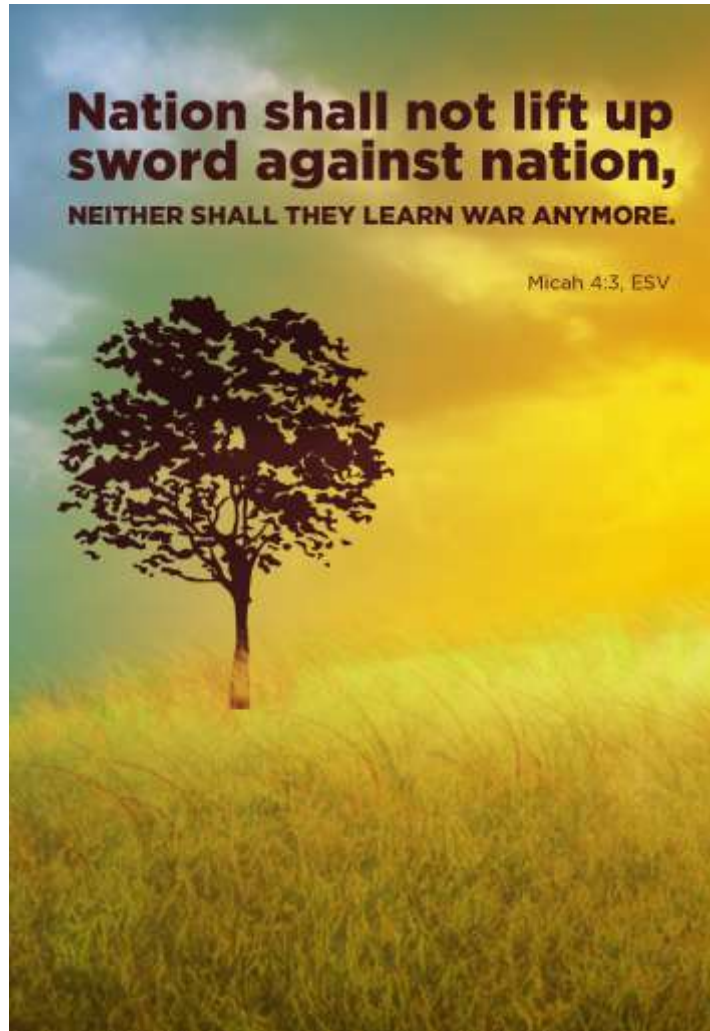


# ***Sunday, November 12, 2017***

## ***Peace 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, November 12, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Laura Enns

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Rev. Waldemar Regier

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader : Vicki Dick

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Jessica Staller

Children's Story: Hilda Krotz

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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:** *The nations of Sudan and South Sudan have known almost constant war for over 50 years. It is easy to think the violence will never end, yet God's vision of peace is still on the move.*

## **WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *"We are people of God's peace"*

HWB # 407

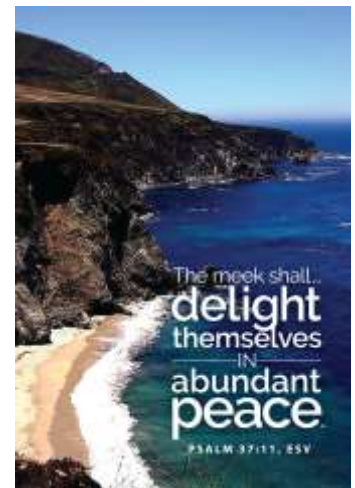
Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship:

**Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,  
who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.**

**Praise the One who feeds the hungry  
and satisfies the longing of those in need.**

**Praise the One who holds with tenderness the  
orphan and widow and gives the stranger a  
land and a home.**



Prayer of Invocation – MCC Peace Prayer 2017 Video

Hymn of Praise: *"Hamba nathi"* (Come, walk with us)

STJ # 2

Confession

**On this Peace Sunday,  
we come before you, O God,  
to confess the ways we have not supported peace  
in our lives and the life of the world.**

**For the times we have tolerated,  
through our actions or inaction,  
abuse of human rights,  
war and military solutions to conflict,**

**displacement of Indigenous peoples  
and destruction of their cultures,  
the growing gap between rich and poor,  
and homelessness.**

**For the times we have condoned,  
through our actions or inaction,  
personal violence and family violence.**

**For the times we have abused creation –  
the land, water and air,  
the non-human life of this world,  
our global environment.**

**For the times when we have accepted  
a theology that dominates  
or limits others.**

**We confess we can lose the vision of your peace,  
and that we fail to rely on your grace,  
which is active in our world.**

**Hear our call, O God,  
to be a people who keep your vision of peace  
present and active in this world.**

**A people who celebrate your grace in our global community.  
Hear our call to come home to you, O God.**

Words of Assurance

**God hears our call. The call from our hearts  
to peace, compassion, and understanding.**

**We gather today in this community  
to renew the vision and commitment for a world  
of just peace knowing that God's love holds all,  
sees all, accepts all.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Scripture I: Special Reading

