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Joseph Forgives His Brothers ... Again

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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 17, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Hilda Krotz

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Organist: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader : Jennifer Krotz

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Nancy Pauls

Children's Story: Erika Tubb

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: *Forgiveness is at the heart of our faith and yet can be challenging to extend as well as receive. The story of Joseph and his brothers, as well as the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant both illustrate this reality and turn our pre-conceived perceptions on their head.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Words of Scripture

Hymn of Praise: "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

HWB # 71

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: All that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: Forget not all the benefits of the Lord!

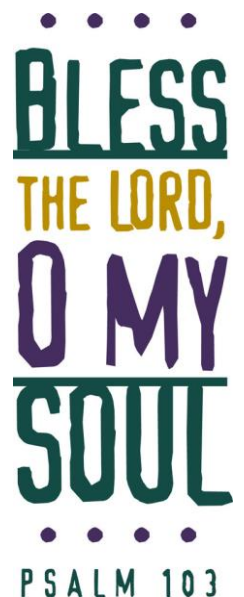
Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals your diseases.

People: Who redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.

Leader: The Lord does not deal with us as our sins deserve.

People: For the Lord knows how we are made.

Leader: God remembers that we are dust.



People: **Bless the Lord throughout all creation!**

All: ***Bless the Lord, O my soul!***

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *“Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing”*

HWB # 81

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

Scripture I: Genesis 50: 15-21 (Old Testament)

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WE PRAY AND SHARE GOD’S GIFTS

Hymn: *“Forgive our sins as we forgive”*

HWB # 137

(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 and Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S MESSAGE

Anthem: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* H.F Lyte, J. Carter

Scripture II: Matthew 18: 21-35 (New Testament)

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Sermon: **“Seeking Forgiveness”**

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD’S SERVICE

Hymn of Response: *“Wonderful grace of Jesus”*

HWB # 150

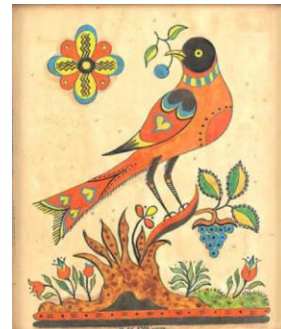
Benediction

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 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. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School – Youth Room
Adult Sunday School - Basement



We're into some serious adult colouring book activity! 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).

Next Sunday, September 24, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*
Lectionary *Jonah 3: 10- 4:11* *Psalms 145: 1-8*
Readings: *Philippians 2: 1-13* *Matthew 21: 23-32*
10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children*
10:30 a.m. *Brief Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary*
10:45 a.m. *Coffee Break*
10:55 a.m. *Youth Sunday School: Youth Room*

Adult Sunday School: *Basement – we continue to explore the significance of Amish fraktur art, enjoying the use of traditional bright colours, and continuing a conversation about devotional materials that have sustained Anabaptist faith, both historically and nowadays.*

- Noon *3 Church Youth Event in the gym*

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 September 10th

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, Sept 19	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	IMCC Parent's Meeting - gym
	7:00 p.m.	Health & Wellness/Deacons Mtg. - Basement
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Room 7
Wednesday, Sept 20	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Mission Circle
	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Life & Death Matters Café - Basement
	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept 21	10:00 a.m.	WALC group - gym
Friday, Sept 22	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Saturday, Sept 23	9:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Church Rental



Please note: A brief congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, September 24th immediately following the service. As always, your participation is appreciated.

Quilters will meet on Tuesday, September 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Basement. Come join in the fellowship and help with the new projects.

Knotty Knotters will meet again on September 26th.



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 23rd 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 20th if you are interested in attending.

Community and Outreach Events:



The Annual Fall Food Drive begins today and will continue until October 8th. We will gather contributions for the Waterloo Region Food Bank. Collection boxes are located 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 Kim 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.

A couple of things to sign up for:



Mary Allen Studio Tour will be using our space on September 30th and October 1st. You can help out by being a host for an hour or two. Please add your name to the list on the Courtyard Window if you are able to help.

