

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Lent 4

Restore us, O God:

We See



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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, March 26, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Hilda Krotz

Speaker: Rev. Patricia Wagler

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Organ: Karen Enns Choir: Laura Enns

Scripture Readers: Hilda Krotz, John Krotz, Vicki Dick

Children's Time: Rev. Patricia Wagler

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

Worship Focus: *We are bombarded by visual images and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our hearts and eyes are opened, we can see with greater clarity.*

Gathering

Gathering Hymn: “Come and see”

HWB # 20

Words of Welcome

Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

People: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

People: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: “Open my eyes, that I may see”

HWB # 517



Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true.
We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind
than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

**People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling
to fully accept what you want us to see.**

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets,
upsets our expectations,
and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading
the way.
Forgive us, O Lord,
when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current
reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

**People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes,
that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us.
Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts,
that we may recognize that you are at work.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, who brings all things into the light

All: restore us.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.
Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of
death, God is with us.
We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture I: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (Old Testament) page 202

Hymn: *"Hail to the Lord's anointed"* HWB # 185
(Children come forward on the last verse)

Time with the Children

Song of Blessing: *"The Lord lift you up"* STJ # 73

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

Anthem: *How Can I Thank the Lord* E. Wild, D. Waters

Scripture II: Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

*Right: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.*

*Left: He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.*

*Right: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.*

*Left: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

***All: Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.***



Sermon: **"See with greater clarity"**

Responding to the Story

Hymn of Response: *"Lead us, O Father"*

HWB # 359

Lenten Ritual: Prayer and Anointing

Hymn: "Take, O take me as I am" (sing twice)

STJ # 81

Theme Song: "You are all we have"

STJ # 29

Benediction

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!



A special welcome to Patricia Wagler, our guest speaker this morning. Rev. Patricia Wagler follows the way of Jesus Christ, as a friend, wife, mother, grandmother, spiritual director, labyrinth/prayer facilitator, pastor, and in many other ways that God provides for sharing the gifts He has given. Patricia will also lead the Adult Sunday School class.

Thanks for joining us today.

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. **Adult Sunday School:** *Patricia Wagler will share the Labyrinth with us, facilitating a sacred, safe place to walk, pray, meditate, and journey. The Labyrinth is a "Type 3 – Soul or Mystic" practice on the Spirituality Wheel; the symbolic journey of the Labyrinth fits nicely with our Lenten themes and pilgrimage. Restore us, O God as we journey. **Children and youth are invited to join the adults in experiencing the labyrinth.** Note – we are in the gym today.*
- Noon Youth Event in the gym
- 7:00 a.m. WMH Annual Meeting in the gym
- 7:30 p.m. W-KUM Congregational Meeting in the gym



Next Sunday – April 2, 2017

Lent 5

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*
Lectionary *Ezekial 37: 1-14* *Psalms 130*
Readings: *Romans 8: 6-11* *John 11: 1-45*
10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children and Youth*
10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
10:45 a.m. *Adult Sunday School*: *Pastor Ben will continue with the*
 Spirituality Wheel Series.

CHURCH FAMILY 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 – 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of March 19th

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, March 28	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Lounge
	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting Group - Basement
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 29	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	10:00 a.m.	Belonging Place
	12:30 p.m.	Nordic Pole Walking - gym
	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, March 30	10:00 a.m.	WALC - gym
	7:00 p.m.	3 Congregations Mtg - Lounge
Friday, March 31	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship

	6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 1	3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Gym Rental

Men's Lenten Bible Study continues to meet in the lounge on Tuesday mornings through to April 11th from **9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** Waldemar Regier will lead the study this coming week.



Women's Lenten Bible Study continues to meet in the lounge on Wednesday afternoons through to April 12th from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. The study is entitled “*Faith Travels*” by Marlene Kropf. All women of the congregation are invited to participate. Please contact Gloria Dirks for more information.

