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Epiphany



Wise Men at the Manger, Rembrandt

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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, January 7, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Steph Martin White

Speaker: Rev. Fred Redekop

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Accompanist: Ryan Légère

Scripture Readers : Joshua Enns, Steph Martin White

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Crystal Francis

Children's Story: Karl Dick

Children are welcome in the worship service or younger children may be taken to the Nursery along the Administration Hallway following the Children's Story.

Worship Focus: *The kings bring gifts to the house. MCC is confronted with suffering in the world and tries to offer the appropriate gifts to our world.
What gifts will you bring this year to the house?*

GATHERING

Pre-Service Carol Sing – 9:25 a.m.

Hymn: *“What child is this?”*

HWB # 215

Hymn: *“The first Noel”*

HWB # 199

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship:

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

All: ***It is the star of the East;
it is the morning sun.***

Leader: It is as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

All: ***Praise the Lord!***

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.
You have torn open the heavens,
and your glory reaches the earth.

All: ***May we, like the magi,
seek you until we find you.
May we offer our gifts in your presence,
no matter where you are found.***

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Lighting of the Advent Candles



Hymn: *"You are salt for the earth"*

HWB # 226

Prayer of Invocation

PRAISING

Scripture Lesson I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

(Old Testament)

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Hymn: *"Be thou my vision"*

HWB # 545

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Offering and Prayer

Anthem: "You are holy"

Per Harling

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *"Love came down at Christmas"* vs. 1,2
(Children come forward on verse 2)

HWB # 208

Children's Time

Song of Blessing: *"Love came down at Christmas"* vs. 3

HWB # 208

Scripture Lesson II: Matthew 2: 1-12

(New Testament)

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Sermon **"Three, maybe Four, Wise Guys"**

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response: *"We three Kings"*

Carol Book # 19

Confession

**All: O God,
Your light has come, your glory risen,
and your brightness dawned,
illuminating not only the way of the magi,**

but all our paths.

*From your fullness we have received grace upon grace
as your mystery has been revealed
and your presence made known.*

*Now we too are called to arise, shine,
and return by another road.*

*We confess that
instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,
instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,
we cling to what we have and know,
and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.*

*We are frightened by the unknown,
and by the darkness that covers the earth.*

Forgive us.

(Pause for silence)

Words of Assurance

O God, Emmanuel,
in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.
You have given us life, and we are restored.

SENDING

Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer and join us for coffee and fellowship in the gym hallway. God bless you and we hope to see you again!



A very special welcome to Rev. Fred Redekop, our guest speaker for today. Fred and his wife, Shirley, worked for MCC in Thailand from 1985 – 1992 with refugees. Fred has been a pastor for over 30 years. He presently works for MCC in Kitchener.

Thanks for your message today.

TODAY AT W-K

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Worship

No Children's or Youth Sunday School this week.

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School - *Fred Redekop will join us to talk about the work of MCCO.*

Next Sunday – January 14, 2018

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Brian Moyer Suderman*

Lectionary *1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11–20)* *Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18*

Readings: *1 Corinthians 6: 12-20* *John 1: 43-51*

10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School – Youth Room

Adult Sunday School: *Bryan Moyer Suderman – Reading the Bible with Jesus*

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Office Hours

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Parish Nurse Clinic Hours

Waterloo Mennonite Homes – Tuesday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church – Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of December 31st

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, January 9	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Knotty Knotters and Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Room 7
Wednesday, January 10	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 11	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	WALC Exercise in the gym
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning Team
Sunday, January 14	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Rental



Reading the Bible with Jesus: Friday, January 12th to Sunday, January 14th, W-KUM Church, along with Erb Street Mennonite and Waterloo North Mennonite, are hosting Bryan Suderman Moyer for a three-day workshop called Reading the Bible with Jesus. Together, through study, story, and song we'll be exploring in-depth the

Gospel of Luke through the eyes of Jesus.

