

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. We are pleased to have Jim and his wife Ingrid with us this weekend. In church mailboxes today is a brief survey providing an opportunity to share affirmations, concerns, and general comments. We ask that everyone complete the survey and place it in the designated box in the church foyer by January 21, 2018. Church Council will evaluate the feedback and make a decision. Jim is available to start in the lead pastor role on May 1, 2018.

A big thank you to the Floradale Church Family for your prayers, visits, and volunteering in many capacities, during Aunt Erma's illness, and funeral. We greatly appreciate and value the support of the church community. We experience God's love anew, through you and your loving service. Thank you! Phyllis Martin-Neufeld and Glen & Elaine Martin.

Contributions to the MCC kits will provide 21 full kits, as well as 42 more towels for 10 more kits, \$129 in financial donations and \$708 profits from calendar sales. Thanks to everyone for their contributions!

Gary Knarr will be away Saturday and Sunday January 13 and 14 for the quarterly weekend off.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

Jan. 28 – 2:30 p.m. – **Circle of Learning and Song** – A celebration of music at St. James Lutheran, Elmira featuring Inshallah, Mino Ode Kwewak N'Gamowak and members of the Music for the Spirit program. Freewill offering with proceeds going to support the Music for the Spirit program on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

Feb. 26 – 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. – **Blood Donor Clinic** – Lions Hall, 40 South St., Elmira

Feb. 10, 2018 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - **Worship Come to its Senses** at Waterloo North Mennonite Church with Don Sailers. In this workshop we will explore songs, texts, and a combination of verbal and non-verbal ways to communicate our worship. Through interactive learning, we will discover how, in the words of facilitator Don Sailers, "Christian worship, like a dazzling diamond, must continually be turned in the light of our living and dying, our struggles and our deepest hopes, in order to be fully appreciated" (*Worship Come to Its Senses*, p. 90). For registration go to: <https://uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/worship-come-its-senses-february-10-2018>

Feb. 17, 2018 - Marriage Encounter Valentine's Banquet at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Road, Waterloo. Refreshments are served at 6:00 p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner catered by Bellzy's. After dinner entertainment is provided by the music group, "Stand Firm." Tickets are \$45.00/person. See poster for details.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMU

Prospective students (and their parents) - explore CMU through two upcoming opportunities: **Friday, Feb. 2 Campus Visit Day** (a day to explore campus, learn about CMU programs, attend a class and interact with professors) and **Friday, Feb. 9 Discover Outtown Visit Day** (CMU's unique, one or two-semester discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.

CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

On **Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 pm**, visit Conrad Grebel University College for the Fretz Visiting Scholar Lecture with Russian history scholar Aileen Friesen. Aileen will explore Mennonite colonization on Muslim land in her lecture, "**Muslim-Mennonite Encounters in the Russian Empire.**" Grebel Great Hall. grebel.ca/events

Conrad Grebel University College is pleased to welcome Don E. Sailers as the 2018 Rodney and Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholar. Catch his free lecture "**Psalms in a Difficult Time: the Rhythms of Doxology and Lament**" on **Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 pm** in the Grebel Great Hall. grebel.ca/events

On **March 1 and 2**, David Weaver-Zercher brings "**Bloody Theatre, Bloodless Theatre: Representing Mennonites, Past and Present**" to Grebel as part of the Bechtel Lecture series. His public lecture takes place on March 1 at 7:30 pm at Grebel, with a complementary panel discussion the following evening at 7:30 pm. grebel.ca/events

HIDDEN ACRES

Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp-Feb. 19, 2018 from 10:00am-3:30pm – Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Bring your own equipment for sledding and skating, enjoy roasting bannock around the campfire, warm up inside with pretzel-making, crafts, ping-pong, and much more! Some activities are weather dependent. Choose a hot lunch for \$3/person or bring a bagged lunch (peanut-free). RSVP to info@hiddenacres.ca or call (519) 625-8602. Please let us know if you are bringing your own lunch or choosing the Hidden Acres lunch.

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

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**

KINDRED CREDIT UNION

A **new career opportunity** for an Investment Services Support Representative at our head office has been posted to kindredcu.com.

MCEC

MCEC Annual Church Gathering - April 27 - 28, 2018 at Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration - Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. There will be a receiving line from 2 - 3 p.m. with a program from 3 - 4 p.m. and more receiving line after from 4-5 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout. Please join us to celebrate Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years of teaching at Rockway.

Grade 9 Information Night - Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7pm Is your child currently in Grade 8? Do you know of families wanting to make a change for High School? Attend the Gr.9 Information Night to discover "The Rockway Experience." Register at rockway.ca

SILVERLAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Women's Retreat: February 9-11, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food.....those are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women's Retreat. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call [519-422-3200](tel:519-422-3200)

Registration opens February 1 for Summer 2018 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Leadership Programs, Outtrips and much more. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or [519-422-1401](tel:519-422-1401).

Family Camp at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, May 18-20, 2018. Join us for a great weekend of all-inclusive camping with special guests Brian and Julie Moyer Suderman. We provide the food and programming while you enjoy camp as a family! Cost ranges from \$325-\$375 per family. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or [519-422-1401](tel:519-422-1401)