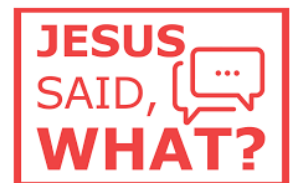


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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, July 16, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Scripture Readers: Henry Epp, John Harder,
Janice Harder, Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Solo: Janice Harder

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

Worship Focus: *The Parable of the Sower, the Seeds, and the Soil offers us an unexpected image of what it means to be messengers of the Kingdom of God who produce a good harvest.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn: “Jesus, stand among us”

HWB # 25

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us,
we have come to offer worship and to praise.

All: ***With thanks we offer God the creativity of our minds,
the warmth of our hearts,
and the joy of our spirits.***

Leader: We love because God first loved us,
freeing us from the power of sin and death.

All: ***With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God, Creator, Word and Holy Spirit.***

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “Blessed Saviour we adore thee”

HWB # 107

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance



HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture I: Isaiah 55: 10-13

(Old Testament)

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Hymn: *"When long before time"*

STJ # 25

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: *A Little Seed*

Traditional/ C. Writer

Scripture II: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

(New Testament)

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Hymn: *"As rain from the clouds"*

STJ # 40

Sermon: **"The Indiscriminate Sower"**

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *"You are salt for the earth"*

HWB # 226

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

Next Sunday – July 23, 2017

Jesus said WHAT!?!

9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship Service</i>	<i>Ed Janzen</i>
Lectionary	<i>Isaiah 44: 6-8</i>	<i>Psalms 86: 11-17</i>
Readings:	<i>Romans 8: 12-25</i>	<i>Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43</i>



Worship on Summer Long Weekends:

As we have done in the past, we will join with our friends from Erb Street and Waterloo North for worship on the long weekends as follows:

Sunday, August 6th – worship is at Erb Street at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 3rd – worship is at Waterloo North at 9:30 a.m.

Come add your voices and join in the fellowship.

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Summer Church Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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 July 9th



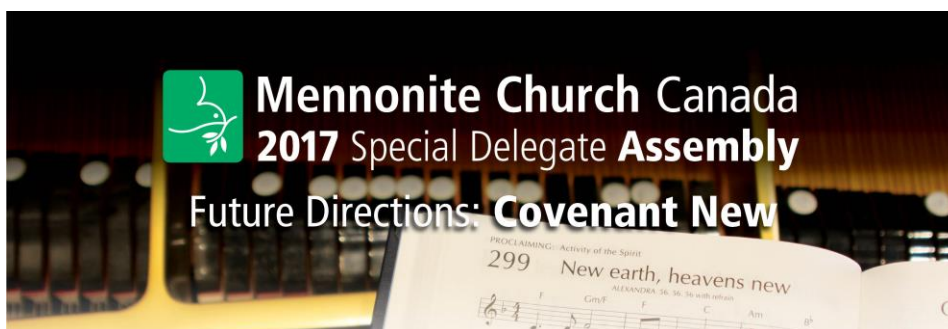
IVEP at W-K: As they have in past years, the IVEP year-end conference will be using W-K as a base during July. W-K will be serving a 6:00 p.m. supper to about 50 folks from the MCC International Volunteer Program on Friday, July 21st and Sunday, July 23rd. If you would like to help prepare the meal and then eat with our guests please call or email Erika Tubb.

Mission and Service Team would like to thank the congregation for the 90lbs of food collected during the recent Food Drive. The Waterloo-Region Food Bank has also sent a note expressing their thanks.



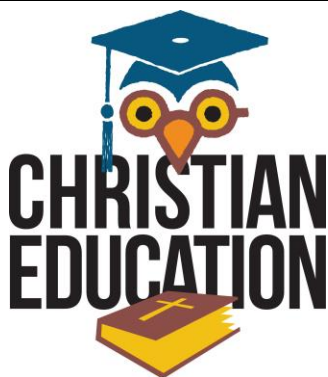
Ride for Refuge September 30, 2017 - in support of WK's Mission partners **Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung Park** (Mennonite Church Canada witness workers in South Korea). Riders or walkers are needed to join our WK team. Please contact Pauline Weiland for more information. Pauline would like to have some company on the ride this year!

Our Thirty-five Below Zero fundraiser has raised \$24,000 towards our goal of \$35,000! Thanks to all who have contributed. Those who are capable of helping us reach our goal – please consider doing so at your convenience.
~ John Reimer



Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Assembly – Future Directions: Covenant New The assembly will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Winnipeg. W-K is entitled to send 6 delegates. Pastor Ben Cassels will be attending and we invite members to consider attending as well. If you would like more information, please speak with Ed Janzen.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART



Sunday School for the Fall:

For next fall, our Sunday education classes need the help of a few volunteers. The youth class depends on the leadership of a number of people, assisting perhaps once a month, each. For the adult class, that is appreciated by many, we are open to ideas for topics and guest speakers! For the younger children (ages SK to Grade 6), another volunteer to assist with teaching would be greatly appreciated. See Karl Dick if you have any ideas or are willing to help. *Thanks for your consideration.*



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

Difficult Conversations – Conversations worth having

When we consider Advance Care Planning we also need to consider Powers of Attorney. There are two kinds of Power of Attorney. One is for making decisions about Personal Care and the other is for decisions related to Property and Financial Matters. Once we identify the person or persons we want to manage these decisions for us, we need to talk to them about this responsibility and what decisions we would make if we could.

Then, a lawyer needs to draw up the proper papers for you to sign. Once you complete the paperwork with a lawyer, these people are then able to act on your behalf as needed. This process ensures that the people you identify will be the ones responsible for decisions related to your care and property. For more information on this or other matters related to future planning, contact the Parish Nurse or your lawyer.



Note: Parish Nurse Clinics will resume at normal times on July 18th at Waterloo Mennonite Homes and July 20th at W-KUM Church.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Hymn Society Conference at Conrad Grebel: This summer, a celebration of hymnody will coincide with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at the annual Hymn Society conference to be held at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, July 16-20, revolving around the theme: "Now Thank We All Our God: Celebrating Congregational Song since the Reformation." The conference includes five free hymn festivals that are open to the public. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information. To see conference details, please visit

www.thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo



The Abner Martin Music Scholarship (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who:

1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in

2017-18;

2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and

3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community.

Application deadline is September 15, 2017. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at lbrubacher@sympatico.ca.

Peace Camp 2017 is coming to Conrad Grebel University College during July 31-August 4, 2017. Geared towards students in grades 6-8, Peace Camp is a week-long day camp that teaches youth they can make a difference in the world. This year we will ask, "Where can we find peace?" searching locally, globally, and in our own lives. Register online at www.grebel.ca/peacecamp<<http://www.grebel.ca/peacecamp>> today!

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is responding to the forest fires in British Columbia. People in BC have already lost homes to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274.

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.