

9:45 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (More info below)

11:00 **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude	Worship Team
Welcome and Announcements	Rick Martin
Call to Worship	
L: Here we are! Gathered with the stories from our week: Answered prayer! The courage to go on!	
All: Here we are! Gathered with the stories from our week: Heartache, fear, disappointment!	
L: We gather with anticipation! What will God do with the testimonies we bring? What new thing is happening among us? What might God be up to in the midst of us?	
All: We gather to listen for God's word waiting to be written onto the pages of our lives.	
L: Come, Holy Spirit, and whisper to us a new story, a new hope.	
Opening Prayer	
Congregational Singing	Worship Team
"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"	on screen
"Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)"	on screen
Scripture Reading – Isaiah 43:18-21 NRSV	
Children's Story	Jim Loepp Thiessen
Dismissal for Junior Church	
Giving of Tithes and Offerings	
Congregational Singing	
"10,000 Reasons"	on screen
Scripture Reading – Ephesians 6:10-18 NRSV	Steve O. Bauman
Sermon: "The power of the second story"	Jim Loepp Thiessen, our pastoral candidate
Hymn of Response	
"Take my life"	WB#389
Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence	
Pastoral Prayer	Nancy Mann
Sending Song	
"Everlasting God"	on screen
Benediction	Nancy Mann
Postlude	

We welcome Jim Loepp Thiessen, our pastoral candidate, to our pulpit this morning. Jim Loepp Thiessen is currently the interim pastor at North Leamington United Mennonite Church, where he has been the past two years. Previous to this interim placement, Jim was at The Gathering Church in Kitchener (MCEC). Jim started The Gathering church in 2004 with four people praying together. Jesus spoke this promise: "I will build my church!" Jim says of the experience, "Everyone should have the privilege of starting a church from nothing and watching that promise come to life! Over eleven

years the small group of praying people watched the young plant flourish and become a home to many with a very active community presence. Previous to church planting Jim was the pastor at Shantz Mennonite in Baden for twelve years. As a pastor Jim has enjoyed chances to visit and learn from the global church and has served on the board at Shalom Counseling, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and Interfaith Counseling.

Jim is married to Ingrid, the chaplain at Sunnyside Home in Kitchener. They have three young adult children: Thomas, Anneli and Joanna. Jim grew up in Edmonton, Alberta, attended Bible School in British Columbia, Bible College and University in Winnipeg, and completed his Masters in Pastoral Ministry in Elkhart, Indiana. A great day for Jim includes a trip to the gym, a really, really good cup of coffee, some time reading the newspaper, making something good for supper which might include the barbeque, and watching a movie or singing some songs with the family. Jim and Ingrid achieved their family goal of driving across Canada and visiting every province with their children. The whole family still likes to travel together and enjoys hosting friends in their home.

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church following the children's story. We ask that parents/guardians accompany very young children as needed. *An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.*

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: Lloyd & Brenda Martin
Next Week: Jeff & Gloria Bauman

Congregational Prayer List

Our sympathy to **Lester Kehl and his family** in the death of Lester's sister-in-law **Florence Kehl** who passed away last week at the age of 76. Florence was the wife of Lester's brother Norman.

Brenda (Reg) Martin's grandmother, Marion Irvine, passed away January 1 at Wellington Terrace in Fergus at the age of 97. The funeral service was January 9 in Grand Valley. Our sympathy and prayers are with Brenda and her family.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the **family of Irene Freeman**. Irene passed away during the evening Monday, January 8. The funeral service was held at the church on Friday January 12, 2018.

We are thankful that **Murray Martin** had a successful surgery to replace a heart valve on Monday, and we pray for Murray's ongoing recovery.

Please pray for **Onne and Betty Snip** as they prepare to formally join our congregation as members on Sunday, January 21. Pray that we will joyfully enrich one another on our journeys of faith as we give and receive care, support and counsel from one another.

Our sympathy and prayers are with **Marjorie Metzger and Cliff Bauman** and their families in the death of their brother **Wayne Bauman** who passed away Thursday in London University Hospital following a lengthy illness.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

Today – Meet Jim Loepp Thiessen – potluck lunch. Please bring your own dishes.

Tuesday – 12:00 – Ladies lunch at Crossroads - All ladies welcome to join us to celebrate two 80th birthdays - Eleanor Metzger & Wanda Kehl

Wednesday – 7:00 – Finance Committee

Wednesday – 7:30 – Worship Committee

Thursday – 7:00 – Hopping Thursday

Friday – 7:00 – Interfaith Dialogue Men’s Volleyball

Sunday - Annual Reports are due to Veg Weber. They can be put in her mailbox or emailed to rossveg@gmail.com.

YAF CIRCLE

January 15 - Young Adult Faith and Life Discussion group will start up again **this Monday at 7:30 pm** at the home of Jake and Ashley Albrecht. All young adults are welcome to join us.

January 27 - Join us for the Rescue Junction concert here at the church at 7 pm. P.S. For Young Adult tickets to the Roast beef dinner, talk to Nancy Mann

February 11 - Our February Supper-at-Six will be a joint event with young adults from Elmira Mennonite Church. It will be **hosted at Elmira.** Kandace Boos, a MCC Indigenous Neighbours Program Animator, will be joining us to lead an interactive blanket exercise. Bring food and come prepared **to learn and explore something new. 6 pm as usual.**

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

January 23 – February calendar items due to the office

January 24 – 7:00 – Church Council

January 26 – 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast at Crossroads-Fred Redekop will speak on the work of MCC

January 27 – 5:30 - Roast Beef Dinner (Tickets available in the foyer today)
- **7:00 – Rescue Junction Concert**

February 25 – Annual Meeting

March 24 – Keep the date! Women’s Fellowship Breakfast and special speaker Sharon Brubacher sharing her story of hope and healing. Bring a friend.

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45		Upcoming Elective Classes
Kidz Korner	basement	Jan. 14 – Meet Jim Loepp Thiessen during Sunday School Hour. He will present “Five things I learned about the church from starting a church”
Drawing Class	Room 12	
Discussion Class	Room 9	
Seniors Class	Board Room	
Adult Bible Study	Room 11	

See announcement sheet for other announcements.



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