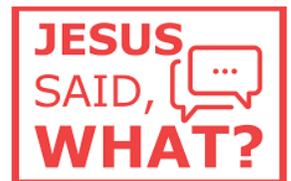
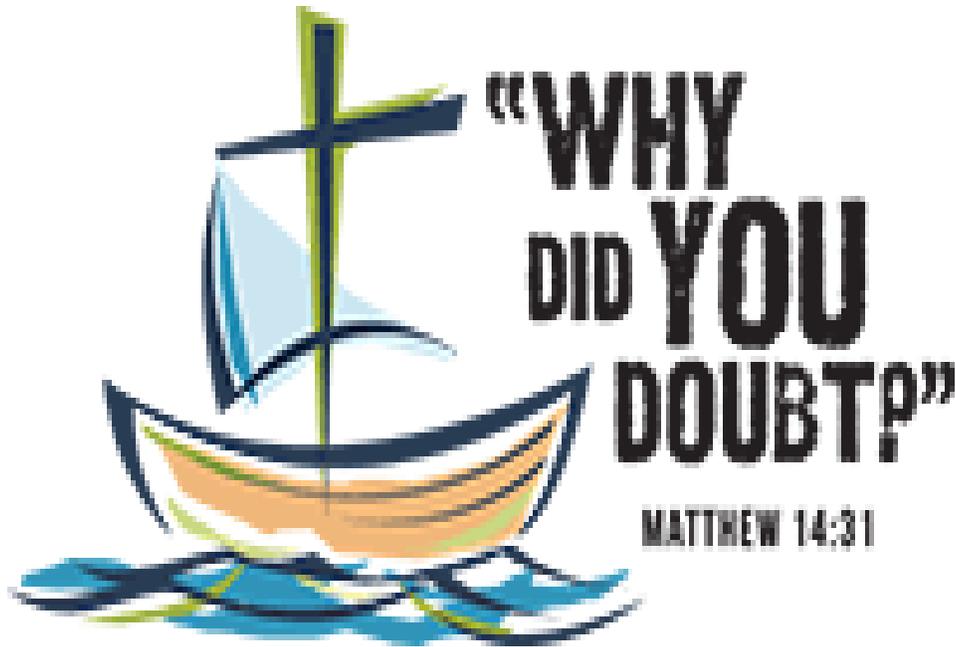


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*Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.*

*Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Hilda Krotz

Speaker: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Congregational Prayer: Hilda Krotz

Organist: Alison Enns

Scripture Reader 1: John Krotz

Special Music: Adrienne Enns

Scripture Reader 1: Congregation

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

**Worship Focus:** In today's text Jesus comes to his disciples walking on the sea. Do the words of Jesus to his disciples astonish us? Challenge us? Or give us comfort and strength?

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

Hymn: "Spirit, working in creation"

STJ #10

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Here, in this place,  
God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters.

**People:** Here, in this place,  
The worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Leader: Here, in this time,  
We can remember all the ways God has graced us.

**People:** Here, in these moments,  
We are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here, in this place,  
Are gathered those daring enough  
to step out of comfort into the unknown.

**People:** Here, in this faith space,  
We will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!'  
In every situation.

**All:** Let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *"I sought the Lord"*

HWB #506

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture I: Romans 10:5-15

(New Testament)

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Hymn: *"Precious Lord, take my hand"*

HWB #575

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

Scripture II: Matthew 14:22-33

(New Testament)

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**Narrator:** Immediately after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, Jesus asked the disciples to get into the boat and cross over to the other side of the lake.

He stayed behind to dismiss the crowd.  
After they were gone,  
he went up the mountaintop alone as he had hoped to do earlier.  
When evening came, he was still on the mountain, praying.

Meanwhile, the disciples in the boat found themselves far from  
land, fighting a strong headwind, and battered by the waves.

When the sun was just coming up,  
Jesus finished his prayers  
and came out to meet his disciples—walking on the water!

The disciples caught sight of a figure  
moving towards them on the water, and they were terrified.  
They cried out:

Right / Peter: It's a ghost!

Narrator: But Jesus spoke to them:

Left / Jesus: Be still. It's me. You have nothing to fear.

Narrator: Peter replied:

Right / Peter: Lord, if it is really You,  
then command me to come and meet you on the water.

Left / Jesus: Indeed, Peter – come.

Narrator: So Peter stepped out of the boat, on to the water,  
and began walking toward Jesus.  
But when he felt the strong wind,  
his courage failed, and he began to sink.

Right / Peter: Lord, save me!

