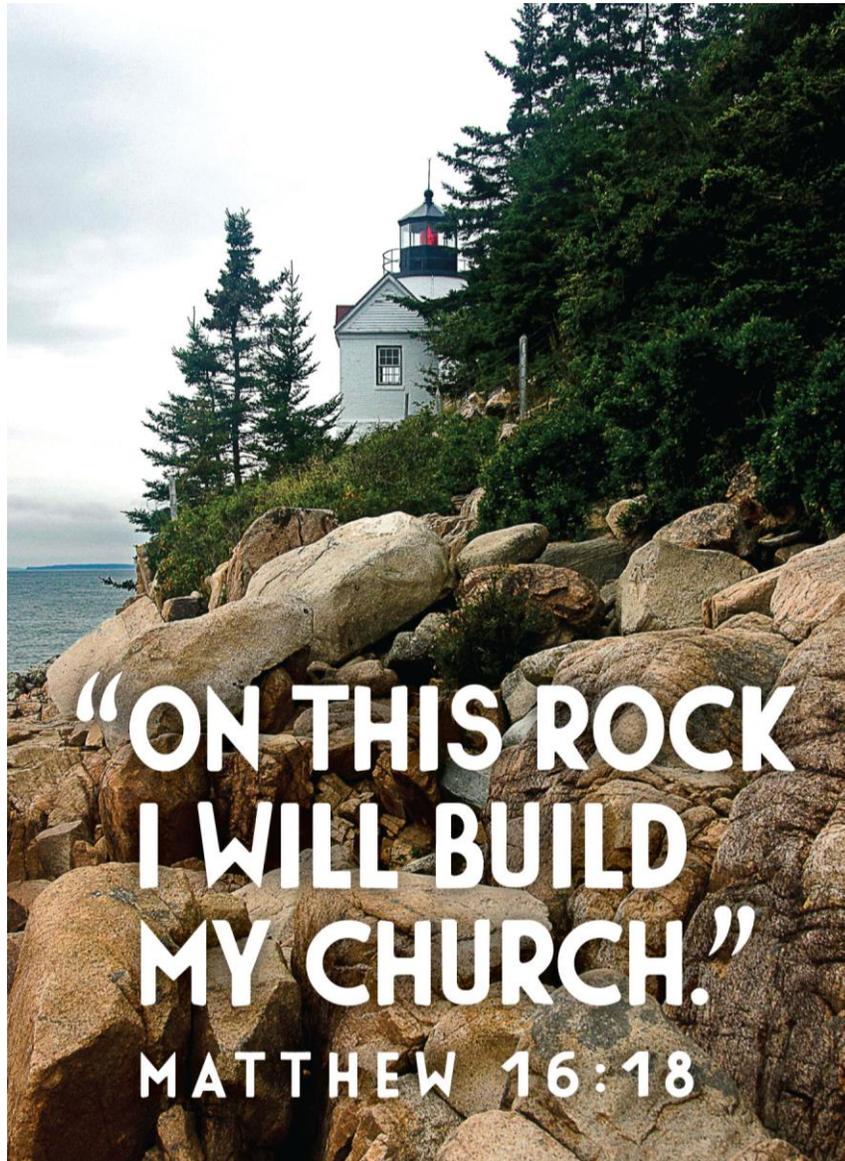


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*Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.*

*Sunday, August 27, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Cassels

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Organist: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader : Pastor Ben Cassels

Soloist: Janice Harder

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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 real estate it's all about "Location! Location! Location!" In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus chooses his location carefully to reveal his identity to his disciples and set the foundation of His Church. This begs the question: what is our foundation as Christ's Church today?*

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

Hymn: *"Praise with joy the world's Creator"*

STJ # 16

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God;

**People: Gather us in.**

Leader: Some of us come full of happiness;

**People: Gather us in.**

Leader: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

**People: Gather us in.**

Leader: Some of us come indifferent and confused;

**People: Gather us in.**

Leader: We worship you  
who forms us and calls us each by name;  
who is known and yet unknown;  
who is present here yet everywhere;  
who is all-powerful yet entrusts the Kingdom to us.

**All: Gather us in to your fierce love,  
your tender care, your abundant grace.**



Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: “We worship God the Rock”

STJ # 28

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture I: Romans 12: 1-8

(New Testament)

page 123

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Leader: O holy God,

you have called us to be nonconformed to this world.  
We pray that we may be saved from adjusting ourselves  
to the world instead of resisting it.

**People: We ask to be forgiven –  
when we have esteemed the praise of others  
more than the favor of God;  
when we have worked with an eye  
to applause and acceptance by society;  
when we have reckoned success by worldly standards.**

Leader: Reunite us with Christ,  
who loved the world and yet never succumbed to it,  
whose love was a revolt  
against all that was ordinary and conformist,  
who blazed a trail for us.

