

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are welcoming Jim Loepp Thiessen, as our lead pastor May 1st. Jim most recently was 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.

Friday, June 22, 8:30 a.m. - Meet at Elmira Mennonite Church for **Area Senior's Fellowship Bus Trip** to Martin's Family Fruit Farm to tour processing plant and Walters Theatre for dinner and to see **Amish Love and Forgiveness**. Tickets are limited and are \$100 on a first-come-first-served basis. A waiting list will be established. See Darrell and Florence Jantzi for availability.

Marj will be on vacation until May 3. There will be no office coverage during this time.

EGG ROLL SALE at Grace Lao Mennonite Church, \$10/10 egg rolls. Pick up **Saturday, May 5, 9-4:00** at 575 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary by **TODAY**.

Vacation Bible Camp - July 2 - 6, 2018. Registration forms are now available for our VBC this summer, which will take place at Elmira Mennonite Church from 9:00 am - 11:30 am each day. This year's theme is "**Peace Lab**" - through the Bible stories we explore, children will learn peace-building and conflict resolution skills which will enhance their everyday lives. Children entering Jr Kindergarten up to and including grade 8 are welcome to participate. Jr Youth will participate in excursions off-site and will enjoy a special session with Katie Gingerich from **The Ripple Effect Education (TREE)**. There is no charge to participate, but we do need your registration in advance. Registrations can be given to Nancy Mann or left in the church office.

Meet the New MC Canada Joint Council, May 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at 50 Kent. This is your invitation to meet in person with the Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council to share your vision and concerns with them and to learn more about their work as they oversee the implementation of the new nationwide partnership of our five Regional Churches. The Joint Council is the executive board for the newly restructured Mennonite Church Canada and is comprised of the moderators and an additional rep from each of the Regional Churches. Please join us for updates, conversation and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

May 2 - 4:45-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry at Gale Presbyterian Church. Advance Ticket required available by calling Church Office 519-669-2852 or Lee at 519-669-8217 Adults \$18, Child (under 12) \$8. Take outs available after 5:30. Profits support Woolwich Counselling Centre & The Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

May 5 - 8:30 a.m. - Shalom Counselling Services Spring Breakfast: Celebrating 35 Years! "What I Find Inspiring: Working with youth and mental illness". Speaker: Dr. John Heintzman, Chief of Psychiatry at Grand River Hospital. Held at Crosshill Mennonite Church, 2537 Hutchison Rd. Millbank. Tickets - \$30 (\$15 receipted) Contact: 519-886-9690 or admin@shalomcounselling.org by April 30th to order your ticket.

May 5 - 7:30 p.m. at St Jacobs Mennonite Church ([1310 King St. N, St Jacobs](#)) - Join **Menno Singers** and artistic director Brandon Leis for their last concert of the season entitled '**Come Joy of Singing**', a celebration of poetry, prayers, spirituals and gospel songs, as chosen by the choristers. Tickets are \$20 adults, 5\$ children/students, available from choristers, at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com.

May 6 - 3:00 p.m. - Gloryland Chorus with special guest The Crescendo Children's Choir benefit concert held at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Road South, Waterloo, in support of Open Sesame Headstart Preschool. Admission by donation, receipts available. Poster on bulletin board.

May 15 - 7:00 p.m. - Do you struggle with stress, anxiety or depression or know someone who does? Mike Glugosh is the Managing director of the Mountainview Clinic for stress, anxiety and depression and he will share his story of his

recovery and provide coping skills to help manage thoughts and emotions at this **free seminar** in the Community Room at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex. For more info, contact Listowel Mennonite Church at lmc@cyq.net or 519-291-2350
June 13 – 6:15 p.m. – **Fairview Mennonite and Parkwood Mennonite Homes Annual General Meeting** at Fairview Mennonite Home, 515 Langs Drive, Cambridge. Guest Speaker – Jane Kuepfer, “Befriending Death”. If you would like to attend, please contact Barb Montague @ Fairview, 519-653-5719, ext 4837.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRVIEW MENNONITE HOME

Fairview Mennonite Home is currently looking for a new Chaplain.