It begins Friday evening at Erb St. MC with supper, an all-ages concert, and the first workshop. It will continue Saturday morning at Waterloo North with more sessions and lunch, and will conclude Sunday morning when Bryan leads the service and Adult Sunday School at W-KUM.

There is no cost but advanced registrations are appreciated to help with food with either the WK or Erb St offices (although not strictly required).

You can read more about the workshop here:

<https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/reading-the-bible-with-jesus>

Quilters will meet weekly in the basement on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning this week.

Knotty Knotters will meet in the basement on Tuesdays on the following dates: January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 6, 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15, 29; and possibly June 12. Come join in the fellowship and help to create something pretty and useful. First meeting of the New Year is this week, Tuesday, January 9th at 1:00 p.m.





SERVETTES: Our planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17 at 1:30 pm at the church. Please come with your ideas for our 2018 events! Any woman is welcome to come and see what we're about! For more information contact Vicki Dick

Adult Sunday School – January 21st and 28th, 2018
MCEC Youth Bible Quizzing – writing team questions



Crystal Francis (Bible Quizzing task force chair) has asked the Adult Sunday School for help with writing team questions for Bible Quizzing. Bible Quizzing is a fun event that will help youth learn how current events in our world and the Bible are still connected.

Isaiah 40-48 and 58-66 are the chapters being used to generate the questions for the 2018 quiz. Consider reading these chapters ahead of time in preparation for the class. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Francis.



Annual Reports from all ministry teams are due in the office for inclusion in the 2017 Annual Report booklet. These can be submitted to Katharine in the office by email at office@wkumchurch.ca OR in printed form. Your help in being prompt is greatly appreciated. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2018.



St. John's Kitchen Coin Cans should be returned to the church by today, please.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health and Wellness Church Programs:

- **Each Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** – Wellness and Active Living Fitness class in the gym – a gentle class focussing on cardio, strength, balance and flexibility. No fee – everyone welcome! Classes resume on Thursday, January 11th.

Community Programs:

- We Are The Village Consulting is offering a training session on Dementia and Behaviour on Saturday, January 27th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Wilfrid Laurier University Arts Building. Registration is \$40 per person. To register please visit contact@wearethevillageconsulting.com More info on the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



A member of the community is looking for a small furnished apartment. A non-smoking environment is required as is parking for one car.

If you can help this individual, please contact Katharine in the office.



Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration – will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. There will be a receiving line from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. and a program from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please join us – refreshments will be served.

Grade 9 Information Night will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come find out about the Rockway Experience. Families can register at www.rockway.ca See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Dinner and Movie: Rockway Mennonite Church invites you to dinner and movie on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 47 Onward Avenue, Kitchener. Dinner (\$15) at 5:30 pm. Movie at 7 pm. “A gentle and tender film. A wrenching family drama.” (Japanese with English

subtitles.) to reserve a seat, email office@rockwaymc.ca or call 519-578-4900. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Fathers and Kids Retreat: *January 12-14, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.* Don't miss out on this great winter experience! Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smore's over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dad's enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that's the Fathers & Kids Retreat. NOTE: Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2 pm in the Auditorium at United Mennonite Home (Orchard View Apartments entrance) at 4020 Twenty Third Street in Vineland. Discussions to include levy rates and sustainability of society, revisions to constitution (for Jan 2019 AGM vote) regarding dissolution processes (if it happens in the future) and expanded eligibility of new members, etc. Board and committee positions are available. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

Conrad Grebel College: On Thursday, January 25th at 7:30 pm, visit Conrad Grebel University College for the *Fretz Visiting Scholar Lecture* with Russian history scholar Aileen Friesen. Aileen will explore Mennonite colonization on Muslim land in her lecture, "Muslim-Mennonite Encounters in the Russian Empire." The lecture will take place in the Great Hall. For more information, please visit www.grebel.ca/events

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