A note about Income Tax receipts: All receipts should be now in your possession. They have either been put in your mailslot or you would have received them in the mail. If you do not have it or you if you have misplaced it, please let me know ASAP before the end of March. Otherwise I cannot guarantee that you will get a replacement until **late May!** ~ Paul Eitzen

The next Lunch Bunch is on Wednesday, April 5th at 12:30 p.m. We will meet at Cora's in Waterloo Square. All women are welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

The next Church Supper will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. Come for good food and fellowship. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by “The Quintessentials”, a men's quintet. Please sign up on the Courtyard window.



W-KUM Church will host a Good Friday choral service on



Friday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. The congregations of Erb Street and Waterloo North will join us. There will be a combined choir for this service, under the direction of Marg Hull, with accompaniment by Jan Overduin. Members from all churches are invited to be part of the choir. Rehearsals will be held here at W-K on March 24th, March 31st and April 7th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Women of MCEC invite women of all ages to St. Jacob's Mennonite Church on Saturday, April 22, 2017 for Spring Enrichment Day. The theme is Women Talk – Body and Soul with guest speaker, Carol Penner. Cost for the day is \$30 including lunch. A poster and registration forms are posted on Bulletin Board #



4. Deadline for registration is April 12th. Please see Gloria Dirks for more information.



George Street Fellowship is sponsoring the annual WKUM Baseball Day on Saturday, April 29th. The Jays will take on the Tampa Bay Rays. Over 30 persons have paid for tickets. There are still additional seats available by contacting John Enns.

Tickets will be ordered next week. Any questions? Contact

John Enns

The Knotty Knotters will continue to meet in the Basement through the spring. Please mark your calendars for the following:

March 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30 and June 13

The Quilting Group will meet on the alternate Tuesdays.

All ladies are welcome to come and join in.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART

W-K will be hosting the youth groups from Waterloo North and Erb Street Churches for an open gym event this afternoon from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. We are going to play a variety of games in the gym and have a pizza lunch as well.

Young-ish Adults: Are you in your 20's or 30's? Then you're invited to a Potluck and Board Games Night on Saturday April 1st at 4:30pm at Brubacher House, hosted by Josh & Laura Enns.



Bring food for the potluck and a favourite board game or two. Guests and significant others are of course welcome. For directions just google "Brubacher House" (seriously, it's easier this way, but it is near Columbia Lake). Need to know more? Talk to Pastor Ben.

Our W-K Lenten Pilgrimage:



Our W-K Lenten Pilgrimage – we begin **Week 4** of our pilgrimage this Sunday. Our worship theme: Restore us, O God...We see.

Throughout Lent we are following in Jesus' footsteps as his journey is described in John's gospel. In life, we walk through green pastures, beside still streams and also through dark valleys. God restores our souls! (Psalm 23)

In our second week of pilgrimage, we met **36** other W-K Pilgrims on our journey (10 more than our first week!). Together we travelled a total of **2,636**

kilometers! It is not too late to join us. This journey of faith and fitness is designed for all ages – everyone can participate. The box will be at the back of the sanctuary each week for you to deposit your **weekly total kilometers**. You can also submit your kilometers by email to parish.nurse@wkumchurch.ca Watch the display in the courtyard entrance as it changes. Note our weekly totals and pictures of the Holy Land taken by members of the congregation.

Weekly opportunities for physical activity:

- **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.

Community Health and Wellness Events:

- Information and Active Living Fair at the Breslau Community Centre, 100 Andover Street in Breslau will be held Tuesday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Please register by March 24th at 519-664-1900 for the free lunch. A panel discussion will be held – Aging Well and Age Friendly Community.
- Alzheimer Society has many programs for education and support of families living with dementia. New Spring programs will start soon. If

you would like more information, ask Karen Watson or see the Program Guide on the Health and Wellness bulletin board.

