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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 15, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Jennifer Krotz

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Organ: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader: Jennifer Krotz

Children's Story: Hilda Krotz

Children are welcome in the worship service or parents may supervise young children in the Nursery along the Administration Hallway.

Worship Focus: *We are all seeking something, whether as individuals or as a congregation. But why are we seeking that thing? Will it satisfy us? In response to our deepest longings, Jesus invites us to "come and see."*

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we come seeking you in our worship together.

We come to you for strength

People: Because we are weak

Leader: We come to you for wisdom

People: Because we are unwise

Leader: We come to you for nurture

People: Because we are unsatisfied

All: Move in our midst.

**Show us your strength, your wisdom and how we may
nurture each other,
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Praising God

Scripture I: John 1: 19-34 (New Testament) page 70

Confessing

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

We Pray and Share God's Gifts

Hymn: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" HWB # 324

Children's Story

(Children come forward on the last verse)

Song of Blessing: "Jesus loves me" HWB # 341

Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offering Prayer

We Listen for God's Message

Choir Anthem: *Seek and you will find* N Sleeth

Scripture II: John 1: 35-46 (New Testament) page 70

Sermon: "Come and See"

Responding and Sending

Hymn of Response: "Come and See" HWB # 20

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.
God bless you and we hope to see you again!

TODAY AT W-K

- 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Men's Roast Beef Dinner Planning Meeting – Youth Room
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: *We conclude our discussion of Isaiah 9:6, by looking at yet one more name for the Messiah: "Everlasting Father". Really? But Jesus did say, "Let the little children come to me" and "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."*

~ Karl Dick

Next Sunday – January 22, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Amanda Zehr
Lectionary Isaiah 9: 1-4 Psalm 27: 4-9
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School – To be announced.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Church Office Hours

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 offering January 8th

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, January 17	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Wellness Circle – Nordic Walking
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting Group - Basement
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study – Rm 7
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	10:00 a.m. – Noon	The Belonging Place
	12:30 p.m.	Nordic Pole Walking
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Team - Nursery
	2:00 p.m.	Servettes - Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Visioning Team
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, January 19	10:00 a.m.	WALC - gym
	Noon – 2:00 p.m.	K-W Ministerial - Lounge
Friday, January 20	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship

Men’s Roast Beef Dinner- a planning meeting will be held today at 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room.

The Knotty Knotters - Please mark the following dates in your calendars: January 24, February 7, 21 and March 7, 21.

The Quilting Group will meet on the alternate Tuesdays which are:

January 17, 31, February 14, 28 and March 14, 28.

Gathering time is 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate.



The Servettes' planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 18th beginning at 2:00 pm at the church. Please come with lots of ideas for 2017. All women are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served.



A reminder from the Community Outreach Team - coin cans from St. John's Kitchen are to be returned this Sunday. They can be given to Pauline Weiland or John Krotz.

Phone Directory Updates: The W-KUM Phone Directory is being updated. A copy of the directory is on the table in the Lounge. Please take a moment to check your name, address and phone number to make sure it is correct. Any changes can be noted on the pages sitting beside the directory. We hope to have the updated version available by the end of January.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG AT HEART



ROCKWAY?

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY? GREBEL?

Our congregation invites and endorses the participation of members and others within the church family, in education at Mennonite-affiliated institutions, by partially supporting the tuition costs. Applications for Student Aid Subsidy are posted on Bulletin Board # 7. To help us in preparing for the 2017 budget, please contact David Harder or Karl Dick if you would like to participate in this incentive!



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

Flu Watch – 2016/17 Season:

The incidence of flu continues to increase in Southern Ontario and spiked significantly over the last weeks of 2016. Many of us here at the church have been affected. The prevalent type continues to be H3N2

Influenza. Those over 65 years of age and those under 5 years of age are most susceptible to serious complications – 75% of hospitalizations are in the over 65 age group. Please continue using precautions – pay extra attention to good handwashing and respiratory etiquette, that is, covering your nose and mouth if you cough or sneeze. Be well.