FRASER LAKE CAMP

Willowgrove is very grateful for the five years of strong leadership and passion that director Kristen Berg has given to **Fraser Lake Camp**. We are currently **inviting FLC Director applications** to carry this leadership forward for the 2019 season and beyond. The position will begin in **September 2018** and is 80%, with the possibility for full time, depending on the candidate’s availability and skill set. The position is based out of the Willowgrove office in Stouffville, Ontario for the off-season and at the Fraser Lake Camp site in Bancroft, Ontario during the camp season. Rental accommodation is available on the Willowgrove property. We are seeking a person with strong relational and organizational skills, who has a passion for working with youth and children in an outdoor faith-building context. For more information and/or to send an application, contact Miriam Reesor, Miriam@willowgrove.ca. Application deadline is May 18, 2018.

HIDDEN ACRES CAMP

Summer Camp Positions at Hidden Acres. We are looking for great people to fill our staff team for the summer of 2018. If you are looking to serve God, impact the lives of campers, spend time outdoors, develop your leadership skills and build great friendships then Hidden Acres may be the place for you. There are a number of positions available including Cooks, Cabin Leaders, Lifeguards, Maintenance staff, an Office Assistant and a Nature Director. For more information or to fill out an application, go to www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Chris Pot at [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602) or chrispot@hiddenacres.ca

Mennonite Men Retreat – Healthy Masculinity: On Being A Man – June 15-16, 2018 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, New Hamburg, ON. In this gathering of men and boys, we will explore how healthy masculinity is better for everyone. Based on who we are as beloved sons of God, we will reconsider the marks of real men and engage our part in building God’s peace. See the bulletin board for more details.

Family Camping Weekend at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, **June 29th - July 1st**. This is a great weekend to enjoy God’s beautiful creation with family and friends. Campsites for tents, trailers or RV’s available on a first come-first served basis, cabins available by reservation. For more information, please visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca or call 519-625-8602.

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

House of Friendship's 13th Annual Trek For Kids to send low income children to camp is May 5, Dave Metzger and Lester Kehl will be hiking and will receive pledges or donations on Sunday Apr. 29. It costs \$600 to send one child to overnight camp for a week. Thanks for any support you can give.

MCC

The MCC rePurpose Centre in Elmira has job openings for two warehouse summer support positions. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to call 519-669-3284. Please see the following link <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/warehouse-summer-support>

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for volunteers to help at the Sale. A list of needs is available at our website (www.nhmrs.com) or contact john.b.reimer@outlook.com.

Get involved at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale May 25th & 26th! **Run for Relief:** Register for the 5k Run or 2k Walk. Play Music: Busking-style musicians are needed Friday evening or Saturday (contact Dan at dan@ddajohnson.com)

Plants: Start plant cuttings and bulbs now and bring them to our Plant Tent for the Sale. Details of these opportunities to get involved can be found at our website (www.nhmrs.com) or email john.b.reimer@outlook.com.

SILVERLAKE MENNONITE CAMP

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.

Paddle the Grand Annual Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Join us Saturday **May 12 at 3 p.m.** for an easy and fun 1.5 hour excursion down the Grand River from Inverhaugh to the Covered Bridge at West Montrose. BBQ to follow in West Montrose. Participants are encouraged to raise \$500 per canoe and Silver Lake provides all necessary equipment (canoe, paddles and lifejackets). For more information visit www.slmc.ca or call [519-422-1401](tel:519-422-1401).

Volunteering at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Sauble Beach. Each week of the summer, Silver Lake uses volunteers to help staff with preparing meals and/or keeping the property and facilities in top notch condition. Lots of great things are happening at Silver Lake so please consider experiencing the magic of camp first-hand this summer as a volunteer. Call [519-422-1401](tel:519-422-1401) for more information or visit <http://slmc.ca/camp/volunteers/> to register.