

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Loepp Thiessen – Church Council is recommending Jim Loepp Thiessen to the congregation as our full-time lead pastor. Jim and his wife Ingrid will visit us on the weekend of January 13 and 14. This is a brief summary of the events that are planned:

- January 13 – Jim and Ingrid will meet with Church Council, Elders, Staff Relations, the Pastoral Search Committee, and our staff for breakfast at The Stone Crock in St. Jacobs.
- January 14 – We will have three opportunities to experience Jim: Sunday School in the multi-purpose room, a sermon and children's story during the worship service, and a potluck lunch and presentation following the worship service.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will ask everyone to complete a brief survey sharing affirmations, concerns, and general comments. Church Council will evaluate the feedback and make a decision. Jim is available to start in the lead pastor role on May 1, 2018 if called.

Gary Knarr has received a call to an interim position at Preston Mennonite Church beginning March 1, 2018. Church Council asked Nancy Mann to move into a full time pastoral position at Floradale Mennonite Church for the months of March and April, and Nancy has graciously consented to this. December 10 Gary and Christine will visit Preston Mennonite Church to meet the congregation. Gary and Christine request your prayers during this time of transition, and will keep all of you in our prayers as well.

Rejoice Devotional – This quarter's Rejoice did not come with our regular order. We should be receiving it soon and will be in mailboxes as soon as it is received.

MCC Relief Kits – Supplies for relief kits will be collected until Sunday, January 7. Please place items under the tree in the foyer. For items needed, refer to Dec. 3 bulletin insert or see <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief>.

Notes of Thanks – Check the sanctuary bulletin board for thank you notes received for gifts sent to various organizations.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

Dec. 12 - 7:30 p.m. - Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Christmas Concert at St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Celebrate the season with Rockway's Music Department as students from Grades 7-12 present Songs for a Winter's Night. Free will offering. All are welcome!

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. 15, 7-9 p.m. Dec. 16, 7-9 p.m. and Dec. 17, 2-4:30 pm and 7-9 pm - An Advent Journey Marketplace - Experience the sights, smells and drama as you journey back to the time when Christ was born. Indoor guided walking tours are approximately 45 minutes long and run at Listowel Mennonite Church. Everyone welcome - bring a friend!

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](#)) 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

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

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.

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

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

International Teams Canada is currently looking for an independent contractor to fulfill Payables & Payroll Clerk duties at our office. International Teams Canada Inc. (also known as iTeams Canada) is a growing, innovative charitable organization dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of widows, orphans, and refugees around the globe. (www.iteams.ca) The contract will be for a few hours a week, beginning as soon as possible. For more details contact: Email: danica.chamberlain@iteams.ca or Phone: [519-669-8844 ext 1050](tel:519-669-8844)

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).

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration - Sunday, January 14th, 2018 - 2-5pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate
Please join us to celebrate Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years of teaching at Rockway.

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.