

# FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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## ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Interested in singing as a part of choir/vocal ensemble on Easter Sunday?** We will prepare the song "*I Will Rise*" for special music. Practices will run Sundays March 4, 11 and 25 at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

### Wednesday Evening Lenten Services: 7:00 p.m.

- Feb. 21 – Elmira Mennonite – Susan Campbell speaking
- Feb. 28 – St. Teresa's – Paul Dyck speaking
- Mar. 7 – Floradale Mennonite – Fanosie Legesse speaking
- Mar 14 – Gale Presbyterian Church – Hans Borch speaking
- Mar 21 – Trinity United – David Lewis speaking

**Would you like to join Floradale Mennonite Church?** Joining the church is our way of saying "yes!" to God's call, "yes!" to this faith community, and "yes!" to offering our gifts in service. Gary Knarr and Nancy Mann are offering a series of Faith Formation conversations with those interested in considering Baptism/church membership at Floradale. We will begin on Sunday, Feb 18 at 12:30 pm after church. If you are interested, please speak to Gary or Nancy.

**Gary Knarr will conclude his time of interim ministry with us at the end of February.** Gary will be receiving a call to Preston Mennonite Church in March. We would like to show our appreciation to Gary and Christine for their time with us during the Sunday service on February 25, 2018. **Plan to stay after the service for a ham and scalloped potatoes lunch, followed by our Annual Meeting.**

**Floradale Mennonite Church is in need of someone to take on the lawn mowing and trimming contract at the church.** If you are interested, please contact Willis at 519-722-2588.

**Vacation Bible Camp - July 2 - 6, 2018.** Are you already planning your summer vacation? Why not plan to participate in a fun-filled "**Peace Lab**" this summer during our Vacation Bible Camp week. I guarantee that you will be spiritually enriched, have a great time and be exhausted by the end of the week! You will find a deep joy as you engage with the children as we explore how the gospel helps us learn to build peace in our hearts, our homes, our community and our world. Speak with Nancy Mann if you would like to volunteer or if you plan to bring your children to Vacation Bible Camp this summer.

## LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

**SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT** – St. Teresa Parish, [19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira](#) will be offering a series of talks on Medieval Art and Architecture during the season of Lent on Thursday evenings, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church. The talks with power point visual display will be given by Dr. Joan Coutu, Professor of Art History at the University of Waterloo. Please join us.

**Feb. 23 – 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Blood Donor Clinic** – Lions Hall, 40 South St., Elmira

**Feb. 25, 7:00pm**, Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church ([57 Stirling Ave. N, Kitchener](#)). Join Mark Diller Harder, Brandon Leis and the Menno Singers Family of Choirs (**Menno Singers, Menno Youth Singers and Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir**) for a **mid-winter evening of hymn singing**, including the testing of songs being considered by the Menno Media Resonate Committee for a new Mennonite Hymnal. Admission by donation.

**JK – Grade 8 Open House/Registration Days:** [Community Christian School, Drayton](#) is a place where students are nurtured within a community of faith, love, and excellence. We invite you to come and see for yourself. **Open House/Registration for Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8 are on February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2 during the school day (evening by appointment).** Check out the website for more information at [www.ccsdrayton.org](http://www.ccsdrayton.org) or call the school at [519-638-2395](tel:519-638-2395). Feel free to visit the school, sit in the classrooms and talk to the principal on those days. Ask about our bursary programs and find out how your first year can be half price. If the above dates do not suit you, call the school and we will gladly make other arrangements. **Now offering a five day JK and SK program!**

**March 2 & 3** - Join the Grade 9-12 students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate for their production of hilarious comedy. **The Mouse that Roared.** Tickets are \$12 and are available online or cash at the door. Visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) for ticket and show information.

**March 3 – 6:15** - The annual **MEDA Spring Banquet** is just around the corner. The banquet will take place at **Floradale Mennonite church**. Doors open at 6:15pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm. We will be joined by guest speaker Cavelle Dove, who will share about MEDA's exciting new project in Myanmar. To register, and for more information visit the MEDA Waterloo Chapter website or contact the MEDA Office at [519-725-1633 ext 100](tel:519-725-1633) or email [meda@meda.org](mailto:meda@meda.org)

**March 6th and/or April 12<sup>th</sup>.** **Community Mennonite Fellowship in Drayton is hosting a sign painting night.** It is a fundraiser for the CMF youth Dominican Mission trip. Cost is \$45.00 per sign. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

**March 7 – 7:30 p.m.** - An Indigenous community of 800 residents near Sarnia has been smothered, for decades, by Canada's petrochemical industry. Two sisters from Aamjiwnaang, Vanessa and Lindsay Gray, have dedicated themselves to fighting environmental racism and protecting their community's land and water. The critically acclaimed play **The Chemical Valley Project**, explores Aamjiwnaang, Canada's energy infrastructure, its colonial past and present, and indigenous solidarity and reconciliation. One KW performance only at the Registry Theatre, \$20 (students and seniors \$15).

