

***Sunday, September 10, 2017***

***Gathering Sunday***



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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, September 10, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Vicki Dick

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Organist: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader : Marg Ens

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Crystal Francis

Children's Story: Erika Tubb

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*Children are welcome in the worship service or younger children may be taken to the Nursery along the Administration Hallway following the Children's Story.*

**Worship Focus:** *Jesus says of His Church: "The Gates of Hell will not overcome it." What does this tell us about being the Church today and what we're called to do?*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *"What is this place?"*

HWB # 1

Gathering Words of Scripture: Matthew 18: 19-20

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

STJ # 16

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Loved by God

**People:** and empowered by the Holy Spirit

**All:** *We follow Jesus Christ.*

Leader: As a welcoming Mennonite Community

**People:** we worship God,

Choir: nurture each other,

**All:** *and extend God's love and peace to all!*

Leader: Let's say it again!

**All:** *and extend God's love and peace to all!*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *"God of the Bible"*

STJ # 27



## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Blessing of Volunteers

Leader: Lord God...

**People:** ...thank you for your servants.

Leader: In company with your faithful people in every age we have called out those with gifts for your service, O God.

**People:** Fill them with the love of Christ and the power of your spirit as they carry out the church's ministry.



*Those Commissioned:*

*Grant us wisdom, patience and hope when we falter.  
Give us joy in serving your church and keep us faithful to this calling.*

**All:** *For the ministries taking form within us and for all the callings yet to be, we praise your name, O Lord! Amen.*

Scripture I: Isaiah 61: 1-4

(Old Testament)

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## WE PRAY AND SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

Hymn: "He came down"

STJ # 31

(Children come forward on the last verse)

Children's Time

Song of Blessing: "Alleluia"

STJ # 41

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

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S MESSAGE**

Anthem: *We are Called*

D. Haas

Scripture II: Matthew 16: 13-20

(New Testament)

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Sermon: **"Gates and Keys"**

## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S SERVICE**

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

HWB # 226

Benediction

Postlude

### **Prayer and Anointing:**

*Following the service, those who wish may remain in the sanctuary for a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Karen Watson will be available at the front for anointing and prayer for your individual need or for others. Congregational greetings are in the lower foyer.*

***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 and join us for coffee and fellowship in the gym hallway. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

### **TODAY AT W-K**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer and Anointing in the Sanctuary following worship
- 11:30 a.m. Potluck Luncheon in the Gym





## **Next Sunday, September 17, 2017**

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

Lectionary      *Genesis 50: 15-21*      *Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13*

Readings:      *Romans 14: 1-12*      *Matthew 18: 21-35*

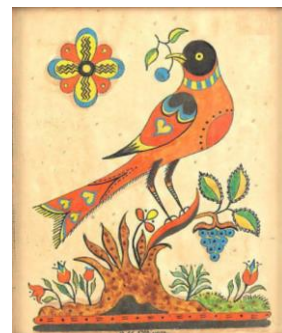
10:00 a.m.      *Sunday School for Children*

10:30 a.m.      *Coffee Break*

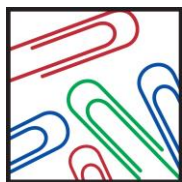
10:45 a.m.      *Youth Sunday School: Youth Room*

*Adult Sunday School: Lounge*

*We're into some serious adult colouring book activity next Sunday! Annemarie Rogalsky will speak briefly about how an artist seeks to translate life's experiences into colours, and then we'll all pick up our "magic" markers and begin work on Lydia Sommers' book of traditional Amish fraktur. It's a meditation guide, actually, and the purpose of the three Sundays we are devoting to this, is to hear from each other regarding our personal devotions, comparing different generations. (Downstairs, where we can work in a circle.) Please bring \$15.00 for a copy of Sommers' book (it could be shared).*



## **CHURCH FAMILY NOTES CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**



## **Office Hours**

### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday      9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday to Friday      9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 August 27<sup>th</sup> and for the pre-authorized withdrawal offering of August 29<sup>th</sup>

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

Tuesday, Sept 12	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	1:00 p.m.	Knotty Knotters and Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Room 7
Wednesday, Sept 13	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Mission Circle
	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept 14	10:00 a.m.	WALC group - gym
Friday, Sept 15	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym

**Many thanks to Kathy Janzen** for her work in creating a the lovely new banner for our theme “...extend God's love and peace to all” . Kathy has created several of the banners to accompany our themes associated with W-K's mission statement in past years. We appreciate the gifts of fabric artistry that Kathy so generously shares.



**Knotty Knotters and Quilters** will meet on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Basement. Come join in the fellowship and help with the new projects.



**Women's Tuesday evening Bible Study** will resume again on September 12<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.

**GEORGE STREET FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER EVENT:** On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, everyone is invited to join the George Street Fellowship for a service project at The Ontario Christian Gleaners — 1550 Morrison Road in Cambridge — from 8:30 am to 12 noon to prepare vegetables for freeze-dried soup which will be sent to Third World countries. Please check BB # 4 or find the information in your mailbox. Let John or Rita Reimer know if you can attend.



