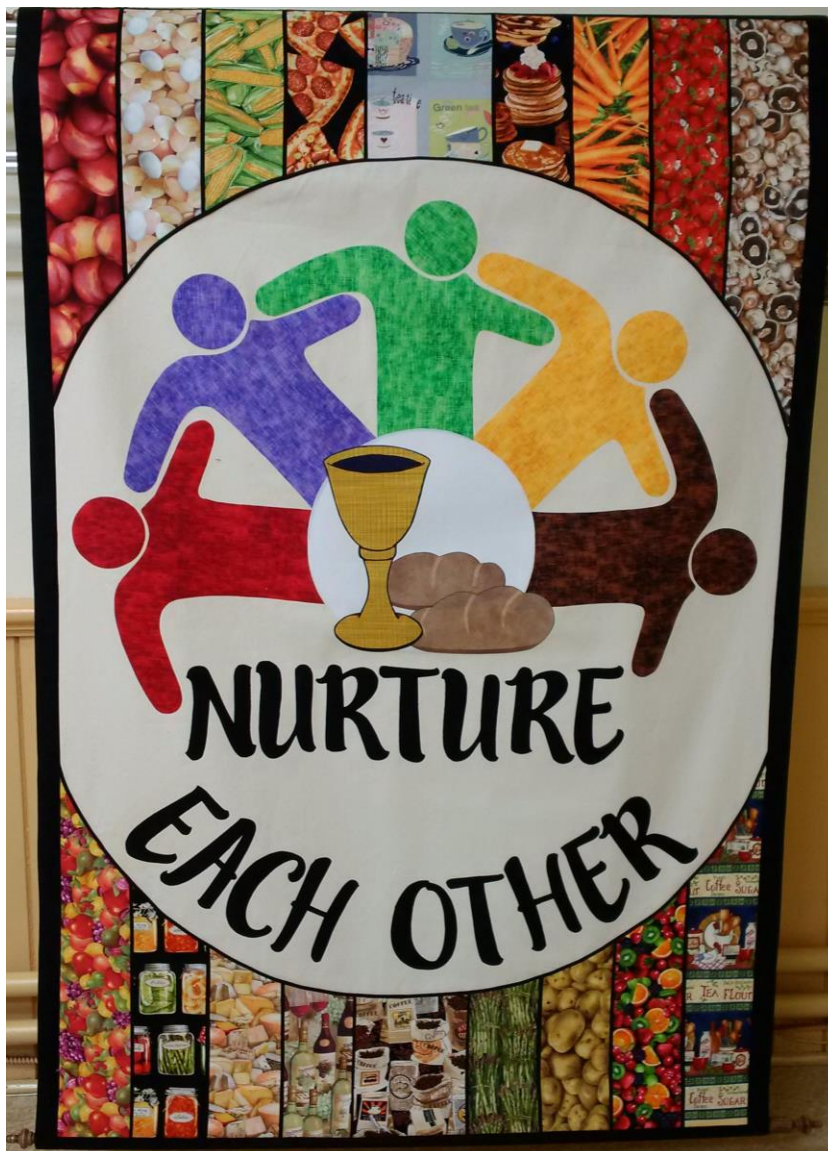


Sunday, February 5, 2017
We nurture our Children and Youth



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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 5, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Organ: Karen Enns Choir: Paul Enns

Scripture Reader: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Children's Story: John Krotz

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

Worship Focus: *How do we be a community of faith that nurtures the well-being of our children and youth?*

How do we allow them to nurture the rest of us?

Prelude

Gathering

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

HWB # 159

Words of Welcome

Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *"Let the whole creation cry"*

HWB # 51

Confessing

Scripture I: 1 Samuel 3: 1-18 (Old Testament)

page 192

Confession of Sin In unison

***You call us, O God, to come to you as children,
to live with the freedom and humility as a child.***

That is hard for us to do,

***for it requires that we give up thinking like the world we live in:
striving to attain;***

***working to get ahead or win the approval of those around us;
competing to gain favour, even with you,
our heavenly parent.***

***We forget that we are already your exceedingly
beloved children and nothing we do can make
you love us more.***

***Remind us again of the joy and exuberance of
childhood,***



***assured that we are secure in your love.
Help us to be dependent, trusting, teachable, responsive to your
love. Amen.***

Assurance of forgiveness

Hymn: *“Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”*
(Children come forward on the last verse)

STJ # 14

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Song of Blessing: *“For God so loved us”* vs 1

HWB # 167

Congregational Prayer/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.