W-K and WMH Health and Wellness Programs:

Opportunities for increasing your physical activity in 2017 – make good on your New Year's resolution to be more active!

Remember that regular physical activity improves strength & balance, and decreases the risk for falls & dementia.

- **WALC fitness class** – each Thursday in the church gym 10-11 AM
- **Nordix Pole Walking with Ginger Quinn** - Tuesday, January 17th at 1:15 in the gym; come out and renew your enthusiasm for pole walking or just walking. Everyone welcome to come check this out. Bring your poles if you have them, but you do not need poles to come.
- **Starting Wednesday, January 18th 12:30-2 PM, Pole Walking or regular walking in the gym** – each Wednesday during the winter months. A fun way to keep up your walking during the winter and to support others in doing so as well. Walking can be quietly meditative, or it can be a time to chat and catch up with a dear friend. You may join this walk with or without poles – just come out and enjoy. All are welcome.

Men Can Cook – back again this year for 3 Fridays in February – the 10th, 17th and 24th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

Be sure to sign up on the sheets near the courtyard entrance **before January 31st**. Each week you will prepare two dishes: one sweet, one savoury. We will share a dish for lunch and there will be one for you to take home. A few of the highlights are sausage rolls, fruit cobbler, bacon, egg & cheese puffs, baklava and phyllo pizza.



Men, you do not want to miss out on the fun – cost is \$30 which is topped up by Health & Wellness Ministry.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Conrad Grebel College: On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 4:00 pm, help celebrate the book launch of *Re-Imagining the Church: Implications of Being a*

People in the World by author Robert (Jack) Suderman. Hosted by the Theological Studies program at Grebel, the event features brief responses to the book, comments by the author, book signing, and reception. Room 2202, Conrad Grebel University College. www.grebel.ca/events

Kenneth Nafziger, music professor at Eastern Mennonite University and music editor of *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, will visit Conrad Grebel University College as the 2016-17 Bechtel Lecturer in Anabaptist-Mennonite Studies. Join us at several events to explore music and hymnody:

Friday, February 3, 7:00pm, Grebel Great Hall - Public Lecture: "Melting the Boundaries of Our Being: Explorations in Singing Together"

Saturday, February 4, 1:30pm, Grebel Chapel - Song Leaders' Workshop, part of the Anabaptist Learning Workshop series Sunday, February 5, 2:00pm, Grebel Chapel - Hymn Sing Complete details are available at www.grebel.ca/bechtel

Rockway Collegiate will host **Grade 9 Information Night on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.** There will be a complimentary dinner at 6:15 p.m. with the information session to follow at 7:00 p.m. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 7 for more information.

WMCEC KW Cluster Breakfast - Christina Edmison will be presenting "Unblocking the River of Love" at the annual breakfast held at WKUM Saturday February 4th at 9am and hosted by Rockway Mennonite Church. Tickets \$10.00 from Gloria Dirks

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity is noted during January 18 – 25, 2017. To mark this week, an ecumenical prayer service with Taizé songs and prayers will be hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Road East in Kitchener on Sunday, January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.



We have received a notice of a **Ministry Team Position** opening at Wellesley Mennonite Church. More details are posted on Bulletin Board # 5.

Thu, Jan 19 - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Scientific Reason and Religious Faith
MC 4020 (Math and Computer 4020), University of Waterloo
Many today believe that religious faith is, at best, a matter of opinion and, at worst, irrational nonsense. Meanwhile, science is seen as based on reason, which is to be sharply distinguished from faith. In this talk, theology professor Stephen N. Williams will show why this kind of thinking misunderstands both scientific reason and religious faith, looking at Christian belief in creation as a test case. Reason is actually more restricted than many people take it to be, and Christian faith is neither inferior nor contrary to reason. With Refreshments!
Facebook Event: <https://goo.gl/0cVUbF>
Local Contact: Dayna Nelson, dayna.nelson@uwaterloo.ca | www.casca.ca

Loved by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus Christ.
As a welcoming Mennonite community,
we worship God, nurture each other
and extend God's love and peace to all.

The LORD'S 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.**