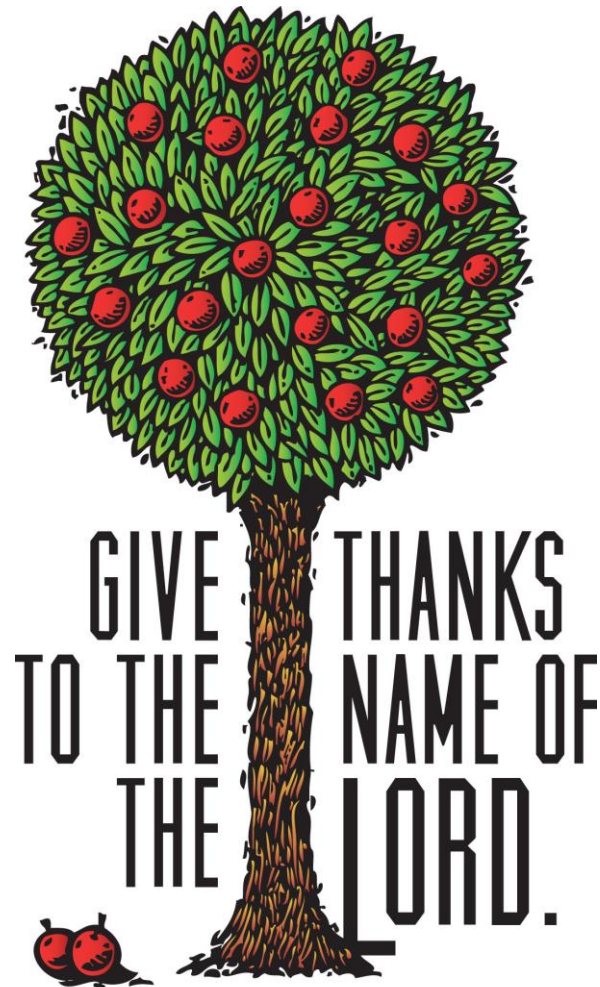


Sunday, October 8, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday



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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, October 8, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Ed Janzen

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Organist: Ryan Légère

Scripture Reader : Ed Janzen

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteers: Marg and Gerry Hunter

Children's Story: Hilda Krotz

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: On this day of thanksgiving we give thanks for God's steadfast love, God's provision and blessing for the journey of our lives, and – along with the broader Church – for the ministry of the Rev. Rudy Baergen upon whom today we confer the title of Pastor Emeritus.

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *"Praise God, the Source of life"*

HWB # 95

Gathering Words of Scripture

Hymn of Praise: *"For the beauty of the earth"*

HWB # 89

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *"Whatsoever you do"*

STS # 52

Confession and Words of Assurance: *"O God, you rule..."* HWB # 692
(Prayer in Unison)

Scripture I: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (New Testament) page 141

WE PRAY AND SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

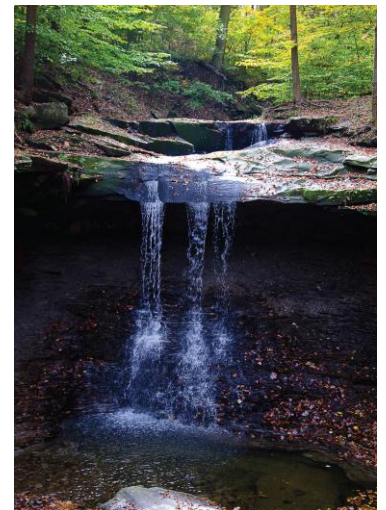
Hymn: *"Lord, you have come to the lakeshore"*
(Children come forward on the last verse)

HWB # 229

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 to the Lord* arr. R. Shaw

Scripture II: Deuteronomy 8: 1-10 (Old Testament) page 128

Sermon: **"In Thanksgiving of Christian Service"**

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S SERVICE

Pastor Emeritus Conferral

We Give Thanks for Christian Service – Ed Janzen

This morning we confer the title of *Pastor Emeritus* on Rev. Rudy Baergen, in gratitude for his lifetime of distinguished service to the broader Church and in recognition of his previous ministry at Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church.

Leader: You, O Lord, are the hope of all the ends of the earth,
of all lands near, and all lands far off.

**People: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

**You soften this gift of creation with showers
and bless its crops for all people.**

**You crown harvest time with your bounty,
the carts overflow with abundance.**

**The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.**

**The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain.
We join with all creation in thanksgiving and joy.**

Leader: Lord of grace and truth, in the company of your saints,
we sing your praise and offer our thanksgiving for the
faithfulness of all your servants.
Today, our hearts swell with gratitude
for the lifelong ministry of your servant, Rudy Baergen.