Offering/Offering Prayer

Anthem: *The Wise May Bring Their Learning* G. Root

Scripture II: Luke 18: 15-17 (New Testament) page 62

Sermon: **“Nurturing Young Faith”**

Responding and Sending

Hymn of Response: *“Lord of our growing years”*

HWB # 479

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
Noon Lunch in the Gym
1:30 p.m. Annual Meeting in the Gym

Next Sunday – February 12, 2017

We Nurture Each Other: Sick or Ill

- 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service Carol Penner
Prayer and Anointing following worship*
- 10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children and Youth*
- 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 a.m. *Adult Sunday School: "This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation" is a three-part documentary series, each 60 minutes in length, produced by Christian History Institute and others. The series covers the history of the Reformation and its aftermath and offers critical analysis about its relation to important issues facing the church today. The approach is journalistic, involving comments from experts with a wide range of Christian traditions and theological positions. Join us as we hope to facilitate informed thought, prayer, discussion and debate about a revolution that reshaped the Christian church and changed Western civilization forever. ~ Leader - John Reimer*
- 7:00 p.m. *Menno Singers Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary*

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 29th

The 2017 edition of the Church Directory is in your mailbox this morning.

This Week at W-K

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| Tuesday, February 7 | Noon | Silver Spoons |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Knotty Knotters - Basement |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Wellness Circle - Lounge |
| | 6:00 p.m. | IMCC Rehearsal |
| | 6:00 p.m. | IMCC Parents – Youth Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Women’s Bible Study – Rm 7 |
| Wednesday, February 8 | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Mission Circle |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Belonging Place |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Nordic Pole Walking - gym |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Worship Team - Lounge |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Visioning Team Executive |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal |
| Thursday, February 9 | 10:00 a.m. | WALC - gym |
| Friday, February 10 | 10:00 a.m. | Men can Cook - gym |
| | 1:00 p.m. | House of Friendship |



The Knotty Knotters will meet in the Basement on Tuesday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m. The Quilting Group will meet on February 14th.

February is Potato Blitz month for the House of Friendship’s food hampers and meals. The Community Outreach Team is challenging W-KUM to bring enough money or potatoes to total at least 300 pounds (consider \$4 per 10 lbs.). We will be collecting donations for the Potato Blitz on Sunday, today and next week.

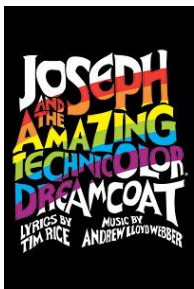




The Henry Bergen Memorial Roast Beef Dinner will take place this year on Sunday, February 19th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Funds raised will go to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Tickets are available from Walter Unrau, the church office or at the door. Adults \$18, Kids (5-16)

\$10, Family rate (kids under 16) is \$50.

Updating the library in the lounge – come see the new arrangements! Today is the last day to pick up any books you may wish to take home.



George Street Fellowship, Servettes and all WKUM friends:

Everyone is invited to the production of "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*" at Dunfield Theatre, 46 Grand Avenue in Cambridge at 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Tickets must be reserved by February 10, 2017. Contact person is Rita Reimer. If you need a ride to the theatre, please let Rita know. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health and Wellness Programs:

Regular physical activity improves strength and balance, and decreases the risk for falls and dementia.

- WALC fitness class – each Thursday in the church gym from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Pole Walking or regular walking in the gym – each Wednesday from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. You may join this walk with or without poles – just come out and enjoy. All are welcome.



Wellness Circle – Tuesday, February 7th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the church lounge. *Let's Talk Diabetes* with Heidi Fraser of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Men Can Cook – Classes begin on February 10th, with the 2nd and 3rd sessions on February 17th and 24th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the gym. Please pay \$30 on February 10th. Cost for this class is topped up by our Health and Wellness Ministry.



Some interesting sessions coming up at Woolwich Community Health Centre (St. Jacobs):

- PEP Talk: Take charge of Your Diabetes, on March 28th and May 23rd. To register or for information please call 1-866-337-3318
- Hearing Aid Information – Monday, February 6th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. To register please call 519-664-3794
- Ambiguous Loss Support Group (for Care Partner of Person Living with Dementia); Thursdays, March 2 to March 23 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Led by the Alzheimer Society. To register please call 519-742-1422

Parenting with Passion: *Great Kids, Big Feelings* will be held Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Connecting with our Kids will be held Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To register for either of these sessions, please call 519-884-0000

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Bach Vespers before Lent. Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach Cantata 102, "*Lord, your eyes look for faith*" and the motet "*Search me, O God*" this afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North in Kitchener. The concert features

soloists Daniel Cabena, Steve Surian and Kirk Lackenbauer, with Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission is free, donations gratefully received.

