

FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY cont'd

September 21 - Join us in "holding the hope" at 10,000 Steps for Mental Health. Each of us knows someone who is struggling, and holding the hope during this time is so important. Come "hold the hope" at *10,000 Steps for Mental Health*. Whether you come on your own, with your family, a friend, your small group, or your book club, this is an opportunity to make a huge statement of support for those who suffer, to reduce stigma, and to hold the hope for those in despair. More info at shalomcounselling.org/hope or by calling 519-886-9690.

September 21- Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. MEDA is participating in Doors Open Waterloo Region. Visit them at 595 Parkside Drive, Suite 2, Waterloo, Ontario. Guided tours are offered from 1 to 3 p.m., with an open-house format the rest of the day. Panel discussion at 12:30 p.m. on gender equality and environmental sustainability in international economic development.

September 23rd or 24th - Fall Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Our theme this fall is "Opening the Conversation – Engaging with friends, family and God through the transitions of later life". Jane Kuepfer will be our resource person. For more information contact the camp at [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602), info@hiddenacres.ca, or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by September 16th.

September 28 - 8:30 am -The Mennonite Story – Celebrating 40 Years. You are invited to a breakfast celebration at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. Guest speaker is John Ruth, one of the early visionaries of The Mennonite Story project. Tickets, \$30 available online at mennonitestorybreakfast.eventbrite.ca or in person at The Mennonite Story, 1406 King St N, St. Jacobs.

October 5 - Ride for Refuge - This is a fantastic opportunity to support our International Witness Workers and God's amazing work throughout the world. Join friends and families across Canada to bike or walk and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Form a team today! For more information visit MC Canada's website.

Oct. 19 – Empty Bowls for Haiti – Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyders Rd. W., Baden, Seatings at 5 and 7 pm. You pay \$30, eat soup and take home a beautiful bowl. Tickets are available online at mcco.ca/empty-bowls-haiti or by calling MCC at 519-745-8458.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMBS

Anabaptist Short Course Bundle: Four online courses to deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness. Noncredit courses last six weeks each, with no grades and no papers! CEUs available. Register online for \$995 total: ams.edu/shortcourses

CONGRAD GREBEL COLLEGE

Catalyzing Collaboration: Centre for Peace Advancement Fifth Anniversary—On September 21 from 2PM-4PM, Conrad Grebel University College will celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement. We invite you to join us in *remembering* the impacts from the past five years, *reconnecting* with individuals and organizations that have collectively shaped our work, and *re-imagining* what it means to advance peace in Waterloo region beyond.. Visit uwaterloo.ca/grebel/catalyzing-collaboration to register.

Peace Week 2019– What role will you play in advancing peace? From September 16 to 22, Conrad Grebel University College invites you to attend the many peace-related initiatives or events hosted in the KW community. Go to uwaterloo.ca/peace-week to learn more about how you can get involved.

On **Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 pm, Conrad Grebel University College will host a book launch for *Finding Father: Stories From Mennonite Daughters*.** This fascinating collection features highly personal essays by Mennonite women about their relationships with their fathers. The volume includes narratives by well-known writers like Julia Kasdorf and Jean Janzen. A number of prominent Ontario Mennonite women will read from their own reflections, including Carrie Snyder, Magdalene Redekop, Maggie Dyck, and Hildi Froese Tiessen. Grebel.ca/events.

On **Thursday October 10 at 7:30PM,** Conrad Grebel University College presents the 2019 Benjamin Eby Lecture "Witnessing Passion: Musical depiction of minor characters in Passion music by Bach, Ešenvalds, MacMillan and Pärt; presented by Mark Vuorinen. This lecture-demonstration explores the ways through which these composers note the presence of the biblical by-standers who stood witness to the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Christ. Often, their presence is distilled into a single line of text or a single measure of music, yet their presence as eye-witnesses is absolutely essential. They are the reminder that this divine story is also deeply human. Register online at Grebel.ca/eby."

HIDDEN ACRES

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MENNO YOUTH SINGERS

Menno Youth Singers is accepting new singers! Our choir is growing but there's room for you :) The season begins Tuesday, September 10th at Erb Street Mennonite Church (note the new location). If you are between 14 + 30 and like to sing, this is the place for you! See mennosingers.com/mys/ for registration and other info.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Mennonite Disaster Service Seeking More Volunteers This Fall MDS has an urgent need for volunteers this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring. We are thankful for the many leadership volunteers who have stepped up this season and are ready to rebuild and restore homes. Even so, we need the help of our weekly volunteers who are the physical hands and feet of Jesus in Texas, South Dakota, California and more. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve a greater number of disaster survivors this season and we hope you will join us in our ambitious endeavor to bring more people home. "As I think of the thousands of pairs of hands that respond, rebuild and restore homes after a disaster, I am grateful." Kevin King, Executive Director for MDS. For more information or to serve please visit mds.mennonite.net or call 1-800-241-8111 MDS1.jpg photo caption: MDS volunteers from the California Unit (front to back: Steve Bell, Ed Lund and Ernie Cabrera) work on a client's home in Lake Isabella, CA. MDS has an urgent need for volunteers this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring. MDS2.jpg photo caption: MDS Summer Youth Project volunteers help to rebuild in Conway, SC after Hurricane Michael in 2018. MDS has an urgent need for volunteers this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring.

PiE Fall 2019 Activities:

PiE (Pastors in Exile) is a community based ministry accompanying young adults in Waterloo Region. We also host larger intergenerational community events. Consider joining us for one of our fall groups/events:

Feminist Bible Study - Every Thursday, starting Sept. 19th, 7 pm, W-K United Mennonite Church. This group is open to any non-binary and female identified folks who are interested in exploring Scripture from a feminist perspective. Contact Tamara Shantz (tamara@pastorsinexile.org) for more information.

Queerly Christian - Second and Fourth Wednesday, starting Sept. 25th, 7:30 pm, Erb St Mennonite Church. The LGBTQ2SIA+ community is invited to join us for worship and community - come sing queer hymns, pray, and reflect with other Queer Christians. Contact Pamela Girardi (pamela@pastorsinexile.org) for more information.

Bible Quizzing for Grown Ups: Fundraising Event Sunday, October 20, 6:30-9:30 pm, The Jazz Room Join us for our second Bible Quiz fundraiser. Get a team together, raise pledges, and then compete! We'll be quizzing on Genesis 1-30 (NRSV). Go to: bit.ly/piequizzing2019.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Men's Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, **September 20-22, 2019**. Join us for a weekend of relaxation, connection and good food. Over the weekend, Marcus Shantz, president of Conrad Grebel University College, will use one of his favourite movies, and a few good poems, to start conversation and invite reflection on 'being a man' in an accessible and enjoyable way. Participants can also enjoy low ropes activities, swimming, boating, games, campfires, nature walks, and the sauna! Visit www.slmc.ca (retreats page) to register. Cost is \$200+HST. Email fun@slmc.ca for any questions.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICE

26th Annual Bowl-a-thon for the prevention of family violence, Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Elmira Bowl, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See events bulletin board for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Fairview Mennonite Homes and Parkwood Mennonite

Fairview Mennonite Homes and Parkwood Mennonite Home are each hiring a Director, Spiritual Care and Culture. This is a newly created role in the senior leadership team that will help us realize our vision to 'Build a Community for All' in our campus continuum of care for seniors and the surrounding community. For more information, to express interest, or to apply, contact Elaine Shantz, CEO at Phone: (519) 653-5719 Ext. 4832, email eshantz@fairviewmh.com or visit <https://fairviewmh.com/employment/>