting with youth? See www.floramc.org/contact-us/directions/ for details about the part time Youth Worker position available September 1 at our Church. Feel free to encourage people gifted in youth work to apply.

Tea Ball Project Sign up – Volunteers needed for batter mixing. May 25th 6:30 at the church and May 26 & 27 in New Hamburg at the Relief Sale. Please sign up at the table in the foyer or contact Marilyn Weber – 519-669-2378.

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 are now available.** We welcome your children to join us! Please register in advance. Remember you are welcome to bring friends. Let Nancy Mann or Alina Kehl know of your interest in volunteering.

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

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

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.

Menno Youth Singers Spring Concert **May 12**, 7:00 at Breslau Mennonite. See poster on bulletin board for more details.

The St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League will again be hosting its ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA on **Saturday, May 13th** from 1-3 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There are door prizes, bake & penny tables, and of course tea and dessert! This is an open invitation for everyone (men too) to come out for an enjoyable afternoon to honour our Mothers.

St Jacobs Mennonite Church has worked in cooperation with the Blyth Festival Theatre to offer a group discount to see the production of "Ipperwash" on Sunday, **August 27** at 2:00 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for conversation following the play. They are extending this offer to the local MCEC congregations. See bulletin board poster for details.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

Consider enrolling in a one-week, spring course through CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry or Canadian School of Peacebuilding. Among others, course options include Sustainable Business Models, Stewardship, Innovation and Social entrepreneurship; Human Rights and Indigenous Legal Traditions, and Practices for Transforming the Peacebuilder. Details at cmu.ca/gradcourses or cmu.ca/csop.

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 **Today April 30**.

EMMANUEL BIBLE COLLEGE

Career Opportunity – Residence Director. See bulletin board.

FRASER LAKE CAMP

Youth Summer Opportunity - FLC is providing bursaries for youth affiliated with the Mennonite church to experience our Leaders In Training program (includes a canoe trip through Algonquin Park), and our Counsellor In Training program. For application details contact Kristen Berg, kberg@fraserlakecamp.com

HIDDEN ACRES

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre is seeking an inspirational and committed person or couple for the newly created position of **Facilities and Environmental Stewardship Director**. Guided by the camp's mission statement, the FES Director will live on site and bring practical maintenance and organizational skills and a broad vision for creation care to camp life and operations beginning in Fall 2017. The successful applicant(s) will demonstrate a willingness to work hard, a desire to be active in Christian community, a genuine interest in working with young people, a love for nature and the outdoors, and a proven capacity to improvise, adapt and overcome. For more information and a job description visit: <http://hiddenacres.ca/site/opportunities/employment>. Please forward your resume or any questions to Campbell Nisbet at director@hiddenacres.ca

MENNO SINGERS

Saturday, May 13, 7:30pm, St Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St, Kitchener) – **Menno Singers**, directed by artistic director Peter Nikiforuk, presents Honegger's King David with orchestra and soloists Jennifer Taverner (soprano), Amanda Wilhelm (mezzo-soprano), Lenard Whiting (tenor) and narrator Dale Mieske. The concert also includes the premiere of a commissioned work, Years, Months, Days by local composer Colin Labadie. This is a farewell concert (with reception) for Peter Nikiforuk after 19 years of excellent leadership. Tickets are \$25 (students \$5), available from singers, at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Theatre of the Beat along with **No Discernable Key** presents **Yellow Bellies** 7:30 pm, Friday, **June 16**, Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyder's Rd W, Baden, A pacifist and a romantic sling rocks as their friends fight. Is it braver to follow your faith or fight for your family? Admission is free. Donations accepted for MCC Peace Projects.

Volunteers Needed in Kitchener. MCC's Material Resources and Building Maintenance departments are looking for up to three volunteers each to assist on a weekly basis at our 50 Kent offices. For more info about volunteering in Material Resources, please contact Carolyn Gray at 519-745-8458 ext 234 or go to mcco.ca/volunteer and for more info about volunteering in our Building Maintenance department, please contact Bob Lebold at 519-745-8458 ext 224 or go to mcco.ca/volunteer.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA

Junior Youth Retreat: May 12-14, at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Registration is now open. Theme is Building a Peaceful World and with educators from TREE. Worship and camp activities - including the new climbing wall! Register now for the Early Bird registration fee! For more information contact Mollee Moua.

Mennonite Men's Retreat - A Man's Spiritual Path: Up and Down -

Friday, June 9 - Saturday, June 10 Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, New Hamburg, ON Pastor Scott Brubaker-Zehr will lead our conversations, drawing from his research conducted during his doctoral studies - Understanding Men's "Experience of God." Bryan Moyer Suderman, accomplished musician and teacher, will lead worship.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Volunteers are now being scheduled for the **Fort McMurray, Alberta fire response**. Beginning May 14 to end of July, weekly volunteer crews are needed at two locations – Fort McMurray, AB and Saskatoon, SK. Sign up at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>, call 1-800-241-8111 or email dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net.

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Hosted by St. Clement's Church, to be held Sunday, **May 14**, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults; \$8.00 for children 12 & under; and children 2 and under are free. For tickets call Stacey Maher at 519-699-4774 or email staceylmayer@gmail.com or jrothfischer@outlook.com.

MILLBANK MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

Looking for a 10th team to balance out the league. Most games are Monday and Tuesday nights at 8:30, with odd game on Wednesday or Thursday at 8:30 in Millbank. If interested email trevor_kipp@hotmail.com or call/text (519-450-8581). Season starts on May 15. This responses will be on a first come first serve basis, and we only have 1 spot available.

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.

Plan on attending as there is fun for the whole family including: donate & roll coins at the Penny Power tent; kids can have fun in the Children's Activities; or visit the Craft Tent or Ten Thousand Villages tent to find a perfect gift. Also remember to bring your rhubarb to the Rhubarb Tent for resale.

SHALOM COUNSELLING

Fundraising Breakfast – Saturday May 6, 2017 8:30 a.m. Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church. "Why Life Promotion is the Best Suicide Prevention" Speaker tana Nash, Executive Director of the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Cost \$30. To order tickets call 519-886-9690 or admin@shalomcounselling.org by May 1st.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Registration is open for Summer with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more info, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

Paddle the Grand Fundraiser, Saturday May 13: Silver Lake supplies the canoe, lifejackets and paddles and you enjoy a 1.5 hour late afternoon paddle through some of Waterloo Region's most beautiful countryside from Inverhaugh to West Montrose. Funds raised help to support Silver Lake's summer camp program. Followed by the **Annual General Meeting**, Saturday May 13 at 5:30 pm at Leston Park, West Montrose. Enjoy a pizza dinner along the Grand River in West Montrose and hear details on the activities of the board over the past 12 months and our vision for Silver Lake for the next 12 months. SPECIAL NOTE: draft plans will be on display for our proposed retreat space! For more information please visit www.slmc.ca or call 519-422-1401.

SIX NATIONS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL & MUSEUM TOUR

Bus Trip Tuesday **May 9** leaves Gale Presbyterian Church at 10:15am returning 5:15pm. Cost \$55 per person, includes bus, lunch, admissions and guides. Contact Myrna Shantz at 519-669-2852 or myrna.shantz@galepresbyterian.com to register.

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