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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, April 23, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Karl Dick

Speaker: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Congregational Prayer: Gloria Dirks

Organ: Karen Enns Solo: Janice Harder

Scripture Readers: Bertha Landers

Children's Time: Janice Harder

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

Worship Focus: *Can we be followers of Jesus and still have doubts? How do we respond when others ask hard questions of our faith or their own? Can doubt ever be a good thing? Today we look at the story of "doubting Thomas" and see the process of doubt giving birth to belief.*

Gathering:

Gathering Hymn: "Lift up your voices"

HWB # 275

Words of Welcome

Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Easter Affirmation Prayer

Leader: The world is full of turmoil and unrest.

People: He is risen!

Leader: We want to help, but we don't know where to start.

People: Take heart, he has overcome the world!

Leader: You prayed for the unity of your church, but we are not unified.

People: He is risen!

Leader: We long to be a vibrant, healing community of faith.

People: He who began a good work in you is faithful to complete it.

Leader: My heart is full of turmoil and unrest.

People: He is risen!

Leader: I need your power inside of me.

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ



from the dead.

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Hymn: *“O sons and daughters, let us sing”*

HWB # 274

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture I: 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 (New Testament) page 182

Hymn: *“Tis not with eyes of flesh we see”* HWB # 571

Hymn: *“God sees the little sparrow”* see back page of bulletin
(Children come forward on the last verse)

Time with the Children

Song of Blessing: *“God sees the little sparrow”* refrain

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

Special Music: *Christ is Alive* B. Wren/ L. True

Scripture II: John 20: 19 - 31 (New Testament) page 88

Sermon: **“Questions, Doubt and Faith”**

Responding to the Story

Hymn of Response: *“We walk by faith”* HWB # 570

Benediction

Congregational Closing Prayer: *“Christ we do all adore thee”* HWB # 105

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
No Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose Screening - gym
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: *We are once again visiting the controversial "Future Directions" work of MC Canada that has just recently included listening sessions in various parts of Ontario. On April 5th it was our turn here in K-W to explore what's ahead, and Karl Dick will present a 30-minute video made that evening. Learn about the "why" of re-organizing our resources!*

Next Sunday – April 30, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*
IMCC Concert Choir will be our guests
- Lectionary *Acts 2: 14a, 36-41* *Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19*
Readings: *1 Peter 1: 17-23* *Luke 24: 13-35*
- 10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children and Youth*
- 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 a.m. *Adult Sunday School: We enjoy a variation on the "Antiques Roadshow", as we at W-K echo the tribute MCC and the Thrift Stores are giving to Maud Lewis, the Nova Scotia folk artist. (Dinner and auction on April 27). Our Sunday School hour will feature guest Martha Hofstetter, a sister to the late Helen Staller and Annelies Reimer; she will comment on any "Treasured Mementos" we bring to the class. Old paintings, antique items, historical belongings from Russia, etc. Bring your memorabilia and let's explore how heritage gives meaning to life and faith! It's not about money; Martha will not be doing any appraising.*
- Noon *Inter-congregational Youth Event in the gym*

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 April 16, 2017

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, April 25	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting Group - Basement
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Screening - gym
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Youth Rm
Wednesday, April 26	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	10:00 a.m.	Belonging Place
	12:30 p.m.	Nordic Pole Walking - gym
	2:45 p.m.	Deacons Meeting - Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Visioning Team Meeting - Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, April 27	10:00 a.m.	WALC - gym
Friday, April 28	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Saturday, April 29	3:00 p.m. - Sunday	IMCC event



The Worship Committee would like to thank all those individuals who played a part in the Lenten - Easter series, *Restore us – Oh God*. From the visual displays, to the weekly bulletins, the Children’s story tellers, the worship leaders, speakers, choir and choir directors, accompanists; those who participated in the pilgrimage walk, the Bible Studies, the 3-church Good Friday service and communion on Easter Sunday, the bakers of paska / Easter breads, and all of you, who came out to the services ---

Thank-you all, and may God continue to bless each and every one of you.

The Quilting Group will meet in the Basement on April 25th . All ladies are welcome to come and join in.



The MCEC Annual Church Gathering is taking place on Friday, April 28th (7:00 – 9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 29th (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) in Oakville at The Meeting House. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. The website for information and registration is <https://mcec.ca/civicrm/event/register?id=276%reset=1> Talk to Pastor Ben if you would like more information.



