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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 19, 2017 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Jennifer Krotz

Speaker: Chris Brnjas

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader : Judy Dyck

Solo: Jasmin Spaulding Piano: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Nancy Pauls

Children's Story: Karen Watson

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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:** *Everything makes sense when we make ourselves God.*

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

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *"Morning has broken"*

HWB # 648

Gathering Words of Scripture

Hymn of Praise: *"Praise the One who breaks the darkness"*

STS # 1

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship: From Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world.**

**All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

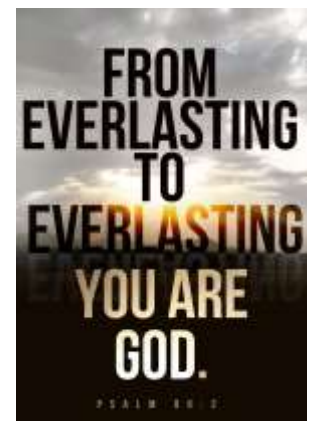
Leader: You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**People: For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a  
dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning.

**People: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

**All: So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.  
Have compassion on your servants!**



***Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.***

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”*

HWB # 70

Confession and Words of Assurance

Scripture I: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 (Old Testament) page 679

### **WE PRAY AND SHARE GOD’S GIFTS**

Hymn: *“O God, how we have wandered”*  
(Children come forward on the last verse)

STS # 58

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**

Hymn: *“O breathe on me, O breath of God”*

STJ # 46

Scripture II: Matthew 25: 14-30 (New Testament) page 22

Sermon: **“Who are we supposed to be?”**

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

Hymn of Response: *“Be thou my vision”*

HWB # 545

Benediction: *“May the good Lord bless and keep you”*

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!



**A very special welcome** to our guest speaker today! Chris Brnjas is a theologian and speaker who is an active member at The Gathering Church in Kitchener. He is passionate about understanding and communicating Spirit-infused Christian faith using language and symbols that make sense in our local context while deepening roots with the 2,000 year global Christian tradition. He formerly co-founded Pastors in Exile (PiE), and worked in the Student Services department at Conrad Grebel (among other things). He lives in Waterloo with his wife, Rachel.

*Thanks for your message to us today.*

## **TODAY AT W-K**

- 9:30 a.m.      Worship  
Prayer and Anointing following worship
- 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: *We will devote a portion of the hour to reporting on the discussions led here yesterday by Rudy Baergen and John Enns.*  
*"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".*  
*The devotionals and discussions open with "Believe in God."*
- 1:30 p.m.      Funeral for Sarah Dyck
- 7:00 p.m.      Youth Room Rental

**Next Sunday – November 26, 2017- Eternity Sunday**

9:00 a.m. *Choir Rehearsal*

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

*Remembrance of Loved Ones*

Lectionary *Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24* *Psalm 137*

Readings: *Ephesians 1: 15-23* *Matthew 5: 3-11*

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: "Belong in Community" -- featuring videos that bring us observations by Stuart Murray ("The Naked Anabaptist") and Sara Wenger Shenk, regarding what may well be our most crucial trait, within the Believers' Church tradition. What is this, our highest calling?*

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



**A reminder that next week is Eternity Sunday** – a time for us to remember and give thanks for those in our community, or in our families, who have died in the past year. We will light candles in memory of these people. Family members and friends are welcome to join us in remembrance.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>



## This Week at W-K

Tuesday, November 21	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, November 22	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Mission Circle
	2:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting - Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Visioning Team - Lounge
	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, November 23	10:00 a.m.	WALC group - gym
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Team - Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	W-K Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 24	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
	7:00 p.m.	Mennonite Campfire - Bsmt
Sunday, November 26	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Rental

**Knotty Knotters and Quilters** will meet on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Basement. Come join in the fellowship and help with the projects.



**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.

**W-K Lunch Bunch and Servettes Christmas Lunch** – will be held on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Sole Restaurant, 83 Erb St. W, in Waterloo. (off Father David Bauer Dr.) All women are invited to join us for this special lunch. It will be a 3 course meal including dessert and coffee or tea for \$33.50. (tax and gratuities are included) We require payment in advance with your RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please respond to Vicki Dick

until November 28<sup>th</sup>. After that date please respond to Esther Harris or Rita Reimer.



