



“Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL – ALL AGES

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Julia Bowman
 Welcome and Announcements Rick Martin
 Call to Worship
 L: Like a seed growing in the darkness of the soil,
All: Our faith puts down roots and breaks through into sunlight.
 L: Like a mustard seed starting out small and insignificant,
All: Our faith can grow and be far more than we imagined.
 L: Our God, you are with us, you give us what we need.
All: We know that our God is good.
 L: May God give us strength and encourage us when we falter.
All: May we feel God’s hand holding and guiding us always.
Amen
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Nichelle Bauman
 “10,000 Reasons” on screen
 “How deep the Father’s love for us” on screen
 Scripture Reading – Psalm 23
 Children’s Story Rick Cober Bauman
 Dismissal for Junior Church
 Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
 “For the healing of the nations” WB#367
 “Beauty for brokenness” STS#115
 Scripture Reading – Matthew 25:34-40 Vernelda Weber
 Sermon: “Thank you Floradale, From the World” Rick Cober Bauman
 Hymn of Response
 “Jesus, help us live in peace” STJ#52
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer Gary Knarr
 Sending Song
 “Lord, whose love in humble service” WB#369
 Benediction
 Postlude

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: Cliff & Mary Bauman
 Next Week: Glenn & Elaine Martin
 Host/Hostess Today: Church lunch. No one scheduled.
 Host/Hostess Next Week: Mother’s Day – No one scheduled.

Congregational Prayer List

Please pray for our congregation as we meet together in a congregational meeting this afternoon to receive the report from Betty Pries, our congregational consultant from L3 Group. Pray that we will receive good direction for our future as a congregation, and helpful information to guide our search for a new lead pastor.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today – Congregational Lunch
Today - 1:30 – Congregational Meeting – Betty Pries/Reference Group
Tuesday, 8:30 – Ladies Breakfast at the Crossroads restaurant
Saturday - Women’s Fellowship Mystery Bus Tour - Please meet at **8:45am at Crystalview Church** and park in the back rows. Dress in layers for possible outdoor activities. Contact Karen or Norma if interested in the 2 seats still available
Sunday, 14th – Mother’s Day – Gary Knarr preaching

MYF CORNER

Tuesday, 7:00 – Last Life on Life
Friday – 7:00 - Life on Life party at Maggie’s Mudroom Elmira May 19-22 - PITCH AND PRAISE!

YAF CIRCLE

TODAY: Baseball and BBQ for young adults starting at 4 pm here at the church. Don’t miss it!

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

May 16 – Worship Committee
May 17 – Church Council
May 25, 9:00am – Area Senior’s Spring Bus Tour leaves from Elmira Mennonite to Bell Homestead National Historic Site, Whistling Gardens,

We welcome Rick Cober Bauman of Mennonite Central Committee and thank him for bringing the message this morning.

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.

Sunday, May 28 - Country Gospel Sunday - Hey y'all! Mosey on down the country road to our Outdoor Service on Sunday, May 28. Worship outdoors (behind the church) will begin at 11 am and will feature our Worship team, great Country Gospel music, and the farmer's favourite parable, The Parable of the Sower. Bring a lawn chair and plan to stay for lunch, where we will serve BBQ sausages and hot-dogs and share desserts and salads which you bring along. If you can bring your own dishes for the picnic, that will help. Special attractions for the children include: pony rides, a petting zoo and farm machinery displays. At 3 pm we will conclude with a baseball game. Plan to join us for this special day!

Global Music Sunday - June 11: Do you like international music? We will gather a small music group to give leadership to the singing for our Global Music Sunday - June 11. This group will practice on Thursday, June 8 at 7 pm and again on Sunday morning, June 11 at 9:30 am. Learning new music is always fun! Please let Nichelle know if you would like to join this group.

Theatre of the Beat along with No Discernable Key presents "Yellow Bellies" Saturday, June 17, 2:00pm and 7:00pm, at Floradale Mennonite Church. Tickets: \$20 (\$10 students/children) available at the door. A pacifist and a romantic sling rocks as their friends fight. Is it braver to follow your faith or fight for your family? See poster for more details. Alternate showing at Steinmann Mennonite Friday June 16.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert and Nancy Mann will be away from May 8 - May 23. They are travelling in Germany with TourMagination on a "Reformation history tour." We wish them safe travels and an inspirational time of learning.

In your mailbox this morning you will find **Sacred Trust**, an MCEC publication that explores a variety of aspects related to the experience of sexual misconduct by church leaders. The church is not immune from the harm caused by inappropriate boundary crossings. MCEC has produced this resource to help us deepen our awareness and better equip us to recognize and prevent this harm in our faith communities.

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!

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. We are **collecting empty gift wrap or paper towel rolls** for a craft this summer. Please place in the box (under the coat rack near the kitchen) or bring directly to Nancy's office. Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

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.

DETWEILER MEETINGHOUSE

Sunday, May 28, 2:30 p.m. A "Community Memorial Service"

Sunday, June 4, 2:30 p.m. "Stiff Family Singers" is a new Gospel Bluegrass program by a popular Wellesley musical family.

Sunday, July 9, 2:30 p.m. "Folk and Gospel Songs" led by Mike and Diana Erb, who are well known on the local music scene.

Sunday, September 17, 2:30 p.m. "Sing a New Song" lead by Mark Diller Harder. Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. More information: Laurence Martin, 519-208-4591.

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

Family Camping Weekend at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is quickly approaching. This year's Family Camping Weekend will take place June 30th to Sunday, July 2nd. Pitch a tent, park a trailer or camp in a cabin and come and enjoy God's beautiful creation. For more information visit www.hiddenacres.ca or to reserve a cabin, call (519) 625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca.

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

A new career opportunity for an Investment Services Representative - Kitchener has been posted to kindredcu.com.

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

From the MCC Banquet Committee: A big Thank you to the volunteers who did clean up at the Relief Sale Promotion Dinner April 24th.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SINGLE OR SINGLE AGAIN (SOSA) will be having a Dessert & Games Night Friday **May 12**, 7 pm at St. Agatha Mennonite Church. Coffee, tea, cold drink & dessert provided for a donation. Even if you are not a board fanatic, there should be something for everyone. Hope to see you there! For more information please call 519-662-2971"

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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