The next Ladies Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, May 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at Angel’s on Westmount, 751 Victoria Street South (corner of Westmount and Victoria). All women are welcome to attend. For questions, please contact Vicki Dick

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Fleisch Piroshki Project for the May Relief Sale will be getting underway soon. we will make over 3,000 fleisch piroshki over \$6,000 for World Relief. We need

many volunteers – all ages, male and female. No experience is required – on job training is provided! Donations to cover expenses will be gratefully accepted. For more information or to volunteer your time, please contact Janice Harder Volunteer days as follows:

<u>W-KUM Church</u>	<u>City Café Bakery</u>
Tues. May 2 – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tues. May 9 – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed. May 10 – 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Wed. May 17 – 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Join the George Street Fellowship for a Heritage Tour and discover the history and culture of Amish Mennonites in Ontario on Wednesday October 18, 2017. Register early! See Wally or Gloria Dirks for more information or see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for details.

The Memorial Fund will be disbursing grant funds again this spring. Applications can be submitted until May 15, 2017.

Anyone attending our church may apply for a project in our church or for a mission/service/outreach project in which you are involved outside the church. The Memorial Fund Committee tries to disburse funds so that there is some equity between those funds that support our church and those which support projects outside the church. Please feel free to contact a committee member if you have a project in mind and wonder if it might fit the criteria. Applications and brochures about criteria are available on the door of the church office. Committee members: Rita Witt, Pauline Weiland, John Harder.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART

Inter-Church Youth Event: Next Sunday, April 30th will be the last formal youth get together between W-K, Waterloo North and Erb Street until September. To honour such an occasion we will be having an epic Uptown Waterloo photo scavenger hunt. Please arrive at WK at noon or shortly thereafter. Bring your own picture taking device and weather appropriate clothing for this adventure. Plan for a 2:00 pm pick-up at W-K.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Our W-K Pilgrims completed the Lenten Pilgrimage on Easter Sunday with a total of 13,561 kilometers traveled. An average of 28 pilgrims participated each week including 3 people from outside the congregation. If we consider the entire journey of just less than 1,000 kilometers, then together, we had 14 pilgrims who made the entire journey. Congratulations to all of you and to each individual who participated. We hope that your participation provided enrichment and encouragement for you. May God bless and keep you on your journey – Body, Mind and Spirit.

W-K Health and Wellness:

- Sunday, April 23rd following worship – Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose (Blood Sugar) Screening
- Tuesday, April 25th following Silver Spoons – Blood Pressure Screening
- Tuesday, May 2nd following Silver Spoons – Blood Glucose Screening



Community Health and Wellness Events:

Health Hearts and Healthy Bones!!!

- Falls and Fracture Prevention – to be held on April 29th at the University of Waterloo Applied Health Sciences Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Local medical experts in the field of osteoporosis, fracture prevention and bone health will be in attendance. This is a free event – please register by calling 519-743-5201 Ext. 233.
- Spring into Action at Woolwich Community Health Centre in St. Jacobs – a session on getting your body ready for spring gardening. Prevent injuries through being aware of posture and body movement on Thursday, April 20th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Register at 519-664-3794 (Limited Seating)
- Men's Night out!!! For men over 30 years of age – looks like an excellent presentation on men's preventative health at Woolwich Community Health Centre in St. Jacobs. Tuesday April 25th, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Register at 519-664-3794

Parenting with Passion: There are several evening, one day and multiple week workshops sponsored by K-W Counselling. Please call 519-884-0000 for more information or to register.

- Raising Connected Kids (5 weeks beginning May 3rd on Wednesday evenings
- Encouraging a Love of Learning: Monday, April 24th – evening
- Raising Responsible Children: Wednesday, May 10th – evening



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Nota Bene Baroque Players and Singers, under the direction of Howard Dyck will present ***Bach Resounding: An Easter Celebration*** this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at First United Church, Waterloo. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

From the Past will Come our Future – the 50th

Anniversary IMCC Concert with the IMCC Alumni Choir and Alumni Directors will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street in Kitchener. Please see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