Menno Singers Family of Choirs: Join song leader Mark Diller Harder and the Menno Singers Family of Choirs (Menno Singers, Menno Youth Singers and Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir) for an evening of vigorous hymn singing on the theme "**Be not Afraid.**" The event will be held on Sunday, February 12th beginning at 7:00 pm here at W-K. Admission by donation.

Are you between the ages of grade 9 and 20-something? Do you enjoy music? How about snacks? Check out the Menno Youth Singers choir: mennosingers.com/mys First rehearsal for 2017 is Wednesday, Feb 8. Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church at 6:45 p.m.

Parents of teens and young adults: Menno Youth Singers is a great choir experience for your offspring. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener. Conductor Steve Surian is a trained music educator who is also a public high school music teacher. Spring season begins February 8th at 6:45 p.m. New singers welcome at any time! See mennosingers.com/mys for registration and other info.



SCREENAGERS Documentary and Discussion

Parents: Do you struggle with how much access to technology to provide your children? Come and watch this ground-breaking film and join the discussion - made possible through the thoughtful support of MCEC. Date is February 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Please RSVP at www.rockway.ca.

We're off to see the Wizard! Attend the Rockway Mennonite Collegiate grade 7-12 production of *The Wizard of Oz*, March 2-4, 2017. Tickets are available **online** at www.rockway.ca or in person during school hours. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 7 for more information.



Conrad Grebel
University College

On February 23, 2017, **Conrad Grebel University College** invites all Grade 10 students and their families to come to the College to share a complimentary pizza supper before heading over to main campus for the University of Waterloo's annual **Grade 10 Family Night**. Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. and we will walk you over to main campus for UWaterloo's

6:30 pm event. Email pbartel@uwaterloo.ca<<mailto:pbartel@uwaterloo.ca>> by February 21 to indicate supper attendance (and #'s). Register for the UWaterloo event at www.uwaterloo.ca/fom/grade-10<<http://www.uwaterloo.ca/fom/grade-10>>.



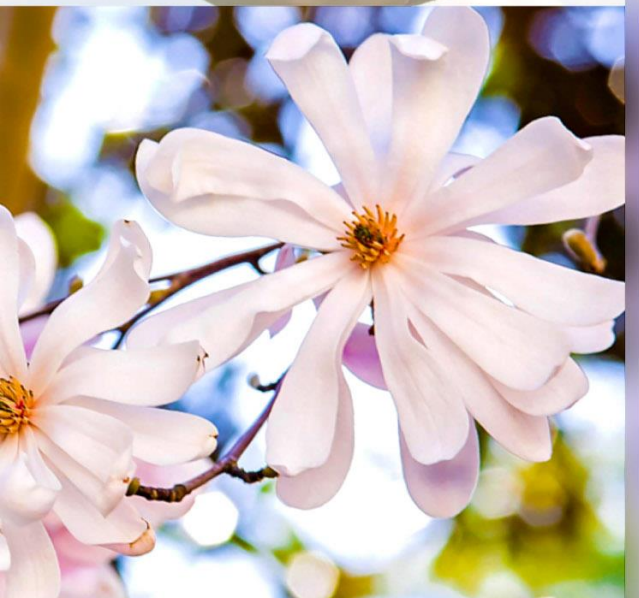
Family Day Event - Come enjoy many FREE indoor and outdoor activities on February 20th from 10 am to 3:30 pm at **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp**. Activities include sledding, skating, pretzel-making, crafts, games, a campfire, bannock roasting and much more! Please bring your own outdoor equipment. Some activities are weather dependent. Enjoy a hot lunch for

\$3/person or bring a bagged lunch. RSVP required – info@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

Winter Camp for Grownups will be held March 3 - 5, 2017 at **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**. This camp is for 20 & 30 somethings who wish they could do camp again! Enjoy everything winter has to offer at Silver Lake including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating on the lake, relaxing in the sauna, walking through the woods, good conversation by the fire, exceptional food etc. This “choose your own adventure” weekend is the perfect winter escape and is a collaborative project between PiE (Pastors in Exile) and Silver Lake. For more information contact Tamara Shantz (tamara@pastorsinexile.org.)

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.

In the midst of February.....



*"Every gardener knows that
under the cloak of winter lies
a miracle*

*... a seed waiting to sprout, a
bulb opening to the light,*

a bud straining to unfurl.

*And the anticipation
nurtures our dream."*

- Barbara Winkler