**All: We pray for the renewing of our minds,  
that we might have that mind in us  
which was also in Christ Jesus,  
so that we may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and acceptable and perfect.  
In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*(Adapted from Words for Worship # 197 W.B. J. Martin, Acts of Worship)*

Hymn: “Heart and mind, possessions, Lord”

HWB # 392

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: *Gifts and Graces* B. Smucker/ E. Wiebe

Scripture II: Matthew 16: 13-20 (New Testament) page 14

Sermon: **“Location! Location! Location!”**

### **RESPONDING TO THE STORY**

Hymn of Response: *“My hope is built on nothing less”* HWB # 343

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 – September 3, 2017**

*We will worship with our friends at  
Waterloo North Mennonite Church at 9:30 a.m.*

*There will be no service here at W-K.*

### **Sunday, September 10, 2017 – Gathering Sunday**

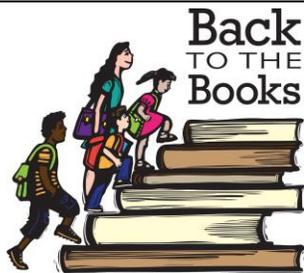
9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* Pastor Ben Cassels

Lectionary *Ezekiel 33: 7-11* *Psalms 119: 33-40*  
Readings: *Romans 13: 8-14* *Matthew 16: 13-20*

10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children*

11:30 a.m. *Pot-luck Luncheon in the gym*

## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES



We remember in prayer this week all those who are making preparation to return to school in the next weeks. We hope that the summer break has been refreshing and that the opportunity to learn and grow in knowledge will be met with eager anticipation.

## 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. Drop in 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>



**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.

**The Gathering Sunday Flyer** is in your mailboxes today.



**Let's Paint the Pastor's Office!** Ben is looking for 2 or 3 people who'd be willing to re-paint his office a lighter colour over the Labour Day weekend, while he's away for a few days. If you'd be willing to help out, please be in touch with Ben directly.

**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!

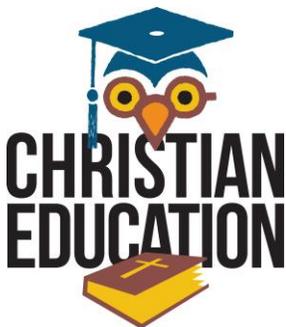


**Join the George Street Fellowship** for a Heritage Tour and discover the history and culture of Amish Mennonites in Ontario on Wednesday October 18, 2017. See Wally or Gloria Dirks for more information or see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for details.

**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 this 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



See the Gathering Sunday flyer for all screening clinics dates and program start dates.

Karen Watson, Parish Nurse, returns from vacation on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Clinics will resume on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at WMH, and on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at the church.

## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Youth Choir



**Menno Youth Singers:** Are you between the ages of grade 9 and 20-something? Do you enjoy music? How about snacks? Would you like to use music to help worship and serve God? Check out the Menno Youth Singers choir: [mennosingers.com/mys](http://mennosingers.com/mys)

**"Parents of teens and young adults:** Menno Youth Singers is a great Christian choir experience for your offspring. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener. Conductor Steve Surian is a trained music educator who is also a public high school music teacher. See [mennosingers.com/mys](http://mennosingers.com/mys) for registration and other info."

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mennonite Disaster Service Response**

**Constance Bay (Ottawa), ON - Repairing from May Flooding:** MDS is starting to repair homes that were flooded this spring, assisting vulnerable families who need their basements or crawl spaces insulated and do not have insurance.

Volunteers are needed in particular for insulating, some hanging and finishing of drywall, and carpentry. Related skills are desirable but not required. Accommodations will be available. Leadership & Weekly volunteers are needed. The project will start the week of 11 Sept, into Oct. Please consider volunteering by calling or emailing, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or [hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com](mailto:hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com)

**Shalom Counselling Services of Waterloo** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mental Health Walk is fast approaching. For more information, please contact us at (519) 886-9690 or [neil@shalomcounselling.org](mailto:neil@shalomcounselling.org). See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



**Join us in taking steps to improve mental health!**  
On **Saturday, September 16, 2017** join us for **10,000 Steps for Shalom**, a fundraising walk/run for mental health. Help Shalom make counselling affordable and accessible for everyone. Sign up as an individual or a team at [shalomcounselling.org](http://shalomcounselling.org) or (519) 886-9690.

**Chicken and Sausage BBQ** – St. Jacobs Mennonite Church invites all to join them for their annual Chicken and Sausage BBQ to be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the church.(1310 King Street North in St. Jacobs.) Proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of church renovations. Please see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



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.