**March 23-25 - Put Spring into Your Marriage** at a Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter Weekend coming up at Monastery of Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls,. Visit [www.marriageencounterec.com](http://www.marriageencounterec.com).

**March 25th, 7:00pm - Living Easter Today, The Call to Grace, Greatness & Glory!** is a musical sermon, which will be presented at Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira with Canada's Singing Priest, The Rev. Mark Curtis. In word, song and spectacular videos, this musical sermon introduces us to a newer understanding of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection for today's discipleship, empowering your faith with a greater desire to love the Lord through joyful and meaningful service to others. Join us for this inspirational celebration which invites us to look beyond Easter as a season and embrace Easter, as a lifetime call to joyful service with His grace, for His greatness and for His glory! Free Will Offering.

**April 20 - 21, 2018 - Women of MCEC Annual Spring Enrichment Day** Leamington, ON Are you longing for the opportunity to breathe deeply? Do you wonder how to nurture a sense of abundance and space when life often seems overcrowded and fragmented? Join us as pastor and writer April Yamasaki invites us into living with divine creativity. WMCEC Spring Enrichment *Day* 2018 is going to be an *overnight* gathering in Leamington on April 20-21. We have hotel rooms reserved and buses booked! **See bulletin board for registration forms.**

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CMU**

Live Stream Event: CMU is honoured to host **Senator Murray Sinclair** as he shares stories and insights of Canadian communities, churches, and educational institutions responding to the TRC 94 Calls to Action. Senator Sinclair will speak on 'The TRC, Calls to Action, and the Mountain before Us: Stories of Hope and Challenge'. Join us on **Monday, Mar. 5, 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons**. More info at [media.cmu.ca/events](http://media.cmu.ca/events).

February 28 is CMU's deadline for **Scholarships and Awards** for new students. See [cmu.ca/financialaid](http://cmu.ca/financialaid) for applications and information. CMU issued over 400 scholarships and bursaries to students last year, awarding over \$558,000 to almost two thirds of the full time student body.

Peace is the work of young people and old people, of mothers, farmers, engineers, artists and teachers. If you are interested in learning more about peace, there is a place for you at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, Jun. 11-15 or 18-22, 2018**. More information is available at [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca). Apply early to ensure your choice of courses.

### **CONRAD GREBEL COLLEGE**

Conrad Grebel University College invites Grade 10 students to attend the University of Waterloo **Grade 10 Family Night** on **Thursday, February 22 at 5:15pm**. Have a free pizza supper, meet current students, and learn about Grebel! Then visit UWaterloo to learn about how to prepare for university. To register for supper, email [pbartel@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:pbartel@uwaterloo.ca) by Tues., Feb. 20 with the number of people attending and any dietary restrictions. More info at [www.grebel.ca/events](http://www.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](mailto: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.

**Grandparent & Grandchild Day** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Bring your grandchildren in grades 1-6 for an awesome day of playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. Alexa and Becki from **The Ripple Effect Education (TREE)** will join us to explore how we can work towards peace together in our everyday lives. Brochures can be found on the foyer bulletin board.. For more information, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca), email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or call [\(519\)625-8602](tel:5196258602).

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre's Annual Fundraising Bowlathon** will be held on Saturday, March 3<sup>th</sup>. This is the camp's main annual fundraising activity. Last year \$34,000 was raised! This money is used for Capital expenses. Please show your support by sponsoring **Lorne Bowman**. THANK YOU!!

### **FRASER LAKE CAMP**

**Staff positions available at Fraser Lake Camp** - Do you want to spend a summer making a difference in kids' lives? Are you an energetic youth over 17? We are in need of male camp counsellors to join our awesome team this summer. Interested? Contact camp director, Kristen Berg: [kberg@fraserlakecamp.com](mailto:kberg@fraserlakecamp.com)

### **MCEC**

**MCEC Annual Church Gathering - Connected: Striving side by side with one mind - April 27 - 28, 2018** at Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON

### **SILVERLAKE MENNONITE CAMP**

**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](http://www.slmc.ca) or contact the camp office [fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca) or 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](http://www.slmc.ca) or contact the camp office [fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca) or 519-422-1401