

9:30 **SUNDAY SCHOOL****10:30** **WORSHIP SERVICE****Praise & Lament: Reflections on the Journey**

Prelude

Invocation (from Psalm 148)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Isaiah 63:7-9

Prayer

Solo: In the Bleak Midwinter

Scripture: Isaiah 2:2-4

Song: *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

HWB#211

Mary Remembers: O Simplicitas by Madeleine L'Engle

Instrumental: *The angel Gabriel*

Reading: Mary of Nazareth by Joan Chittister

Joseph Remembers: Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23

Mary Reflects: O Sapientia by Madeleine L'Engle

Joseph Reflects: Departure by Jan Richardson

Song: *I will come to you in the silence*

STS#49

Reading: Joseph's Yes by Jan Richardson

Offering

Children's Time

Scripture: Matthew 2:16-18

Instrumental: Coventry Carol

Reading: Refugee by Malcolm Guite

Song: *Beauty for brokenness*

STS#115

Sharing and Prayer

Reading: Advent, 1971 by Madeleine L'Engle

Simeon Speaks: Luke 2:22-35

Reading: Open Door to Forever by Madeleine L'Engle

Anna Speaks: Luke 2:36-38; First Coming by Madeleine L'Engle

Song: *Praise the Lord, sing Hallelujah*

HWB#50

Farewell Blessing: Psalm 148:11-13

Worship Leader: Anita Schroeder Kipfer**Musicians:** Barb Draper, Eileen Freeman, Alina Kehl**Readers:** Richard Bauman, Eleanor Buehler, Darrell Jantzi,
Julia Schroeder Kipfer**Church Greeters Today:** Oscar & Joan Martin**Church Greeters Next Week:** Willis & Eileen Freeman**Coffee Hosts:** Karen & Dan Bender*An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.**The sermon portion of this worship service is being videotaped and put on our website. The complete service is shared only with subscribers to the Floradalian mailing group. 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.**God bless you and we hope to see you again!***Congregational Prayer List**Pray for **Homer Martin** who has been transferred to St Joseph's Health Care Center in Guelph.Pray for **Sylvan Martin** at home in palliative care.**Christian Education Options – 9:30 Sunday mornings**

- Adult Bible Study – boardroom
- Drawing class – Room 12
- Christian Education Variety - Room 9

Christian Education Variety Schedule**Today** – Bible Study - John 1:1-14**Jan. 5** – Bible Study – Matthew 25:31-46**THIS WEEK AT FMC****Bulletin for January 5th will be printed December 31st. Bulletin information should be to the office no later than December 30th.**

Next week office hours will be Monday and Tuesday 9-1. Marj will be out of the office Jan. 2 & 3.

YOUTH CORNER**Jan. 5 – 2:00 - FMC Youth and Junior Youth joint event with SJMC****Youth for an afternoon of tobogganing.** Please meet at 2:00pm at the home of Monica and Mark Cressman (33 Mockingbird Drive, Elmira). Come out for some fun! Bring along sleds and food/treats to share!**YAF CIRCLE****Jan. 17 – 6:30 - Join us for the YAF Christmas dinner.** Contact Jim - jim@floramc.org or Anita – anita@floramc.org, if you are interested in coming!**LOOKING AHEAD AT FMC****Jan. 7 – 9:00 – Ladies Quilting & Knotting****Jan. 8 – 6:30 – Church Council****Jan. 9 – 7:00–Hopping Thursday resumes**-children's program for SK-Gr 8.**Jan. 11 – 9:00-3:00 - Comforter knotting for MCC** in the multipurpose room. **All ages, including children are invited** to come for a few minutes or several hours to help MCC celebrate its 100th anniversary.

We would also welcome anyone willing to make a comforter top; contact

Jr. Church will resume again in the New Year.

Barb Draper or Veg Weber for details. MCC would like to collect 6500 comforters for distribution to people in need around the world.

Jan. 12 – Join us for a potato & ice cream bar lunch followed by a time for games and fellowship. Bring along your favourite game and your own dishes. There will be a basket for donations to cover food costs and to help support our upcoming Family Fun Day community outreach event.

Jan. 14 –12:00 - Instead of a ladies breakfast we will be celebrating Melinda's 80th birthday with a lunch at The Crossroads restaurant.

All ladies welcome

Jan. 15 – 6:30 - Elders

Jan. 15 – 7:00 – Finance Meeting

Jan. 31 – 8:00 – Men's breakfast at Stone Crock.

Feb. 2 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank Fundraiser Lunch

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Relief Kits - Supplies for relief kits to be collected until Jan. 5. Please place items under the tree in the foyer. For items needed, refer to the bulletin insert of Dec. 8 or see <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief>

Has your address, phone number or email address changed? Or are you not in the directory and you would like to be added? It is time to update the telephone directory. Please look over your entry in the directory and email any changes to office@floramc.org or call the church office. Also, if you have a young adult in your family who no longer wishes to be included in the directory, please let us know.

Financial Report

Total received as of December 22nd \$332,541.
Offerings required to meet budget is \$12,809.
One offering left in 2019.

LOOKING AHEAD in the COMMUNITY

January 23 – 6:30 – The Watoto Children's choir from Uganda performing a free concert of their new album, "We Will Go". Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Dr., Elmira. Come be part of this vibrant worship experience!

February 20-23 - Nonsense: The Musical! – Conrad Grebel, in partnership with Aha! Productions presents the off-broadway hit musical *Nonsense* as part of the [Fill the Table](#) campaign. All proceeds will be used for expanding the college kitchen and dining room space.. \$40 adult, \$20 student. Order tickets at uwaterloo.ca/grebel/nonsense

February 22 – Woolwich Community Services will again be participating in the Coldest Night Of The Year event. Register to walk by visiting: <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>

No announcement sheet this week.



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