

Aug. 20 at 10:30 a.m Join the churches of Elmira and District for our **ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE** at Gibson Park, 17 First Street West, Elmira as we celebrate the blessings of Christian fellowship. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets and some tasty treats to share after the service. Casual dress. Enveloped offerings will be received by the local churches and loose offerings will be donated to Woolwich Community Services. In case of rain, the service will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Aug. 27 - Farewell to Katie Gerber: Plan to join us for worship and refreshments following the service.

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study for Fall 2017: Nancy Mann will be leading a women's group which will study "**Live your call: Embracing God's Mission**" by Anna Leichty Sawatsky. We will meet monthly on the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Our first meeting will be Thursday, Sept 21st at 7 pm at the church. Study books are available from Nancy if you would like to preview the material. Gary would like to lead a monthly Bible Study for men. Please speak to Gary if you are interested in participating.

Women's Fellowship needs your help. The Planning Committee and the Food Committee each have a vacancy to fill. Please call Rita Shantz at 519-669-1709 for more information or to help fill one of these positions.

The Hopping Thursday Team is in need of a leader for the Jr. Youth program beginning in September. Your involvement would include a 45 minute lesson time with Grade 6,7 and 8 students from our local community, followed by an opportunity if you wish, to support the program for the younger children for the second half of the evening (often craft-related). If you have a heart for working with young people to encourage their faith development, and would like more information about this program, please contact Veg Weber or Merri-Lee Metzger.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

Sunday, September 17 at 2:30pm Join us for a **memorial bluegrass concert** featuring **Rescue Junction**, and **5 on the Floor** who are reuniting for this special concert in memory of former band-mate Jim Reimer.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

Ride for Refuge will be held this year across Canada, Saturday, **September 30th**. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. This year as last year, Mennonite Church Canada is inviting congregations across the country to ride or walk in support of its Witness program. You can join a team or consider organizing a Floradale Church team. Further information is available at the Ride for Refuge Website: <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>



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No separate announcement sheet this week.