Spiritus Ensemble will perform Bach's *Mass in B-minor* in a newly revised version on Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street in Waterloo – Ken Hull conducting. Tickets are available at the door or at www.spiritusensemble.com More information on the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Bear Feat (Joshua & Rebecca Penfold) will be hosting a worship concert at Tavistock Mennonite Church on May 7th at 3:00 p.m. All are invited for an afternoon of congregational songs of worship and original songs. This concert is a fundraiser for Hidden Acres Camper Subsidy Fund. For more information please visit www.facebook.com/bearfeatband or e-mail thebearfeatband@gmail.com See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



Menno Youth Singers will hold their Spring Concert & Fund-raiser on Friday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Breslau Mennonite Church, 226 Woolwich Street South in Breslau. Great music, snacks and ice cream sundaes and cool silent auction items: Free admission – donations gratefully accepted. See poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



Menno Singers, under the direction of Peter Nikiforuk, will present Honegger's *King David* on Saturday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 49 Queen Street North in Kitchener. This will be the final concert with Peter Nikiforuk – reception to follow. Tickets are available at www.mennosingers.com or at the door. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights is a 600 km walk from Kitchener to Ottawa, promoting conversation around the UN Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous People. You are invited to join us this afternoon (Sunday) at 1:30 p.m. for the Opening Ceremony and Celebration, at Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N, Kitchener) At 2:30, anyone who wishes is invited to join the walkers on the first leg of the journey, walking part or all of the way to Cambridge. (Please bring what you need for the walk and make any necessary arrangements for return transportation.) Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE PROMOTION DINNER will



New Hamburg
Mennonite
Relief Sale

be held at Bingeman's on Monday, April 24th. Tickets are now available. The guest speaker is Rachelle Friesen who will be speaking about "Palestine/Israel- Where do we go from here?" Ticket price is \$10. Tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price. Please contact Henry Epp at 519-885-6075 for tickets. Advance ticket sales only.

The Amish Project by Jessica Dickey is a fictional exploration of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community, and the path of forgiveness and compassion forged in its wake. The play will be presented at The Registry Theatre in Kitchener from April 13-16th and at the St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre from April 26-30th. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate will be hosting a Visual Arts Night along with an Information Night for future students on Tuesday, April 25th beginning at 7:00 p.m. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 7.



The 22nd Annual Golf Classic sponsored by Rockway is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th at Willow Valley Golf Course. For more information or to register please visit www.rockway.ca

Shalom Counselling Services will hold their annual Fundraising Breakfast on Saturday, May 6 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, 57 Stirling Avenue North in Kitchener. Guest speaker for this year's event will be Tana Nash, Executive Director of the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Please order tickets in advance by calling 519-886-9690 or by email admin@shalomcounselling.org by May 1, 2017. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



Camp News:

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is offering a **Spring Seniors' Retreat** on May 1st or 2nd, 2017 (the same program will be offered both days). Our resource persons are Robert J. and Irene Suderman and the theme is "Dancing in the Wind: The Vocation of the Church in Society". Join us for a day of worship, learning and fellowship. For more information contact the camp at [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602), info@hiddenacres.ca, or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by April 25th. Registration forms are available on the Camp Bulletin Board.

Paddle the Grand Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp,

Saturday May 13: Silver Lake supplies the canoe, lifejackets and paddles and you enjoy a 1.5 hour late afternoon paddle through some of Waterloo Region's most beautiful countryside from Inverhaugh to West Montrose. Funds raised help to support Silver Lake's summer camp program. To register or donate please visit www.slmc.ca or call 519-422-1401

Annual General Meeting for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Saturday

May 13 at 5:30 pm: Enjoy a pizza dinner along the Grand River in West Montrose and hear details on the activities of the board over the past 12 months and our vision for Silver Lake for the next 12 months. SPECIAL NOTE: draft plans will be on display for our proposed retreat space!

Saturday May 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Letson Park West Montrose. For more information please visit www.slmc.ca or call 519-422-1401

Last Chance to Experience Silver Lake this Summer! A limited number of spots are left in most weeks of the summer including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Skillz Camp and Arts & Adventure. Enjoy swimming, canoeing, sailing, kayaking, archery, crafts, nature exploration, low-ropes and climbing tower, gagaball, tether ball, homemade food, singing around the campfire, new cabins and much, much more. Financial assistance is available. For more information including pictures and videos, please visit www.slmc.ca or call 519-422-1401

Please see notices on Bulletin Board # 5 for information on an employment opportunity with Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp.