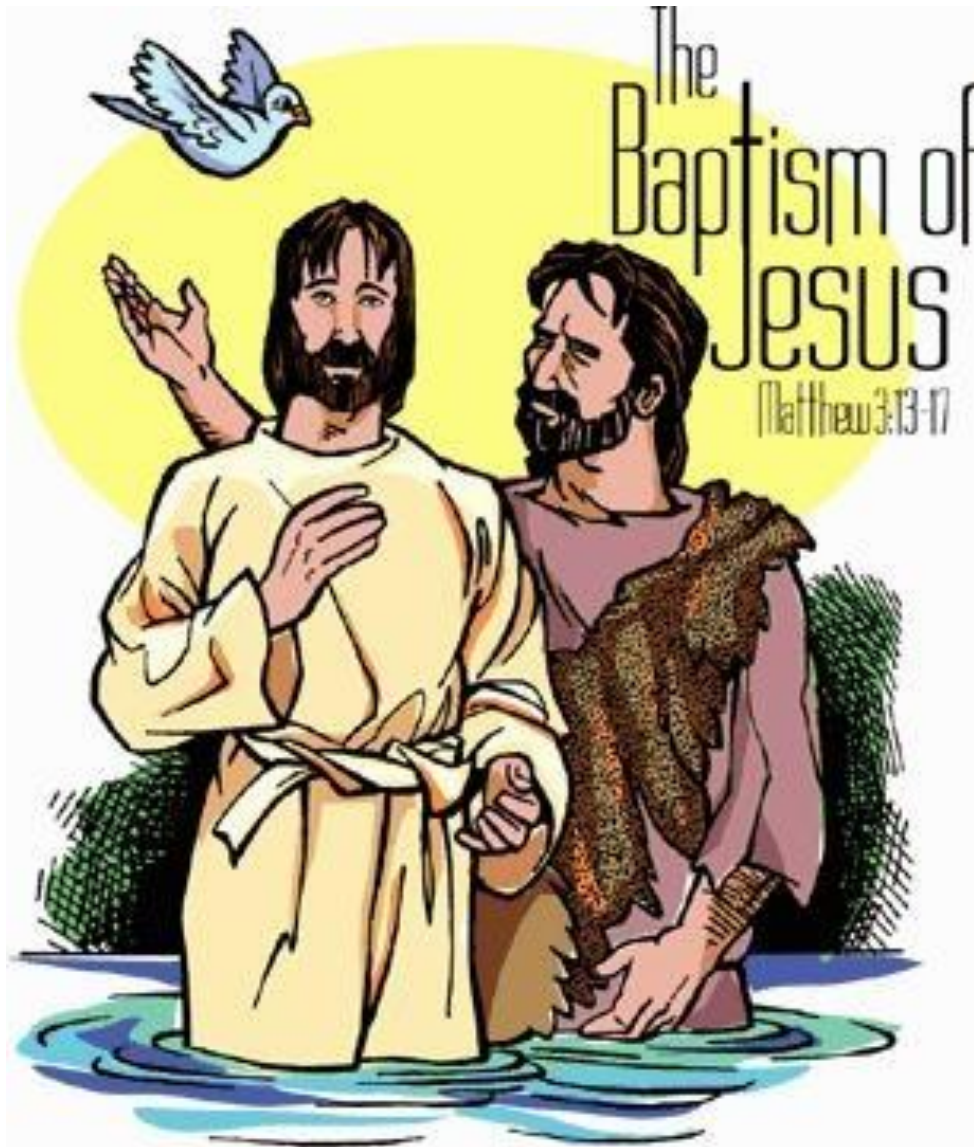


Sunday, January 8, 2017
Baptism of our Lord



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

Worship Leader: Karl Dick

Speaker: Jessica Reesor Rempel

Congregational Prayer: Rev. Waldemar Regier

Organ: Ryan Légère

Scripture Reader: Victor Hiebert

Children's Story: Hilda Krotz

Children are welcome in the worship service or parents may supervise young children in the Nursery along the Administration Hallway.

Worship Focus: *A thirst for deeper connection to God drew many people to be baptized in Jesus' day. That thirst for God is still present in our world today, even among those who aren't present in our churches. How do you thirst for God?*

Prelude

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Invocation: Read in unison

Faithful God,
by water and the Spirit
you bring us from bondage to freedom,
from darkness to light,
from death to life.

Keep far from us the spirit of fear,
and grant us the courage
which you give to all who know your love.

By the power of the Spirit
make us true sons and daughters of your grace
and faithful witnesses to the glory of the gospel;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord, AMEN.

Hymn of Praise: *"Blessed Jesus, at your word"*

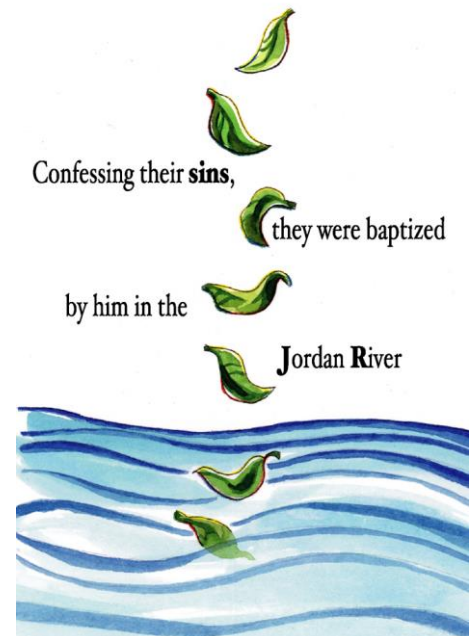
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HWB # 13

Praising God

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 29 (Old Testament) page 392

Hymn: *"God of the earth, the sky, the sea"* HWB # 53



Acknowledging the Creator:

Leader: O Great God, all creation sings your goodness.

**People: May we, your people, praise you for your mercy!
May we thank you for your salvation!
May we be a blessing to each other!**

Leader: Hear the world of John, the forerunner to Jesus:
“Bear fruit worthy of repentance!”

**People: May our lives transform discord into harmony!
May we bring honour to your holy name!
May we sing your praise through the world!**

Hymn: “Let all together praise our God” vs. 1 - 3

HWB # 213

Confessing

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: We seek fulfilment, but we choose it through arrogance;

People: We ask for justice, but we depend on retribution;

Leader: We, like so many others, are hungry,
but we find it hard to share.

People: We want to be caring, but we embrace fear;

Leader: We cry out to you, O Master of righteousness!

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Song of Blessing: “Jesus loves me”

HWB # 341

Congregational Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Offering/Offering Prayer

Choir Anthem: *This is my Beloved Son* J. Peterson

Scripture II: Matthew 3: 13 – 17 (New Testament) page 2

Sermon: “Thirsting for God”

Responding and Sending

Hymn of Response: “O let all who thirst”

HWB # 495

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. God bless you and we hope to see you again!



A special welcome to Jessica Reesor Rempel, our guest for this morning.

Jessica Reesor Rempel is a co-founder and pastor at Pastors in Exile, a ministry that seeks to connect with young adults on the fringes of church in Kitchener-Waterloo. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Toronto School of Theology, and has previously served with Mennonite Central Committee in Ontario

and in Laos. Jessica and her husband Steven Reesor Rempel attend Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church.

TODAY AT W-K

- 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: *Jessica Reesor Rempel is our guest in Adult Sunday School as well, continuing with a discussion on the sermon topic.*

Next Sunday – January 15, 2017

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| 9:30 a.m. | <i>Worship Service</i> | <i>Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels</i> |
| Lectionary | <i>Isaiah 46: 1-7</i> | <i>Psalm 40: 1-11</i> |
| Readings: | <i>1 Corinthians 1: 1-9</i> | <i>John 1: 29-42</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. | <i>Sunday School for Children and Youth</i> | |
| 10:30 a.m. | <i>Coffee Break</i> | |
| 10:45 a.m. | <i>Adult Sunday School – We conclude our discussion of Isaiah 9:6, by looking at yet one more name for the Messiah: "Everlasting Father". Really? But Jesus did say, "Let the little children come to me" and "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."
~ Karl Dick</i> | |

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



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 offerings received by December 31st for the offering of January 1st

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, January 10	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Knotty Knotters - Basement
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Rm 7
	7:00 p.m.	Health & Wellness – Youth Room
Wednesday, January 11	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	10:00 a.m. – Noon	The Belonging Place
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, January 12	10:00 a.m.	WALC - gym
Friday, January 13	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship
	6:30 p.m.	IMCC Parents - Lounge

The Knotty Knotters will resume again on January 10, 2017. Please mark the following dates in your calendars:

January 10, 24, February 7, 21 and March 7, 21.