Narrator: And immediately, Jesus reached out for Peter,  
and caught him.

Left / Jesus: O you of little faith!

Why did you begin to have doubts?

Naratorr: Then together they climbed into the boat  
and the winds died down.  
The disciples in the boat worshipped Jesus, saying:

Right / Peter: Truly, You are the Son of God

Sermon: **"Monsters, Ghosts and Things that Go Bump in the Night"**

## **RESPONDING TO THE STORY**

Hymn of Response: *"I will come to you in silence*

STS # 49

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

#### **Sunday August 20, 2017**

#### ***Jesus said WHAT!?!***

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* Tamara Shantz

Lectionary *Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8* *Psalm 67*

Readings: *Romans 11: 1-2a; 29-32* *Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28*



## **Worship on Summer Long Weekends:**

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 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 30th

**The Vision Team is pleased to receive** and unanimously accept the following recommendation:

*“After an informative and engaging time of discussion with Laura Enns, the Hiring Team is confident that she is qualified in all aspects of the job description for the Coordinator of Worship and Neighbourhood Engagement at WKUM Church. We look forward to her leadership within our congregation, using her skills to move us forward with our mission. A start date in late August is anticipated.*

*Submitted by Erika Tubb, Hilda Krotz, Paul Enns, Ben Cassels (ex officio)”*

The congregation will be invited to ratify this decision at a congregational meeting in September. Thanks to the committee and we look forward to Laura’s ministry.

~Ed Janzen, On behalf of the Vision Team



**Please note:** Pastor Ben will be on vacation from the afternoon of July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

**Karen Watson, our Parish Nurse, will be on call during this time.** Should you require pastoral assistance, please contact Karen

Karen will check all messages on a daily basis.



**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!

**Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Assembly – Future Directions:**

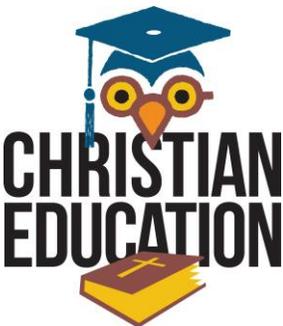
**Covenant New** The assembly will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Winnipeg. W-K is entitled to send 6 delegates. Pastor Ben Cassels will be attending and we invite members to consider attending as well. If you would like more information, please speak with Ed Janzen.



**Looking ahead to the fall,** I am beginning to work on the annual Gathering Sunday Flyer. (Gathering Sunday is planned for September 10<sup>th</sup>.) If you have any announcements about Ministry Teams or activities that should be included, please submit them

to the office by August 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.*



### Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

#### **The Nurture of Nature**

“I will meditate on all your works and muse on your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are holy.” Psalm 77: 12-13

What a wonderful season to meditate and muse on the wonders of nature and creation. God created... and we are intended to be an integral part of that creation - To experience the world around us and participate in it. “People have an inherent need to connect with nature... it is associated with improved cognition, mental and physical health, enhanced creativity and positive social behaviours.” (Pathways to Wellbeing, a Framework for Recreation in Canada, 2015). During this time of summer rest, may you attune more closely to the **rhythms of the Holy One** through experiencing, in some unique and special way, the **Nurture of Nature**.

### **WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

All are welcome to attend the annual **MEDA BBQ on Friday, August 25th** - at 6pm at the pavilion in Waterloo Park. We will be joined by Elaine Shantz and Miriam Turnbull who will share about their 900 kilometre trek along the Bruce trail to raise money for Ghana’s GROW project. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids and students. To register, please visit <http://meda.org/waterloo-bbq> or contact Katie Brox at [kbrox@meda.org](mailto:kbrox@meda.org) or (519)725-1633. See you there!

#### **Canadian Mennonite University Events and Opportunities for Church**

**Bulletins:** There is still time to apply to Canadian Mennonite University for 2017-2018 whether you want to take one course or start a degree.

Applications accepted until September 1. Evening courses are available for audit or credit even for those not enrolled full time. Visit [www.cmu.ca/apply](http://www.cmu.ca/apply) or [www.cmu.ca/timetable](http://www.cmu.ca/timetable) for details. Your prayers are welcome as a new academic year approaches!

## **Employment Opportunities:**

**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](http://www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com) and follow the links.

**Conrad Grebel** needs people to unload furniture on August 23, 8 am until we're done. Pay is \$12.25/hour; drinks, doughnuts and lunch provided. Requirements: ability to work safely, lift 20 kg/40 lbs, provide your own steel-toed safety footwear. Min. age is 16. Email [mholling@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mholling@uwaterloo.ca) to sign up.

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.