

**10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Worship

L: From the corners of worry and fear,  
from the shadows where we huddle with our doubts,

**All: God calls us to this place of sanctuary  
where we can draw from Love's deep wells.**

L: In every moment where we look for strength to continue,  
in every time wonder if faith is worth it,

**All: Jesus calls us to this time  
where we can welcome the peace given to us.**

L: In every person who embraces us with acceptance,  
in every touch that offers healing and hope,

**All: All the spirit calls us to see those around us  
as God's beloved, our sisters and brothers of grace.**

Opening Prayer

Congregational Song

"God of our strength"

HWB#36

Children's Story

Congregational Song

"Precious Lord, take my hand"

HWB#575

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Song

"God of the Bible"

STJ#27

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:1-6

Sermon: "When the chips are down"

Hymn of Response

"God, who touches earth"

HWB#511

Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song

"Come, come ye saints"

HWB#425

Farewell blessing

Postlude

**Preacher:** Jim Loepp Thiessen**Worship Leader:** Gloria H. Bauman**Musicians:** Mary Frey-Martin, Eileen Freeman**Church Greeters Today:** Lloyd & Vietta Martin

*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 all who have gathered for worship with us this morning. Please join us for light refreshments in the church hall following the service.*

**Congregational Prayer List**

**Julia Bowman and Josh Russell** were married on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We wish them God's blessing.

**THIS WEEK AT FMC**

**Kim Rempel will be on vacation Aug. 12-24.**

**Tuesday – September calendar items due to the office.**

**Sunday – 10:30 – The Churches of Elmira invite you to a COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE** in Gibson Park (17 First St. West). Preacher-Jim Loepp Thiessen. Praise Band from Woodside Church. Bring your own lawn chair and snacks to share in the fellowship time following the service. EVERYONE WELCOME. (In case of rain: St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 19 Flamingo Drive) Sponsored by the Elmira and Area Ministerial. **No service at Floradale.**

**LOOKING AHEAD at FMC**

**Tuesday, August 28, 11:30 a.m. – Area Senior's Fellowship Summer BBQ** at Dennis and Helen Martin's Winterrose Farm, 1220 Lundy Rd., RR1 West Montrose. Entertainment by Peter Baumann from Guelph on the electric accordion. Lunch is provided with an offering basket to cover expenses. Please sign sheet on bulletin board.

**Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. –** Worship Service followed by coffee time. Potluck lunch at 11:30. Come with food to share, and your own dishes. Junior Church will begin this morning.

**Sunday, September 16, 11:15 a.m. –** Sunday School classes will begin. More details to follow.

**Friday, September 28, 8 a.m. –** Men's Breakfast at Crossroads. Speaker: Katie Gingerich on her work of peace building in schools. "The Ripple Effect."

**ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church Council has approved a change to our worship times for September through December. The times will be:  
10:00 – Worship Service & Junior Church  
11:00-11:15 – Coffee Time  
11:15-12:00 – Sunday School  
These times will be re-evaluated late November.

**LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY**

**Voices Together: Prepare the Way** - Join members of the *Voices Together* team to sing and learn more about the new Mennonite Song Collection/Hymnal coming out in 2020.

- **October 13 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Resourcing Day** at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church
- **October 13 - 5 p.m. Evening Intercultural Worship and International Meal** at First Mennonite Church, Kitchener
- **October 14- 3:00 p.m. - Hymn Sing** at St Jacobs Mennonite Church (Donations to the work of *Voices Together*). Come sing a mix of favourites and new songs.

**Sept. 15 – 4:30-6:30 p.m.** St. Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs) invites you to their **Annual Chicken and Sausage BBQ**. Join us for this annual Church Supper featuring BBQ Chicken Leg, Sausage, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Corn, Dinner Roll, Pie and Beverage. Tickets: Adults - \$18.00; Children (5-12 years) - \$10.00, are available from the SJMC church office during regular office hours, by calling 519-664-2268, emailing [church@sjmc.on.ca](mailto:church@sjmc.on.ca) or at the door. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged. See the poster on the foyer bulletin board for more info.

**Monday, October 22, 2018 – Fairview and Parkwood Anniversary Fundraiser - ‘More Than Memories . . . Seeing Beyond Dementia’** Dinner, guest speaker - Spencer West, from the ME to WE organization [www.metowe.com](http://www.metowe.com), silent & live auction and great fellowship. See Eileen Freeman for tickets. Donation items for silent or live auction are welcome. For more information contact Barb Montague, Executive Assistant at 519-653-5719, ext. 4837.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **HIDDEN ACRES**

**Building Community Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, September 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** A retreat for individuals with disabilities, their family, friends and supporters. This year’s theme is “The Healing Power of Music” with resource person Sara Fretz. For more information or a registration form, visit the Hidden Acres website ([www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)), email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or call [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602). Registration deadline August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Fall Seniors’ Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, September 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.** Bryan Moyer Suderman will lead us in our theme of “Close Encounters of the Scriptural Kind - the delight, danger, and dynamism of reading the Bible with each other and with ‘the other’”. Explore the life-giving possibilities and significant dangers of different ways of reading the Bible. For more information contact the camp at 519-625-8602, [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or visit our website [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). Space is limited, register by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**No separate announcement sheet this week.**



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