- Supporting your Child Living with Anxiety and Depression will be held on Thursday, March 30th from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Woolwich Health Centre in St. Jacobs. Please call 519-664-3794 to register.
- Parenting with Passion: Children and Stress will be held on Thursday, March 30th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Grow Community Centre in Cambridge. Please call 519-884-0000 to register.
- Laurier Association for Lifelong Learning presents – An Introduction to Death and Dying with Matthew Bailey-Dyck. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from April 5th to May 9th from 1:30 – 3:20 p.m. The cost is \$70. To register or for more information, please contact lall@wlu.ca or call 519-884-0710 Ext. 4628.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Singing with our Neighbours – Building Peace through Word and Song

is Inshallah's annual celebration joining with local groups of various cultures and faiths. This year we feature Inshallah Kids, The Good Hearted Women Singers, and Crossing Borders.

The concert will take place at Waterloo Collegiate Institute, 300 Hazel Street Waterloo this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The Waterloo Chamber Players present *Wisdom Youth* featuring works by Mendelssohn and Bizet on Saturday, April 1, 2017 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Location is St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street in Kitchener.

Tickets are available at the door – pay what you can. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The Wayne Gilpin Singers present *Thine is the Glory: Celebrating the power and glory of Easter* on Saturday, April 1st at 8:00 p.m. at St. John The Evangelist Church, 23 Waterloo Street North in Kitchener. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students or seniors. Please see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

**PILGRIMAGE
FOR
INDIGENOUS
RIGHTS**

You are invited to join Mennonites from K-W and across Canada for part or all of the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights, walking from Kitchener to Ottawa from April 23 - May 14. The Opening Ceremony and Celebration will take place at Stirling Avenue

Mennonite Church in Kitchener at 1:30 pm on April 23. Anyone who wishes may then join the walkers on the first leg of the journey, walking to Cambridge. If you're joining the Pilgrimage for more than a day, registration is required through www.pfir.ca by March 31.

Divest Waterloo and The Peace Hub at UW's Centre for Peace Advancement are hosting [The Age of Consequences](#) film screening on Tuesday, March 28th from 6:30-9:30pm, at Conrad Grebel University, 140 Westmount Road North in Waterloo. Following the screening, representatives from Project Plowshares will join a panel that includes Rick Cober Bauman, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, and Dr. Simon Dalby, CIGI Chair in the Political Economy of Climate Change at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, to discuss building peace in an era of ecological crises. Registration is free at Eventbrite – details are available at DivestWaterloo.ca/Events. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Join Pastors in Exile (PiE) for a chance to study the fine art of pie baking! A Pie Baking Class will be held on Wednesday, March 29th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at St. John's Kitchen, 97 Victoria Street North in Kitchener. Bring an apron and rolling pin if you can, hone your skills, and leave with a pie to take home. Any new monthly donors to PiE will also receive a pie if you sign up to donate on the PiE website before March 29th at www.pastorsinexile.org.



Join PiE and Stirling Ave. MC for a soup supper and conversation about the ancient spiritual practice of pilgrimage – Finding our Way: Stories of Pilgrimage on Sunday, April 2nd, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. Karen Cornies (SLMC director) will be reflecting both on the spirituality of walking and her experiences on the Camino de Santiago. If you plan to attend, please email tamara@pastorsinexile.org.

Dinner and a Movie Night at Rockway Mennonite Church.

Join us on Saturday, April 8, 2017 for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and movie beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15. For reservations contact the church office at office@rockwaymc.ca or 519-226-476-2500, ext. 715 (temp. office at MCEC). This year's film has been called “a parable of hope.” Set in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe during World War II, the film is at turns humorous and sad, suspenseful and poignant, preposterous and redemptive in its exploration of the sometimes ridiculous, sometimes tragic clash between evil and goodness. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

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Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Our speaker will be Erin Wildsmith



Good Friday Choral Service

Friday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. at W-KUM. This is a combined service with W-KUM, Erb Street and Waterloo North congregations. W-K will host this event. Join the combined choir for this service. Rehearsals are scheduled for March 24th, 31st and April 7th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at



W-KUM Church.



Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m.
Worship with Communion
Speaker – Pastor Ben Cassels
Paska in the gym following the service