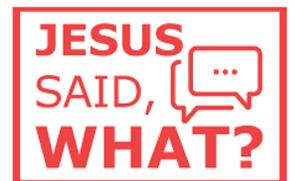


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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Ed Janzen

Speaker: Ed Janzen

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanist: Laura Enns

Scripture Reader: Ed Janzen

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

Worship Focus: *Jesus said what?!? In the parable of the wheat and tares, Jesus offers some strange agricultural advice for dealing with strange times. This parable is a mini-apocalypse and counsels us to practice a patience that may be strange to us.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn: “Love divine, all loves excelling”

HWB # 592

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, in whom nothing is wasted.
You salvage the remnant, the scrap, the shred.
You bless what is left from the consuming fire,
the devouring flood, the shearing wind,
the shifting earth.

All that remains returns to you
and is reborn from you.

**All: Blessed are you, O God,
who brings life from the earth
and will return it to earth
once again.**



Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “Holy, holy, holy”

HWB # 75

Prayer of Confession: *Land Recognition Reflection*

Words of Assurance

Leader: All the broken hearts shall rejoice;
all those who are heavy laden,
whose eyes are tired and who do not see,
shall be lifted up to meet with the Motherly Healer.

**People: The battered souls and bodies shall be healed;
the hungry shall be fed;
the imprisoned shall be free.**

**All: All earthly children shall regain joy
in the reign of the just and loving One
coming for you
coming for me
in this time
in this world.**



HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture I: Wisdom 12: 1-19

(Apocrypha)

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Hymn: *"Silence my soul"*

STS # 97

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

Hymn: *"When we walk with the Lord"*

HWB # 544

Scripture II: Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43

(New Testament)

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Sermon: "Mennoniten mit privilegium: wheat or tares?"

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: "View the present"

STS # 108

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 30, 2017

Jesus said WHAT!?!

9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship Service</i>	<i>Bertha Landers</i>
Lectionary	<i>1 Kings 3: 5-12</i>	<i>Psalm 119: 129-136</i>
Readings:	<i>Romans 8: 26-39</i>	<i>Matthew 13: 47-52</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 – Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of July 16th

The next W-K Women's Lunch Bunch is on Wednesday, August 2nd at 12:30 p.m. at the Dearborn Restaurant, 105 Lexington Rd. in Waterloo. All women are invited to this monthly event. Come and enjoy some good company and conversation. For questions contact Vicki Dick.



Ride for Refuge September 30, 2017 - in support of W-K'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 W-K 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 almost \$26,700 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

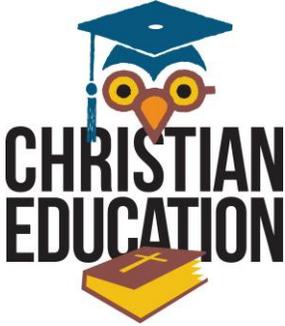


Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Assembly – Future Directions: Covenant New The assembly will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Winnipeg. W-K is entitled to send 6 delegates. Pastor Ben Cassels will be attending and we invite members to consider attending as well. If you would like more information, please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



Looking ahead to the fall, I am beginning to work on the annual Gathering Sunday Flyer. (Gathering Sunday is planned for September 10th.) If you have any announcements about Ministry Teams or activities that should be included, please submit them to the office by August 25th. Thanks ~ Katharine

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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; Let them sing before the Lord.”

Psalm 98: 1, 4 & 8 (NIV)



We sing and shout for joy at this wonderful time of year; we relax with friends and family and marvel at the beauty and bounty of nature around us. It is good – we all love the reprieve and freedom of the summer months. A few reminders as you enjoy your summer fun:

- Remember to stay hydrated and cool, especially during the days when the Humidex is high and rising!
- Drink water frequently – before you feel thirsty.
- Pay attention to how you are feeling and take cool down breaks frequently.
- Plan your outdoor activities for early morning or in the evening.
- Heat stroke or dehydration are medical emergencies – best to prevent these!
- The elderly, the very young, and those with chronic illnesses are more susceptible.



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



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.

Employment Opportunity:

Fairview Mennonite Home and Parkwood Mennonite Home are seeking a CEO to work with the senior leadership team to maintain a leading position in providing quality elder care programs as well as maintaining their unique position within the communities they serve. Please see the job description posted on Bulletin Board # 5 or visit www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com and follow the links.

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.