

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Another World is Possible



Jesus feeds the Multitudes

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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 28, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Speaker: Rev. Brice Balmer

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Scripture Readers : Gloria and Wally Dirks,
Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Jessica Staller

Children's Story: Janice Harder, Ed Janzen

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: *God has been generous with us. What makes us fearful about sharing God's generosity? What gifts do we have that others need? How might our gifts impact our neighbours?*

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn: *"Father, we praise thee"*

HWB # 650

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship/ Prayer of Invocation

Leader: God has been acting in our lives
and in the world around us this week.

**People: We have come for this hour of worship
to make ourselves more aware of God
and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

Leader: God is here, even now,
ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

**All: *Fill us with your goodness, O God.
Draw us into your activity in the world
that we may fulfill the purpose
for which you have created us.
Amen.***

Hymn: *"All beautiful the march of days"*

HWB # 159

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Leader: I was downtown shopping for designer bed-sheets
when an old man whispered,

People: I have no bed.

Leader: I stood in an appliance store comparing consumer reports on refrigerators when an African woman wept,

People: I have no food.

Leader: I hired a decorator to remodel my kitchen and add more cupboards when a Haitian child sobbed,

People: I have no cup.

Leader: I dreamed of building a getaway place,
a cabin in the woods, a country place.
Across the water came the cry,

People: I have no country.

Leader: I bought a new big-screen TV for my family's pleasure
and a war orphan murmured,

People: I have no family.

**All: God, forgive us when our ears won't hear and our eyes
won't see the sounds and sights
of suffering around us. Amen.**

from *Flames of the Spirit*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson I: Another World is Possible
– Selections from Leviticus 25

Hymn: "Beyond a dying sun"
(Children come forward on the last verse)

HWB # 323

Children's Time

Song of Blessing: "*There's a new world coming*"

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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: *Gifts and Graces* B. Smucker/ E. Wiebe

Scripture Lesson II: Matthew 15: 32-39 (New Testament) page 13

Sermon: **And He Had Compassion**

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *"What gift can we bring"*

HWB # 385

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 special welcome to Brice Balmer. Brice is currently assistant professor in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. He was Chaplaincy Director at House of Friendship and co-minister at First Mennonite Church. Brice and his wife Karen are currently members at Rockway Mennonite Church.

Thanks for your message this morning.

TODAY AT W-K

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School – Youth Room
Adult Sunday School – *Brice Balmer*
- 2:30 p.m. Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental

Next Sunday – February 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. *Choir Rehearsal*
 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*
 Lectionary *Matthew 16* *Luke 13: 20-21*
 Readings:
No Sunday School this week
 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
 11:00 a.m. *AGM in the gym*
 12:15 p.m. *Lunch in the gym*
 7:00 p.m. *Youth Room Rental*



CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Office Hours

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 your offering of January 21st

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, January 30	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Rm 7
Wednesday, January 31	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
Thursday, February 1	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	WALC Exercise in the gym
	6:00 p.m.	Church Supper
Friday, February 2	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Saturday, February 3	Noon – 8:00 p.m.	Church Rental
Sunday, February 4	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Rental

Quilters will meet in the basement on Tuesday, January 30th beginning at 1:00 p.m.



Summer Time is the theme for the next Church Supper – scheduled for Thursday, February 1. Please sign up on the list posted on the Courtyard window. Guest speakers will be from Monica House.



The Henry Bergen Men's Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for Adults, \$10 for Kids (5-17) and \$50 per family. Available from the office and committee members.

The Annual WMCEC K-W Women's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2018 here at W-KUM Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. Guest will be Ingrid Loepp Thiessen, speaking on the theme *A Lifetime of Song*. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available from Gloria Dirks until February 6th. For more information please contact Gloria



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 4th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow the meeting. The Annual Report is in your mailboxes today.

Potato Blitz: The Community and Outreach Team encourages everyone to support the House of Friendship's annual February Potato Blitz. We will be collecting potatoes OR money to purchase potatoes on Sunday February 4 and 11th.



The next Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, February 7 at 12:30 p.m. at State and Main Kitchen and Bar at 589 Fairway Rd. S in Kitchener. You will find this almost across from Michael's Craft Store. Come out and enjoy a care free lunch!

Mennonite Men Can Cook - Some More

Note the new dates this year...

MARCH - Fridays 9, 16 and 23.

Sign up on the lobby window for 1, 2 or all 3 dates!