Church Suppers will resume on Thursday, October 5th. Josh and Laura Enns will provide the program for this supper. Please sign up on the sheet on the courtyard window if you would like to attend.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART

W-K will be hosting the youth groups from Waterloo North and Erb Street Churches for an open gym event next Sunday, September 24 from Noon - 2:00 p.m. Plan to stay for lunch and play some games.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The September issue of Healthy Reflections is in your mailboxes today.

Health and Wellness Church Programs:

- Each Thursday from 10-11 AM – Wellness and Active Living (WALC) Fitness class in the gym. This is a gentle class focussing on cardio, strength, balance and flexibility. No Fee! Everyone welcome!
- **Circle of Grace program** with the children starts this 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.

- **Life and Death Matters Café** will be held on Wednesday, September 20 and October 25th from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the basement. This café style discussion group might be for you if you have recently experienced a significant life transition, ...the death of a loved one, a family break-up, health changes or challenges in your family, retirement, a change in career or life direction... Everyone is welcome at this informal discussion group.
- 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.



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Enneagram: Discovering Your Inner Compass – a workshop to be held here at W-KUM Church on Saturday, September 23rd 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. 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 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/>

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites parents, teenagers, pastors, and other community members to attend an evening discussion on "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way we View Racism" on Wednesday, September 27th from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Keynote speaker, Drew Hart, Professor of Theology at Messiah College in Pennsylvania will lead the discussion. The event will be held at Rockway. All are welcome.

Conrad Grebel College events:

Jim Reimer Memorial Bluegrass Concert takes place this afternoon beginning at 2:30 P.M. 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>>

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>> 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>> for more details and application process.

Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation is hosting a discussion on Wednesday, September 20th entitled "Is the Mind a Machine?" Location will be M3 – 1006 (Mathematics 3 Building) at the University of Waterloo beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is a free event and all are welcome. You are asked to register at www.casca.ca/waterloo Questions can be directed to Andrew Reeves at waterloo@casca.ca

Mini KW Pilgrimage in Support of Bill C262 and the Adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights invites you to join us for a guided walk from the Joseph Schneider Haus (466 Queen St S, Kitchener) to Waterloo Park, with stops along the route to learn a little about the settlement of the Haldimand Tract. Plan to stay on at Waterloo Park and enjoy the St. Paul's 14th Annual Traditional Pow Wow Please contact josie@stirlingmennonite.ca with any questions. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The MCCO Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Lunch will be served at Noon and the meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 50 Kent Street, Kitchener. For more information or to register, please contact Sonya Kuepfer at sonyakuepfer@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 Ext. 238. Poster on BB # 4.

Church Anniversaries:

Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship will celebrate its 175 years of being a church on Sunday, October 1st with a worship service at 9:45 am followed by a Potluck meal at noon and "Songs from our History" at 1:30 pm. We especially welcome those who attended in the past! All are welcome.



Erb Street Mennonite Church (ESMC) in Waterloo is celebrating its 180th anniversary on Sunday, October 15th. Former members, relatives of current members, and friends are invited to join us for all or any of the events. There will be a short service at ESMC cemetery, Fischer-Hallman (FH) and Erb Street at 9:30am (enter off FH or park in commercial lots at FH & Erb), worship at the church at 10:30am, noon potluck, recognition of First Nations lands, and lastly, room naming and renaming. There is always lots of food at our potlucks, so please join us for lunch. For information contact 519-886-3570 or office@erbstchurch.ca

Congratulations to these congregations.

Fall Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp will be held on October 2nd or 3rd, 2017 (the same program will be offered both days). Our theme is "Food and Community" with Marlene Epp, Joe Mancini and Sarah French all sharing. Join us for a day of worship, learning and fellowship. For more information contact the camp at [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602), info@hiddenacres.ca, or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by September 25th. Registration forms are available on Bulletin Board # 4.

Join PiE for an intergenerational event – Encounter Desire Retreat – October 20-22, 2017. This event is designed for those in a season of transition and discernment. Tamara Shantz and Patricia Wagler will facilitate this weekend focused on sacred listening and the spirituality of desire. How might God be calling through our own deepest desires? Go to www.pastorsinexile.org/retreat for more information. **Register by Oct. 4th!** See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

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