**W-K Communion Service and Coffee Time** at Parkwood Mennonite Home will be held on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Craft Room of the Retirement Home. The communion service will be followed by a time of singing and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided. W-KUM Deacons, Caring Friends and Health and Wellness committee invite you to join them.

**The Community and Outreach Committee** wishes to have your support for three special Christmas season projects.

1. Collect money for a grocery gift card for the Alfulaihi family.
2. Collect items for the House of Friendship - Sunnydale Community Centre program. Items needed are bars of soap, toothpaste, child or adult toothbrushes, baby formula or donations to purchase baby formula. Please be prepared to make any donations on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> or December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Anyone wishing to support St. John's kitchen may pick up a green coin can on November 26<sup>th</sup> and return it by January 7th.



**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**, along 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, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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.

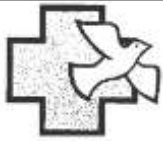
Anyone attending our church may apply for a project in our church or for a mission/service/outreach project in which you are involved outside the church. The Memorial Fund Committee tries to disburse funds so that there is some equity between those funds that support our church and those which support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



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS



### Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit Circle of Grace ~ Creating Safe and Healthy Relationships

Each and every one of us has a “Circle of Grace” surrounding us – as children of God, God loves us and wants us to be safe. God is with us in our Circle of Grace. He wants us to have healthy relationships and healthy boundaries, always respecting ourselves and others.

This is the premise of the special Circle of Grace program that the children have been participating in this fall. The children are also learning how to respond when a situation does not feel right to them. Listen closely during the children’s time this morning to learn more.



### Health and Wellness Church Programs:

- **Today, November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer and Anointing in the Sanctuary following worship.
- **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!
- **Eternity 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



***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.

**"Amahl and the Night Visitors", a Christmas Opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti**, directed by Stephanie Kramer will be presented at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, 1310 King St. North in St. Jacobs. The performances will take place at on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. More information on the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



**MEN'S CHOIR**

**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.

**Three Choirs at Christmas - "Come Emmanuel"** Join Menno Singers (Brandon Leis), Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir (Carolyn Neumann-VanderBurgh) and Menno Youth Singers (Steve Surian) on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at St John's Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo) for this very popular event. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children/students and \$35 Family, available from choristers, at the door and online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com).

**You are invited to All is Calm, All is Bright**...a program of great Christmas music performed by the **Cambridge Male Chorus** along with the **Addison Women's Choir** on Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Rd. E. in Kitchener. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for children 12 and under) and are available from Paul Enns or John Reimer or at the door. See the poster on the Courtyard window for more information.



**St. John's Lutheran Church** presents their **Advent Noon-hour Organ Recital Series**. The concerts will take place on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A chili luncheon will follow the recitals. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

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**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.

**MennoHomes** is hosting an Open House of our recently completed housing project in Elmira at 7 Memorial Avenue. Join us at The Foundry on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Visit [www.mennohomes.com](http://www.mennohomes.com) for more information.

**Conrad Grebel University College students** are hosting the Make-A-Difference Market on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This charity Christmas market supports Direct Relief, an organization that provides emergency healthcare in disaster zones. Come listen to live music, get some Christmas shopping done, and enjoy baked goods and hearty soup all while supporting a good cause!

**The Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies** invites you to a Double Book Launch on December 7, at 7:00 pm in Conrad Grebel University College's Community Education room. Join Hildi Froese Tiessen and Connie T. Braun as they celebrate their newest publications:



**Mennonite  
Disaster  
Service**

**The Mennonite Disaster Service All-Unit Meeting** is being hosted by Region 5 (Canada) from February 9-10, 2018 in Winkler, MB. This event is open to all who are interested in the work of MDS. For more

information or to register for the event see our website

[www.mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting](http://www.mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting) or call our Winnipeg office at 1-866-261-1274.



**We have received an inquiry** from a young couple seeking housing in the area beginning in January. One of them will be attending Conrad Grebel College. Copies of the email are posted on Bulletin Board # 5.

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.