### **Planning Retreat**

**Is there a future for W-KUM?** The Visioning Team is hosting a 3-5 Year Goal Setting Workshop on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Riversong Bakery and Café for all Ministry Team Leaders and anyone else who is interested. The workshop will be led by Rudy Baergen and John Enns, and is based on the book *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. The day will start with coffee and treats at 9:00 a.m. Workshops begin at 9:45 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. There is no cost for this event. Please notify John Enns prior to September 20<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending.

### **Mission and Outreach Events:**



**The Annual Fall Food Drive** will begin next week. We will gather contributions for the Waterloo Region Food Bank beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> and continue to October 8<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes will be in the foyer or donations can be placed in the white barrel on the basement stairwell.

**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.



**Sunday School starts today!**

**Children's Sunday School** for children aged Jr. Kindergarten to Grade Six begins today.

**Youth Sunday School** for those Grade Seven to Twelve will begin next week in the Youth Room following worship.

**Adult Sunday School** begins next week following coffee and will take place in the basement for the first session.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Maintaining regular physical activity is one of the core practices for a healthy lifestyle at any age, however this is especially important as we age. Being physically active is a key factor for staying independent, preventing falls, preventing dementia and disability. So for all ages and life stages - Make it a priority for you this year!



- **Today:** Prayer and Anointing following worship – in the sanctuary
- Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 10-11 AM – Wellness and Active Living (WALC) Fitness class begins. This is a gentle class focussing on cardio, strength, balance & flexibility. No Fee! Everyone welcome!
- **Circle of Grace program** with the children starts next Sunday. Please check with the Parish Nurse if you did not receive a parent information sheet and your child is in the Sunday School program.
- See Gathering Sunday brochure for upcoming programs – specific Health Screening clinics coming in October.
- Blood Pressure or Blood Glucose screening is available at the weekly drop-in clinics on Tuesday at WMH and Thursday in the Parish Nurse's office.



### 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."



**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.

**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.

### **"Mennonite Life in the Detweiler Neighbourhood, 150 Years Ago."**

A presentation on Saturday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. at Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. by Sam Steiner. This is part of Doors Open, Waterloo Region. For more information contact Sam Steiner, 519-884-1040. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

**Enneagram: Discovering Your Inner Compass** – a workshop to be held here at W-KUM Church on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. This will be led by Mary/Allen Community member Jen Helmuth and Dr. Christopher Ross. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

**Rockway Mennonite Church Grand Opening and Open House** - On Sunday, September 24 at 2:30 pm, come to see our newly renovated facilities at 47 Onward Avenue, Kitchener. There will be a short program at 2:30 pm followed by self-guided tours and refreshments.

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** is hosting their annual Men's Retreat, September 22-24, 2017. There are ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT. Join chef and wine sommelier Dave Lobe and resource person Chip Bender for a great weekend! Cost is \$195. Register online - [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call the camp office 519-422-3200. Save the Date for the Fathers & Kids Retreat from January 12-14, 2018 and the Women's Retreat from February 9-11, 2018.



**The Board of Directors of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to attend an Information and Consultation Meeting regarding Board Member representation on Rockway's Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at Rockway on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found on Rockway's website. Please visit <https://rockway.ca/about/board-of-directors/>

**Conrad Grebel College events:**

Sunday, September 17 at 2:30pm - **Jim Reimer Memorial Bluegrass Concert.** The show features award-winning Canadian bluegrass band, Rescue Junction, with a special appearance from 5 on the Floor. Admission is free with donations to the Reimer Scholarship in Theological Studies.<<https://uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies/current-students/financial-aid>> Conrad Grebel University College Great Hall in Waterloo, ON. [www.grebel.ca/events](http://www.grebel.ca/events)<<http://www.grebel.ca/events>>

**Peace Week** - Will you play a part in peace? From September 17 to 23, you're invited to attend or host a peace-related initiative. Check out [www.uwaterloo.ca/peace-week](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/peace-week)<<http://www.uwaterloo.ca/peace-week>> to learn more about how you can get involved.

*See the posters on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information on these events.*

Applications are being accepted for the **2017-18 Mennonite Diversity Award**. Created by a generous donor with the support of Abundance Canada and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, this award is designed to make an educational experience at Conrad Grebel University College accessible to Mennonite students from culturally diverse backgrounds. The scholarship offers up to \$10,000 to selected students who are, or whose parents are, new Canadians (since 1975) and attend a Mennonite church, or Aboriginal students who attend a Mennonite Church. The student will be living in Grebel's residence or enrolled in the Masters of Theological Studies or Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies program. See

[www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/awards](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/awards)<<http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/awards>> for more details and application process.

### **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)

We have received notice of an **employment opportunity** at Abundance Canada. Please see Bulletin Board # 5 for more information.