**People: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Thank you for the grace of his servanthood.
Thank you for those who saw the gift,
who named and nurtured it.
Thank you for all who opened a place for this gift to mature,
that it might become a means of grace for many people.
Thank you for truth declared, wisdom taught, faithfulness lived.
Thank you for the listening ear, for comfort,
consolation and counsel offered.
Thank you for care through all of life's passages.

**People: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Lord whose Spirit of Peace is our companion,
we pray that the mantle of our affection may be light,
we offer our respect and love unencumbered,
freely offered as has been generously given.
Invest our brother with grace.
May your wisdom accompany Helen and Rudy.
May the light of your glory go before them
even as we seek together to live " here on earth
as it is in heaven". Amen.

Congregational Representative – John Enns

Rudy, with this designation of *Pastor Emeritus*,
we declare the graciousness of God in having blessed us
with your past leadership of this congregation.
We offer our affection and the blessing of God's faithfulness
for you and for Helen.

We welcome you in this unique role: member and former pastor, gifted with wisdom and care without obligation of leadership. We embrace you as your church family among us.

WKUM Pastor – Rev. Ben Cassels

Rudy, I gladly extend my own welcome to you as a brother in Christ.

Your wisdom, experience, gifts of ministry, and servant's heart are blessings to me and to this congregation.

I give thanks to God for your presence at W-KUM and commit to openness in navigating our own unique ministry relationship together for the benefit of God's people and kingdom.

MCEC Area Church Minister – Rev. Henry Paetkau

Rudy, on behalf of Mennonite Church Canada and the broader body of Christ, we recognize these places of significant ministry from your past that both shaped you and gratefully welcomed your gifts of service:

- Tofield Mennonite Church (where Rudy was baptized, taught his first Sunday School class, and preached his first sermon)
- Rosthern Junior College (Instructor of Religion and Psychology, 1973-1977, 1978-1981)
- Canadian Mennonite Bible College (Instructor of Bible, 1983-86)
- The Metís community on Matheson Island, Manitoba (Summer Pastor, 1985)
- Seminario Teológico Bautista, Cochabamba, Bolivia (Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean, 1986-90)
- First Mennonite Church, Kitchener ON (Pastor, 1990-2001)
- Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia (Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean, 2001-04)
- Bethel Mennonite Church (Pastor, 2004-13)
- Mennonite Church Canada (Chair of Faith and Life Committee & Member of General Board, 2005-2014; Co-Chair of Being a Faithful Church Taskforce, 2009-2016)

- Waterloo North Mennonite Church (Pastor, 2013-14)
- Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church (Pastor, 2014-16)

We offer gratitude to God for your years of service to the Church.
We pray a servant's contentment as we mark these years
of God's steadfast love for you and for Helen.

Leader: We offer this gift as a symbol of our memories
and gratitude for God's grace,
present to us through the ministry of your gifts.
Hear the commendations of those who have been served by
your leadership gifts.

People (pray in unison):

O God, maker of days, Lord of all creation,
You clothe the trees in the forest in waves of resplendent colour,
and your majesty drapes creation.
Wrap Rudy and Helen in the shawl of your ever-loving kindness,
We cherish them and their friendship;
We value their wisdom.
Bless their days with love's labour;
Make their way shine with your peace.
We pray in the name of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Response from Rudy

Hymn of Response: *"Now thank we all our God"*

HWB # 86

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
Conferral of Pastor Emeritus upon Rev. Rudy Baergen
No Sunday School this week
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee and fellowship with Rudy and Helen Baergen in the Lounge.

Next Sunday – October 15, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Elmer Thiessen*
- Lectionary *Isaiah 25: 1-9* *Psalms 23*
- Readings: *Philippians 4: 1-9* *Matthew 22: 15-22*
- 10:00 a.m. *No Sunday School for Children*
- 10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 a.m. *Adult Sunday School: Dementia Friendly Communities – Next Sunday we continue our partnership with the Alzheimer's Society with another session of training. A member of the Alzheimer's Society will be our guest.*
- 11:45 a.m. *Safe Church and Anaphylaxis Response Review – this is our annual review. It will be held in the basement.*

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 October 1st

Please note that Pastor Ben will be attending the MC Canada Special Assembly in Winnipeg next weekend. Karen Watson will be on call in the event of emergency.

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, October 10	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Knotty Knotters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Room 7
Wednesday, October 11	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Mission Circle
	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, October 12	10:00 a.m.	WALC group - gym
Friday, October 13	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym



Pastor Emeritus: Today we will designate Rev. Rudy Baergen as Pastor Emeritus at W-KUM Church. We welcome the special guests who are here to mark this occasion with us. There will be coffee and fellowship in the lounge following the service. Everyone is cordially invited to share in this recognition and celebration.



We're having a celebration today and everyone is dressed in their Sunday best. So why not also have your portrait taken for the church directory? Karl Dick and perhaps a few other volunteers will be inviting you to smile for the camera!

Knotty Knotters will meet on Tuesday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Basement. Come join in the fellowship and help with the new projects.



The Knotty Knotters are holding a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will go to support MCC Hurricane Relief. The draw will take place on Sunday, October 22nd at the annual Servettes' Soup Luncheon. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please talk to Gloria Dirks or Kathy Janzen for more information

.Safe Church and Anaphylaxis Response Review will be held next Sunday, October 15th at 11:45 a.m. in the Basement. All Sunday School teachers, Co-ordinators, Caring Friends and those involved with the care of children/vulnerable person at W-K are requested to attend. Any other interested persons are welcome as well.



The Servettes Annual Borscht Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 22nd at noon, following the morning worship and learning activities. Enjoy a delicious bowl of soup, fresh bread from City Café Bakery and dessert. A free-will offering will be taken with donations going to MCC Disaster Relief.

Ride for Refuge Report:

THANK YOU EVERYONE for contributing to our Mennonite Church Canada (MCC) Witness Partners - Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park. Our church raised \$945.00. MCC Witness raised \$32,480.00 for Witness workers around the world. This is amazing! ~ Laura & Josh Enns, Pauline Weiland

W-KUM has three filing cabinets available to go to a good home! If you are interested in having one of these, or would like more information, please speak with Andrew Tubb.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health and Wellness Church Programs:

- **October 15th – Dementia Friendly Communities** in Adult Sunday School time – a review and update with the Alzheimer’s Society.
- **October 15th at 11:45 – Safe Church/Protection Plan and Anaphylaxis review:** If you are involved in Caring Friends, Sunday School and youth leadership, please plan to attend this annual review. Everyone welcome to this session as we collaborate to make our church a safe and healthy place for all children and vulnerable persons.
- **Do you know your number? Check it out at one of the upcoming screening clinics in October.**
- **Tuesday October 17th** , Blood Pressure Clinic – before and after Silver Spoons lunch
- **Thursday October 19th** from 11 AM to noon – Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose Clinic in Parish Nurse’s office
- **Tuesday, October 24th** , Blood Glucose Screening - before and after Silver Spoons lunch
- **Sunday, October 29th** Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose Screening in the gym following worship



Lift
Your
Voices

The Sixth Annual Male Chorus Sing will be held on Sunday, October 15th beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville.

Welcome to all former male quartet or chorus and want-to-be members who enjoy singing traditional male music, including gospel songs and anthems. Led by Laverne Martin, Charles Kruger and Laverne Brubacher. For more information contact Sam Steiner at 519-884-1040. Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



The 2017 Eby Lecture Professor Reina Neufeldt explores how moral and ethical claims that are intrinsic to peacebuilding can contribute to failure and

can be part of transformational engagement, in her lecture –*When Good Intentions are not Enough: Confronting Ethical Challenges in Peacebuilding and Reconciliation*. The lecture will take place on Thursday, October 26th at 7:30 p.m. For more information please visit www.grebel.ca/events<<http://www.grebel.ca/events>>



Church Anniversary

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 Erb Street Mennonite!

Celebrating a Century of Mennonite Sewing Circles in Ontario

The Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 2:00 pm, in the Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener. (Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, 2nd floor). Come hear the history and personal reminiscences. A tour of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario's Material Resources operations will follow. For more information



check our <http://www.mhso.org/content/celebrating-century-mennonite-sewing-circles-ontario> or contact Bethany Leis 519-568-8086. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Students: Stressed and anxious? Worried about school, extra-curricular involvements, or your future? Shalom Counselling is offering a group for high school aged youth: "Calm in the Storm: Stress Management for Students." This will be offered Tuesday evenings from 6pm – 7:30pm (October 17 to December 5). This group is offered at no cost to participants. Generously supported by a grant from Shantz Mennonite Church. For further information or to register contact Shalom: admin@shalomcounselling.org or (519) 886-9690. See poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



House of Friendship invites you to join them for the 22nd Annual Friendship Dinner. The dinner will take place at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Saturday, October 21 beginning with a reception at 5:00 p.m. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



SILVER LAKE
Mennonite Camp

CALLING ALL PAINTERS! Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is looking for painters who would be keen to converge on the camp the week of November 6-10, 2017 to paint the kitchen, addition and vestibule.

Silver Lake will provide accommodation, food and painting supplies. If interested, please contact Dave Erb, 519-422-1401 or fun@slmc.ca

We have received an employment opportunity from Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. 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.