

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

- Nov. 26 - 2:30 p.m.** - Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. **Fifth Annual Welcoming Advent**, featuring the music of **Lifted Voices from First Mennonite Church** in Kitchener. Some of the music will have a particular Advent theme. More information: Sam Steiner, [519-884-1040](tel:519-884-1040).
- Nov. 26 - 6:00 p.m.** - Join **Theatre of the Beat** at the Huether Hotel's Jazz Room in Waterloo for an intimate fundraiser for a new van to keep the troupe on the road. Entertainment includes No Discernible Key, Dan Root, Theatre of the Beat and a Silent Auction. \$20 Tickets include entry and appetizers. For details and ticket purchases go to (www.theatreofthebeat.ca) or check (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1910494229199428>)
- COMMUNITY CAN DINE** - "Where the entire community comes together to meet & eat." Join us in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Church, Elmira (21 Arthur St. N.) on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome and it's "pay as you can". Upcoming menus are:
December 8 – Christmas Turkey Dinner
For more information contact the Trinity Office [519 669 5560](tel:519-669-5560) or triunited@golden.net
- Dec. 1 – 6:00 p.m.** - **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER** [19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira](https://www.google.com/maps/place/19+Flamingo+Drive,+Elmira,+ON). Tickets can be ordered through the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling [519-669-3387](tel:519-669-3387). Ticket prices are: adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. There will be a limited number of tickets available. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets! Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 29th. All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner. Funds raised for this event will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.
- Nov. 30 – 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.** – **Blood Donor Clinic** – Lions Hall, 40 South St., Elmira
- Dec. 2 and 3 – 7:00 p.m.** - "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**", a **Christmas Opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti**, directed by Stephanie Kramer and featuring soloists Adrienne Enns as Amahl, Pamela Derksen as The Mother, Daryl Roth, Laverne Brubacher and Mark Diller Harder as The Kings and Kevin Derksen as The Page. The performances will take place at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, [1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1310+King+St.+N.,+St.+Jacobs,+ON). General Admission Tickets are Children (12 years and under) \$5.00; Students \$10 and Adults \$20. Tickets are available through the church office ([519-664-2268](tel:519-664-2268) or church@sjmc.on.ca). Please see poster on bulletin board.
- Dec. 3 - 3:00 p.m.** – Join **Menno Singers** (Brandon Leis), **Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** (Carolyn Neumann-VanderBurgh) and **Menno Youth Singers** (Steve Surian) for a **Three Choirs at Christmas** Concert entitled "**Come Emmanuel**," at St John's Lutheran Church ([22 Willow St, Waterloo](https://www.google.com/maps/place/22+Willow+St,+Waterloo,+ON)). Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children/students and \$35 Family, available from choristers, at the door and online at www.mennosingers.com.
- Dec. 3 - 4:00 p.m.** - **BACH VESPERS FOR ADVENT: Spiritus Ensemble** presents a Bach Vespers for Advent Sunday. This one hour service will include a performance of Bach Cantata #30, 'Freue dich, erloeste Schar' and a choral setting of George Herbert's poem 'Heaven' by Zachary Wadsworth. Soloists are Sheila Dietrich, Sarah Pearson, Christopher Fischer and Richard Hrytzak; Kenneth Hull conducting. The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kitchener. Admission free; donations gratefully received.
- Dec. 6** - **Fairview Seniors Community** wishes to invite you to our **Annual Vocal and Handbell Choir Program**. This year entitled "Celebrating Christmas Around the World". Tickets include choir program and dessert for just \$5.00, with option of 2 pm and 7 pm seating. It is highly recommended to purchase or reserve tickets in advance by calling [519-653-5719](tel:519-653-5719).
- Dec. 9 - 7:30 p.m.** at Centre in the Square. **The Grand Philharmonic Choirs and KW Symphony present "the Messiah"** with guest soloists: Jacqueline Woodley, Soprano; Marjorie Maltais, Mezzo-Soprano; Andrew Haji, Tenor; Russel Braun, Baritone. Along with the timeless beauty of Handel's music, we will project breathtaking, hand-crafted images from the Saint John Bible, through a partnership with St. Jerome's University, Conrad Grebel University College, and University of Waterloo Critical Media Lab. Tickets at CITS box office [519 578 1570](tel:519-578-1570)
- Dec. 13 - 7:00 p.m.** - "**Men in Song**" – A Christmas celebration with the **Schneider Male Chorus and the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus** at First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo. Tickets: \$20, students \$15 and children 12 and under free. See bulletin board poster for more info.
- Dec. 17- 3:00 p.m.** - **Menno Singers** is sponsoring a **Messiah Sing-a-Long** with orchestra and soloists at St Jacobs Mennonite Church ([1310 King St. N, St Jacobs](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1310+King+St.+N.,+St.+Jacobs,+ON)) with conductors Brandon Leis and Mark Diller Harder. Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Attendance is by donation with tax receipts available for donations over \$20. www.mennosingers.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMU

CMU's Sunday@CMU radio program will feature a new sermon series by Dr. Andrew Dyck, Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, throughout December. The five-part series uses the Advent/Christmas season as a springboard to discuss Jesus Christ's second coming, and what it means to live as a faithful Christian. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio and online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

Interested in studying at CMU? Apply before Nov. 30 and have your application fee waived. See cmu.ca/apply.

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

On **December 2 from 10-4**, Conrad Grebel University College students are hosting the **Make-A-Difference Market**. This charity Christmas market supports Direct Relief, an organization that provides emergency healthcare in disaster zones. Come listen to live music, get some Christmas shopping done, and enjoy baked goods and hearty soup all while supporting a good cause!

The Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies invites you to a **Double Book Launch** on December 7, at 7:00 pm in Conrad Grebel University College's Community Education room. Join Hildi Froese Tiessen and Connie T. Braun as they celebrate their newest publications: *11 Encounters with Mennonite Fiction*, and *Silentium: And Other Reflections on Memory, Sorrow, Place, and the Sacred*.

Take a moment to reflect and be inspired at a mid-week **Advent Jazz Vespers service** at Conrad Grebel University College. The service will be held in the Grebel Chapel on **Wednesday, December 13, 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

Conrad Grebel University College, a residence and teaching community affiliated with the University of Waterloo, seeks a married couple for the position of **Campus Hosts** (formerly known as Senior Residents), **beginning spring 2018**. The role involves living in an apartment in the College's residence building and supervising the College during non-business hours. Rent and utilities are free in exchange for performance of duties. Applicants should be mature, responsible and able to relate to a broad range of people, especially students in residence. Application deadline is **January 8, 2018**. Read more at grebel.ca/positions

To start in January 2018, Conrad Grebel University College is hiring a **part-time food services assistant** for a contract position covering a maternity leave, working 6-8 shifts per 2-week period. Apply by Dec. 11, 2017. Read the full job description at grebel.ca/positions

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

2017 Christmas Hampers with Turkey Drive - Hamper packing starts November 29. Packing volunteer spots are full. Hamper delivery is from **December 11 – 19. Volunteers are needed**. Turkey Trucks run from **December 13 – 20. Volunteers are needed**. Resourced primarily by the incredible financial support of the Kitchener-Conestoga Rotary Club and the hands of over 600 volunteers, we are excited to once again partner with this compassionate and caring community to provide food hampers and turkeys to those in need of food over the Holidays. To volunteer to hand out turkeys or deliver hampers, please visit www.christmashampers.ca or email Diana at info@christmashampers.ca

23rd Annual February Potato Blitz – February 2018

- **Don Cameron Potato Night** at the Aud. Friday, Jan. 26, 7:30pm
- **Supermarket Blitz** throughout KW Saturday, Feb. 10, all day. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please invite your church or networks to volunteer at a local store in collecting spuds and donations, or consider working with your local school to organize a class-wide or school-wide *February Potato Blitz* – school edition! To learn more contact DawnG@houseoffriendship.org or 519-742-8327 x 119.
- **Community Potato Lunch - St. Andrew's Presbyterian (Kitchener) Friday, Feb 23**

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for a **Donations Coordinator**. The Coordinator ensures our four Auctions (Indoor, Outdoor, Silent & Children) have enough items for auction and each auction is run effectively. For more information see www.nhmrs.com/news or contact John Reimer at john.b.reimer@outlook.com or [519-662-4315](tel:519-662-4315).

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES

If you would like to support the **Christmas Goodwill program**, you can donate gifts of new clothing, new toys or money, or you can sponsor a family or child. Volunteer help is another way to donate. Sponsor guidelines can be seen on the bulletin board inside the sanctuary. All gifts should be delivered to either Woolwich Community Services office, new location 5 Memorial Ave. by Friday, Dec. 8th or to the Lion's Hall, on Sunday, Dec. 10th, between 1:00 - 3:00.