The Quilting Group will meet on the alternate Tuesdays which are:

January 17, 31, February 14, 28 and March 14, 28.

Gathering time is 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate.



The Servettes' planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 18th beginning at 2:00 pm at the church. Please come with lots of ideas for 2017. All women are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served.



A reminder from the Community Outreach Team - coin cans from St. John's Kitchen are to be returned this Sunday. They can be given to Pauline Weiland or John Krotz.



Annual Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2017. It will be held in the gym as usual. Katharine is busy compiling the Annual Report. If you are still working on a submission for the booklet, please send it to Katharine ASAP. Thanks for your co-operation.

Phone Directory Updates: The W-KUM Phone Directory is being updated. A copy of the directory is on the table in the Lounge. Please take a moment to check your name, address and phone number to make sure it is correct. Any changes can be noted on the pages sitting beside the directory. We hope to have the updated version available by the end of January.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG AT HEART



ROCKWAY? **CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY? GREBEL?**

Our congregation invites and endorses the participation of members and others within the church family, in education at Mennonite-affiliated institutions, by partially supporting the tuition costs. Applications for Student Aid Subsidy are posted on Bulletin Board # 7. To help us in preparing for the 2017 budget, please

contact David Harder or Karl Dick if you would like to participate in this incentive!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

Just a New Year reminder to take every precaution during this flu season. Flu watch is reporting more extensive flu spread with each reporting period throughout December and the Holiday Season. People seem to be especially sick with this virus, the cough holding on for a long time. Please remember to wash your hands frequently and use good respiratory etiquette by covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. It is not too late to get the flu shot. Hand sanitizer is located throughout the church, including the sanctuary. Stay well and help cut the spread!!!!

W-K and WMH Health and Wellness Programs:

Exercise Classes at Waterloo Mennonite Homes:

- Resumed again – Monday, January 2nd

Exercise Classes at W-K United Mennonite Church

- Start again – Thursday, January 12th

How about a resolution this year? Why not get involved with exercise classes – they are free, close by & convenient – right here at the church! Regular exercise helps you maintain independence and prevents falls!!! All are welcome to attend.

Nordix Pole Walking with Ginger Quinn - Tuesday, January 17th at 1:15 in the gym. Come out and renew your enthusiasm for pole walking or just walking. Everyone welcome to come check this out. Bring your poles if you have them, but you do not need poles to come.

Starting Wednesday, January 18th from 12:30-2:00 p.m.:



Pole Walking or regular walking in the gym – each Wednesday during the winter months. A fun way to keep up your walking during the winter and to support others in doing so as well. Walking can be quietly meditative, or it can be a time to chat and catch up with a dear friend. You may join this walk with or without poles – just come out and enjoy. All are welcome.



Men Can Cook – back again this year for 3 Fridays in February – the 10th, 17th and 24th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

Be sure to sign up on the sheets near the courtyard entrance **before January 31st**. Each week you will prepare two dishes: one sweet, one savoury. We will share a dish for lunch and there will be one for you to take home. A few of the highlights are sausage rolls, fruit cobbler, bacon, egg & cheese puffs, baklava and phyllo pizza.

Men, you do not want to miss out on the fun – cost is \$30 which is topped up by Health & Wellness Ministry.



WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Tabor Manor Chapel in St. Catharines. Please park in the Scott Street Church parking lot. Board and committee positions are available. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com



Conrad Grebel College: On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 4:00pm, help celebrate the book launch of *Re-Imagining the Church: Implications of Being a*

People in the World by author Robert (Jack) Suderman. Hosted by the Theological Studies program at Grebel, the event features brief responses to the book, comments by the author, book signing, and reception. Room 2202, Conrad Grebel University College. www.grebel.ca/events



Rockway Collegiate will host Grade 9 Information Night on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. There will be a complimentary dinner at

6:15 p.m. with the information session to follow at 7:00 p.m. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 7 for more information.

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity is noted during January 18 – 25, 2017. To mark this week, an ecumenical prayer service with Taizé songs and prayers will be hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Road East in Kitchener on Sunday, January 22nd at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.



We have received a notice of a **Ministry Team Position** opening at Wellesley Mennonite Church. More details 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.

The 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.**