

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Another World is Possible



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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, February 4, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Steph Martin White
Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels
Scripture Readers : Stephanie Martin White,
Jake Martin White

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels
Accompanist: Karen Enns
Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Hertha Enns

Children's Story: Janice Harder

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's vision of Another World can never be an academic discussion for us. It is something that calls us to action.*

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn: *"Praise, my soul, the God of heaven!"*

HWB # 63

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship/ Prayer of Invocation

All: ***The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.***

Leader: A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown it is the greatest
of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and
make nests its branches.

All: ***The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.***

Leader: Yeast that a woman took and mixed in
with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

All: ***The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.***

Leader: Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;
then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

All: ***The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.***



Leader: A merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one of great value,
sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

All: *The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.*

Leader: Let all who have ears, hear.

Katherine Hawker

Hymn: *"My soul cries out"*

STS # 124

**All: *God of New Life,
we confess that we get stuck
in the worries of today, and in the fears of tomorrow,
and forget your promise
that a new world is possible.***

***Help us have eyes to see and ears to hear
your work all around us,
to roll up our sleeves,
and get to work alongside you.***

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson I: The Jubilee – Selections from Leviticus 25

Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory"
(Children come forward on the last verse)

HWB # 366

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: *Immortal, Invisible, God*

Trad. Welsh, Arr. E. Wiebe

Scripture Lesson II: Luke 13: 20 - 21

(New Testament) page 58

Matthew 16: 5-12

(New Testament) page 14

Sermon: **Yeast vs. Yeast**

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *"New earth, heavens new"*

HWB # 299

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!

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
- 11:00 a.m. Annual General Meeting – gym
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch – gym
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is TODAY beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. Lunch will follow the meeting. The Annual Report is in your mailboxes.

Please note: Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

Next Sunday – February 11, 2018

9:00 a.m. *Choir Rehearsal*

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Don Saliers*

Lectionary *2 Kings 2: 1-12* *Psalm 63*

Readings: *2 Corinthians 4: 3-6* *Mark 9: 2-9*

10:00 a.m. *Children’s Sunday School*

10:30 .am. *Coffee Break*

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

12:15 p.m. *Adult Sunday School with Don Saliers - Lounge*

7:00 p.m. *Youth Room Rental*

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Church Office Hours



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 28th and for the pre-authorized withdrawal offering of January 29th

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, February 6	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters and Knotty Knotters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study – Rm 7
Wednesday, February 7	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	MSDEC Retreat at W-KUM
	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 8	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	WALC Exercise in the gym
Friday, February 9	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Saturday, February 10	9:00 a.m. to Noon	Set up for Dinner

Sunday, February 11	5:30 p.m.	Roast Beef Dinner - gym
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Rental

Knotty Knotters and Quilters will meet in the basement on Tuesday, February 6th beginning at 1:00 p.m.



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



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 4th 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



“Dr. Lindeman’s studies..... found that parishioners who faced up to their loss by wrestling openly and honestly with it came through the grieving experience stronger, deeper, and better able to help other people with their grieving.”

Granger Westburg in *Good Grief*

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 p.m., 1405 King Street. For information please call 519-741-2200 ext. 5346
- WELL-FIT a free exercise program for individuals with cancer at University of Waterloo. For information, please call 519-888-4567 Ext. 36841
- 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



Jubilation Male Chorus along with the Highland Bell Choir will participate in a Benefit Concert in support of Children’s Needs Distribution Centre. The concert will take place on Sunday, February 25th at Highland Baptist Church, 135 Highland Road West in Kitchener beginning at 3:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. 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.



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.

Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp-

February 19, 2018 from 10:00am-3:30pm – Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Bring your own equipment for sledding and skating, enjoy roasting bannock around the campfire, warm up inside with pretzel-making, crafts, ping-pong, and much more! Some activities are weather dependent. Choose a hot lunch for \$3/person or bring a bagged lunch (peanut-free). RSVP to info@hiddenacres.ca or call (519) 625-8602. Please let us know if you are bringing your own lunch or choosing the Hidden Acres lunch. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp

on March 12th, 2018. Bring your grandchildren in grades 1-6 for an awesome day of playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. Alexa and Becki from **The Ripple Effect Education (TREE)** will join us to explore how we can work towards peace together in our everyday lives. Brochures can be found on the bulletin board in the gym hallway. For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call [\(519\)625-8602](tel:5196258602).

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.