## **WE PRAY AND SHARE GOD'S GIFTS**

Hymn: *"Make me a channel of your peace"*  
(Children come forward on the last verse)

STJ # 56

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: *Ukuthula* South African traditional

Scripture II: Micah 4: 1-4 (Old Testament) page 670

Sermon: **"Finding Peace in a Land of War"**

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

Hymn of Response: *"Sizohamba naye" (Come walk with us)* **STJ # 78**

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

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. No Sunday School for Children or Youth  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break  
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: *When we Mennonites visit Friesland, Netherlands, what is there to see, regarding Menno Simons' origins and his legacy? Karl Dick will show slides of the countryside and the sites that commemorate the beginnings of Anabaptism*  
2:00 p.m. IMCC Israel/Palestine Group - Lounge  
7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental

### Next Sunday – November 19, 2017

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Chris Brnjas*

*Prayer and Anointing following worship*

Lectionary *Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18* *Psalm 90: 1-8, [9-11], 12*  
Readings: *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11* *Matthew 25: 14-30*

10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children (Circle of Grace)*

10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*

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

*Adult Sunday School: "In a time of change -- a foundational Anabaptist study for renewal." Our resource centre in Winnipeg is suggesting we study a 4-part guide, entitled "Begin Anew", with videos featuring Palmer Becker, Stuart Murray, Sara Wenger Shenk, Rick Cober Bauman, and Cesar Garcia, among others. Devotionals and discussions are included, on Believe in God, Belong in Community, Become Mature, and Behave like Christ. Let's go!*

7:00 p.m. *Youth Room Rental*

### **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 November 5<sup>th</sup> of



### **ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE MEMORIAL FUND**

The Memorial Fund will be disbursing grant funds again in December. Applications can be submitted until November 19, 2017 and are available from the plastic bin on the office door.

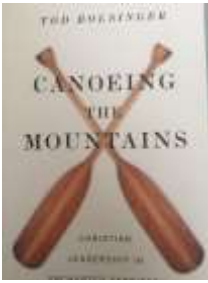
Anyone attending our church may apply for a project in our church or for a mission/service/outreach project in which you are involved outside the church. The Memorial Fund Committee tries to disburse funds so that there is some equity between those funds that support our church and those which support projects outside the church.

Please feel free to contact a committee member if you have a project in mind and wonder if it might fit the criteria. Applications and brochures about criteria are available in the church office. ~ Committee members are Rita Witt, Pauline Weiland and John Harder.

### This Week at W-K

Monday, November 13	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Singing Faith in Community
Tuesday, November 14	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	IMCC Parents – Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study – Room 7
Wednesday, November 15	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Mission Circle
	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Servettes Cookie Baking
	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, November 16	10:00 a.m.	WALC group - gym
Friday, November 17	10:00 a.m.	W-K Book Club - Lounge
	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Saturday, November 18	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Values and Goals - gym

**Quilters** will meet on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Basement. Come join in the fellowship and help with the projects.



**Canoeing the Mountains – Part 2** will be held on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. This session is ***Values and Choosing our Goals*** and will be led by John Enns and Rudy Baergen. There will be free bagels and coffee at 7:15 a.m. Please RSVP to John Enns – and send your values survey to him this week.



### **Christmas at RiverSong**

The George Street Fellowship invites ALL ADULTS to join them for the pre Advent-Christmas season. We will enjoy a delicious turkey supper and have an evening of wonderful fun and fellowship. If you have any dietary concerns please let John or Hilda Krotz know at time of booking. The date is Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Arrive at

5:30 pm for a mix and mingle time, with meal at 6:15. Cost for the evening is \$37 per person, including gratuities. Cash or cheque payable to Hilda Krotz.

**Note:** RSVP to John or Hilda Krotz prior to November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please let them know if you need a ride.



**Christmas Shoe Box Project** - For anyone interested in participating in the Samaritan's Purse (Christmas ) project, Erna Stobbe has boxes available. You can the leave the filled boxes (with \$7.00 for shipping) at the church, or deliver them directly to 400 Southgate Drive in Guelph, Ontario, between November 23<sup>rd</sup> and

December 9<sup>th</sup>. Erna will deliver any boxes left at the church.

**Irene Pauls together with granddaughter Leah Pauls**, together with a team of 30, will be joining the "Family Christmas Team 2017" in travelling to Costa Rica to assist with distribution of Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes from December 29<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>. Our church has been involved with this project in the past, as have I and my grandchildren for a number of years. We are excited to be a part of this ministry and to experience firsthand the impact that this project has on the children of Costa Rica. Any support whether by prayer or donation is gratefully appreciated. More information is on Bulletin Board # 4.

**"Peace on Earth"** - The **W-KUM Church Choir** presents its annual Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** A free will offering will be collected for MCC's international peace-building work.

