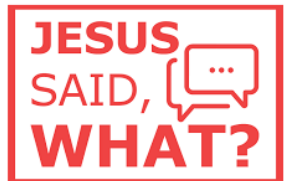


***Sunday, August 20, 2017***



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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 20, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Laura Enns

Speaker: Tamara Shantz

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Organist: Ryan Légère

Scripture Reader 1: Laura Enns

Child Dedication: Pastor Ben Cassels

Scripture Reader 2: Joshua Enns

Children's Story: Erika Tubb

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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:** *The Gospel of Matthew presents us with a very challenging encounter between a Canaanite woman and Jesus. How do we respond when Jesus does not act in a way that fits with who we believe Jesus to be?*

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

Hymn: *"Let all who are thirsty come"*

see back page

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Let all who are thirsty come;

**People: Let them drink of the water that has no price.**

Leader: Let all who are hungry come;

**People: Let them eat of the bread that has no cost.**



Leader: All without money, come, buy, and eat!

**All: Drink what is good, and delight in the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *"As the pauper waits for plenty"*

STS # 9

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Leader: God of the weak and the wounded,  
grant us your forgiveness.

**People: We have been heedless in our thoughts,  
cruel in our words, shameful in our actions.  
We are indifferent to a world made sad by want**

and wastefulness;  
we pass by on the other side when we see  
a neighbor in need;  
we wander from the way that leads to peace in paths  
of our own choosing.

**All:** *God of the weak and the wounded,  
grant us your forgiveness. Amen.*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture I: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 (Old Testament) page 531

Hymn: *"Slowly turning, ever turning"* STJ # 23  
(Children come forward on the last verse.)

Children's Time

Parent/Child Dedication Please turn to HWB # 791

Hymn: *"Child of blessing, child of promise"* HWB # 620

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: *"God, whose giving"* HWB # 383

Scripture II: Matthew 15: 21-28 (New Testament) page 13

Sermon: **"A Text that Disrupts: the Canaanite Woman and Jesus"**

## RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *"Long before my journey's start"* STJ # 36

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!



**A very special welcome to Tamara Shantz, our guest speaker today.** It has been about 13 years since Tamara Shantz last preached here at W-K!

Tamara was a youth worker here from 2002-2004. These days, Tamara Shantz works as an interim pastor with PiE (Pastors in Exile). She also serves as a spiritual director and Enneagram teacher.

**TODAY AT W-K**

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Sunday August 27, 2017**

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

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*

Lectionary *Isaiah 51: 1-6* *Psalm 138*

Readings: *Romans 12: 1-8* *Matthew 16: 13-20*



**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.

**Please note:** Karen Watson, Parish Nurse, is away from August 21-28<sup>th</sup> inclusive. There will be no drop-in clinics during this time. Clinics will resume on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at WMH, and on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at the church.

**Financial Report:** Thank you for your offering of August 16<sup>th</sup>

### **This Week at W-K**

Monday, August 21	All day	Carpet Cleaning
Tuesday, August 22	1:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting – Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	PiE Board Meeting - Lounge

**Carpet Cleaning:** Andrew has organized carpet cleaning to take place on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please refrain from coming to the church that day so that this work can take place and the carpets can dry without traffic. Thanks for your cooperation.



**Women's Tuesday evening Bible Study** will resume again on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This year the study is based on Thessalonians, using a Beth Moore study entitled *Children of the Day*. All are welcome to join the group. Please contact Betty Neufeld for more information.

**The next outing of the W-K Women's Lunch Bunch** will take place on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at Montana's, 310 The Boardwalk in Waterloo. Come and enjoy this fun outing. All women are invited. Please contact Vicki Dick for more information.



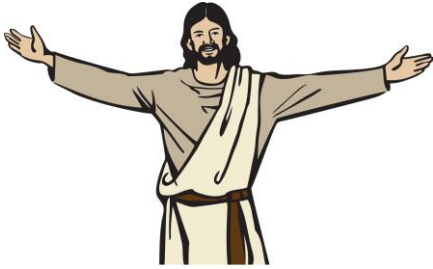
**Gathering Sunday** is scheduled for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we will share a pot-luck luncheon. Please bring a salad and/or dessert, enough to be generous for all. Beverages will be provided.

**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.



**The Gathering Sunday Flyer** will be in your mailboxes next week. If you have any announcements about activities or Ministry Teams that you would like to share, please submit them by **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Thanks ~ Katharine



### **Silver Spoons Volunteer Opportunity**

We need one person to join our team! Typically, we **prepare and serve lunch** for 40 - 50 seniors on **the third Tuesday of the month**. Your duties/schedule would include: Arrive between 8:30 and 9 a.m. to prepare food, as planned by Erika, until 10. Coffee Break 10 - 10:20. Continue to prepare food and wash up preparation bowls/tools until 11:45. Eat soup before we serve (or pack it up to take home). 12 noon - serve soup.

12:15 - serve lunch plates. 12:30 - 1 p.m. All the helpers eat lunch together in the nursery room. Finally, from 1 until about 1:45 collect dishes and help put them away. So this is a 5 hour commitment (4 hours of work) once every four weeks.

Please consider being a part of our team: Irene Dyck, Erika Tubb, Wally Unrau, Gerry Hunter, Mary Pankratz, Vicky Dyck, Suzi Janzen, and.. you? Check your calendar, we serve on the following 9 dates: September 19, October 17, November 21, December 12 (special Christmas meal on the second Tuesday), January 23, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15.

Please contact Erika Tubb for more info.

## 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

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.”

Proverbs 3: 5-8 (NIV)



## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**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. Minimum age is 16. Email [mholling@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mholling@uwaterloo.ca) to sign up.

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!