

Sunday, April 30, 2017



“The Road to Emmaus” by Robert Zund, 1877

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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 30, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Jeff Staller

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanist: Christine Klaver-Schmidt

Scripture Reader: Jeff Staller

Conductor: Carolyn Neumann VanderBurgh

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:

“Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road?”

Luke 24:32

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, creator of all, help us to truly appreciate what Home and Family teach us about ourselves.

People: We understand we are here to learn the lesson, of what it is like when we choose our ways over your ways.

Leader: And yet you grant us mercy and compassion.

People: As a benevolent parent, you show us kindness, you give us the gift of home and family.

Leader: These are the greatest gifts of all. And though we may experience sadness inherent in many personal challenges, you allow us to also experience ultimate joy, like welcoming a new child into a larger family group.

People: You help us to see the incredible amount of love and compassion, we as human beings are truly capable of.



All: *Dear Lord, allow us to learn from what you have shown us, and to mirror this love in all aspects of this life and the next.*

Hymn: *“Here in this place”*

HWB # 6

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture I: Psalm 100

(Old Testament)

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Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir

“You Shall Have A Song”

Harriet Ziegenhals

“Sing for Joy”

Scarlatti arr. Lowe

“Hine Ma Tov”

arr. Alan Naplan

Hymn: *“The wise may bring their learning”*
(Children come forward on the last verse)

see back page of bulletin

Time with the Children

Song of Blessing: *“We will follow”*

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Offering

Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir

“Thanks be to God”

Franklin Famme

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.

Scripture II: Luke 24: 13-35

Homily: **“Walking the Road”**



RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: "On the journey to Emmaus"

STS # 98

Benediction

Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir

"Blessing"

Katie Moran Bart

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 IMCC this morning!

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is a community children's choir in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. For fifty years, IMCC's focus has been to train young voices and give young singers a life-long appreciation of music while striving for excellence in all choral performances. The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir welcomes singers from all denominations and backgrounds. Registration for the 2017-2018 season has started and we are excited to welcome new singers in the fall. Please email imcc.conductor@rogers.com for registration link or go to the website: www.mennosingers.com/imcc

Thanks for bringing your ministry of music to us this morning.

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: *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. 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*

Next Sunday – May 7, 2017

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Nathan and Taryn Dirks*
 Lectionary *Acts 2: 42-47* *Psalm 23*
 Readings: *1 Peter 2: 19-25* *John 10: 1-10*
 10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children and Youth*
 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
 10:45 a.m. *Adult Sunday School: Nathan and Taryn Dirks will visit with us
 and speak about their work in Botswana.*

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 23rd, and for the pre-authorized withdrawal offering of April 27th.

Please note that *Katharine and Pastor Ben* will be out of the office on Friday of this coming week. *Bulletin announcements* should be submitted by **Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.** Thanks.

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, May 2	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Glucose Screening - gym
	1:00 p.m.	Knotty Knotters - Basement
	2:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Fleisch Piroshki
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study – Youth Rm
Wednesday, May 3	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	10:00 a.m.	Belonging Place
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, May 4	10:00 a.m.	WALC - gym

	6:00 p.m.	Church Supper
Friday, May 5	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Saturday, May 6	Noon – 9:00 p.m.	IMCC event

The Knotty Knotters will meet in the Basement on May 2nd .

All ladies are welcome to come and join in.



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

Last church supper before the summer break will be held next week on Thursday, May 4th. Come early for coffee, tea, punch and a visit. We'll be having bread bowls and waffle cones. Please sign up on the Courtyard window. More information about the program is posted there as well.



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.



Fleisch Piroshki Project for the May 2017 Relief

Sale will be getting underway soon. Together we will make over 3,000 fleisch piroshki and raise 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:

W-KUM Church

City Café Bakery

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.

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: A reminder that today will be the last formal youth get together between W-K, Waterloo North and Erb Street until September. We will be having an epic Uptown Waterloo photo scavenger hunt. Plan for a 2:00 pm pick-up at W-K.



Information regarding summer camp programs are posted on the bulletin board in the gym hallway. Camper subsidy forms are found there as well. Please submit these forms to the office.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

W-K Health and Wellness:

- Tuesday, May 2nd following Silver Spoons – Blood Glucose Screening

Community Health and Wellness Events: Check out the many excellent programs at your local Adult Recreation Centres, YMCA and the Waterloo Recreation Complex. Something for everyone.... something new to learn... ways to stay physically and socially active.

Mental Health Series at Woolwich Community Health Centre in St. Jacobs.

Caring for yourself in the Midst of Caring for Others will be held on Monday, May 15th from 6:30-8:30 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
- Raising Responsible Children: Wednesday, May 10th – evening



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Spring Hymn Sing will take place at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Road South in Waterloo on Thursday, May 4 beginning at 2:00p.m. Come relax and enjoy some of your old favourites. For more information please call 519-886-5820 or visit www.mzxc.ca Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

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 and 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 and 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 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.

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.

From:

*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.*