- **Calling all singers!** Youth and adults are invited to join the W-KUM Church Choir in preparation for the Christmas concert. We will be rehearsing in the church basement on **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** on November 23, 30, December 7 (after Church Supper), and 14. See Laura Enns for more information.
- **WKUM Youth and Children** are also invited to participate in this inter-generational concert, and are asked to attend our rehearsal on **Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM** in the church basement. Also, if any youth or children are taking music lessons, and would like to sing or play a solo or duet of a Christmas song, please talk to Laura Enns!



**Thank you to everyone** who came and supported our Servettes Soup Lunch fundraiser in October. We were able to donate \$1,180.60 to MCC for Disaster Relief.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit



#### Well – did you get your flu shot yet?

I delayed a bit this year, and guess what? I have been sick with the flu since last Friday. So please, if you haven't already, get out there and get your influenza immunization. The flu season has started! You can get the regular seasonal immunization at any local pharmacy.

For those over 65 years of age you may want to consider the *High-dose inactivated influenza vaccine*. You will need to pay for this high-dose vaccine as it is not covered by OHIP. For those over 50 years of age, it is also recommended to discuss the vaccine for pneumonia with your physician. For those with chronic conditions or chronic respiratory problems this may also be a good investment in your health.





For questions about immunizations make an appointment to see your physician, talk to your pharmacist or to the Parish Nurse.



Equally important for preventing the spread of respiratory illnesses is respiratory hygiene and regular hand hygiene. Remember that the very young, the elderly and those with chronic illness are more susceptible to the severe complications of influenza. Let's be aware and protect each other.

### Health and Wellness Church Programs:

- **Each Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** – Wellness and Active Living Fitness class in the gym – a gentle class focussing on cardio, strength, balance and flexibility. No fee – everyone welcome!
- **Next Sunday – November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer and Anointing in the Sanctuary following worship.
- **Eternity Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.**



Each year we remember those of our congregation who have died during the previous year, and we light candles to remember them, as well as others we loved and who are no longer with us.



## WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**DaCapo Chamber Choir:** Join us as we begin a three-year series of concerts related to the global refugee crises. The November concert will feature a return visit of Persian Canadian vocalist Amir Haghghi from Vancouver, in *Colour of Freedom* by Iman Habibi. Composer and soloist are both Iranian-Canadians, and the text is by Iranian refugee Marina Nemat. Concert will take place on Sunday, November 12, 3 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street in Waterloo.

**Singing Faith in Community: Perspectives from an A Cappella tradition** will be explored at a workshop to be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. here at W-KUM Church. Workshop leader will be Wendell Glick. Presented by the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the Royal Canadian College of Organists. This is a free public event



– all are welcome.



**KW Mennonite Campfire** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at W-KUM Church. Come for an informal evening of sing-along music and storytelling. Bring an instrument if you have one and bring a nut-free snack to share. For more information, contact Matthew Bailey-Dick at [nevertheless@rogers.com](mailto:nevertheless@rogers.com)

**An Advent Event** will be held at Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30 p.m. This is the Fifth Annual Welcoming Advent, featuring the music of Lifted Voices from First Mennonite Church in Kitchener. Some of the music will have a particular Advent theme. More information: Sam Steiner, [519-884-1040](tel:519-884-1040).

Join **Theatre of the Beat** at the Huether Hotel's Jazz Room in Waterloo on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for an intimate fundraiser in support of a new van to keep the troupe on the road. Entertainment includes No Discernible Key, Dan Root, Theatre of the Beat and a silent auction. Visit [www.theatreofthebeat.ca](http://www.theatreofthebeat.ca) for more information.

**Jubilation Male Chorus** will present their annual Advent/Christmas concert at W-KUM Church on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.m. This year's concert will be in support of Ray of Hope – a freewill offering will be taken. Everyone welcome – reception to follow.

*Posters for these events are on Bulletin Board # 4.*

**All are welcome to the next MEDA Breakfast** to be held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Fresh Ground, located at 256 King Street East beginning at 7:30 a.m. Cost of the breakfast is \$10.

Joe Mancini will introduce the latest Working Centre venture - the revitalization of 256 King St East. This building combines housing for a group of persistently homeless men, the Common Studio for film equipment rentals and training, and the Bike Pit. In addition, the Co-Working Cafe and Co-Working Underground are projects at 256 King that support small business development. We will have breakfast at Fresh Ground, the new cafe and event space.



**Rockway's Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Aside

from regular business, there will be a vote on a proposed change to by-laws to include two non-Mennonite representatives on the Board of Directors. All are welcome to attend.



**MennoHomes** Fall Concert and AGM featuring Inshallah Ensemble Choir will be held on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Rockway Mennonite Church, 47 Onward Avenue in Kitchener. Everyone welcome! For more information, visit [www.mennohomes.com](http://www.mennohomes.com) See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

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.