Cost \$10/week, brought to your first class in the gym at WKUM Church, 15 George St. (Invite a friend!)

Time: 10 a.m., but come early for coffee and to visit. Plan on staying for lunch.

Each week, over two hours, we will taste-test different foods, consider the worth of higher/lower prices, healthier options and which just tastes the best. And it's "hands-on" for everyone as you make something for your lunch and make something to take home to put in the freezer, ready to bake for a future date. Look forward to putting **PORK ON YOUR FORK**, the theme which will include hams, meatballs, and bacon.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind & Spirit

...on grief and loss



“There is no going back to the past, which is gone forever, only going ahead to the future which has yet to be discovered. Whatever the future is, it will and must, include the pain of the past with it.”

Jerry Sittser in *A Grace Disguised*

Have a look at the new section on Grief & Loss in the library, including the “After Loss” Grief Recovery binders.

Health and Wellness Events:

- WALC Fitness Program - Each Thursday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in our gym; gentle program working on flexibility, strength and balance. No fee, everyone welcome
- Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose (Sugar) Screening
 - Tuesday, February 6th from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the gym **or**
 - any Thursday at the regular Parish Nurse Clinic from 11 AM to Noon

Community Health and Wellness:

- Caregiver Support at Rockway Centre, Wednesdays at 1:30-3:30, 1405 King Street. For information 519-741-2200 ext. 5346
- Parenting With Passion – many single evening or multiple evening programs. To register call KW Counselling at 519-884-0000 or visit parenting@kwcounselling.com
- Tops (Take off pounds sensibly) – A powerful support for real weight loss and lifelong health; Wednesday evenings at Calvary United from 5:15 - 6:30 PM

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Spiritus Ensemble presents Bach Vespers for the Feast of the Presentation, including Bach Cantata 98, 'Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan,' and the premiere of a new cantata by Zachary Wadsworth, 'The Temple.' Soloists will be Sheila Dietrich, Daniel Cabena, Steve Surian and Daniel Lichti. Concert will be held on Sunday, January 28th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North in Kitchener. Admission free; donations requested.



The closing event of **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be an Ecumenical Prayer service with Taizé songs on Sunday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Road East in Kitchener.

See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Conrad Grebel College: is pleased to welcome Don E. Saliers as the 2018 Rodney and Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholar. A free lecture, "Psalms in a Difficult Time: the Rhythms of Doxology and Lament" will be delivered on Thursday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Grebel Great Hall. Visit www.grebel.ca/events for more information.

Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (MCRS) Annual Meeting, will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at The Schlegel Community Education Room, Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Vinh Nguyen, 2017 recipient of the John Charles Polanyi Prize in Literature, whose research exploring the journey and contributions of refugees in Canada spans decades of the rich contribution of refugees to the history and day-to-day life of this country. Doors open at 9:00 am.



SILVER LAKE
MENNONITE CAMP

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp –

Registration opens February 1 for Summer 2018 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years

including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Leadership Programs, Outtrips and much more. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

Women's Retreat: February 9-11, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food.....those are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women's Retreat. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Seeking Clarity: A Workshop on Discernment

Join Pastors in Exile (PiE) - Sunday, February 11 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. for an afternoon learning about the Quaker discernment tool known as a 'Clearness Committee'. Explore how to seek clarity on a decision you need to make through a supportive circle focused on helping you to listen within for God's voice. Facilitated by Patricia Wagler at Erb St Mennonite Church. Cost: \$25 - RSVP to tamara@pastorsinexile.org

Marriage Encounter Eastern Canada is hosting a Valentine's Banquet on Saturday, February 17th at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A roast beef dinner will be catered by Ballzy's. After dinner entertainment will be provided by the music group, "Stand Firm." See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more info.

Senior of the Year Award Please consider nominating someone in your community for this prestigious award. The nominee must be 65 years of age or older, and be someone who has contributed on a voluntary basis to the enhancement of life in the City of Waterloo. Award recipients will be recognized at a special ceremony at City Hall in June 2018. Nominees' voluntary activities may have been in fields such as the arts, community service, education, environment, humanitarian activities, sports, or other areas where they have had an impact on life in Waterloo. Nominations must be submitted by the end of **March 2018**.

Help the City of Waterloo to recognize its deserving older adult volunteers. For more information and nomination forms, please visit www.waterloo.ca/agefriendly.



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.