

# ***Sunday, March 18, 2018***

## ***Palm 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, March 25, 2018 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Laura Enns

Speaker: Edmund Pries

Congregational Prayer: Rev. Catherine Hunsberger

Accompanists: Karen Enns, Ed Janzen

Scripture Readers : Laura Enns, Jake Martin White

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Jessica Staller

Children's Story: Erika Tubb

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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 crowds, as informed by Scriptural teaching, have certain expectations of the coming Messiah that come between their understanding and Jesus' lived experience, which defies their expectations. What does our reading of Scripture lead us to believe, and how might our encounters with Jesus challenge our expectations?*

## **GATHERING**

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship\*

Leader: Jesus is coming!  
from the mountainside, from the seaside,

**Right: from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor,**

**Left: from the bedside of those who are sick,**

**All: Jesus is coming!**

Leader: Along dusty roads,  
with a ragged band of travelers,

**Right: Jesus comes to Jerusalem,**

**Left: Jesus comes to worship.**

**All: Will we greet him with Hosannas?**

Prayer of Invocation

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## Procession of Palms

Hymns of Praise: *“All glory, laud, and honor”*

HWB # 237

*“Ride on, ride on in majesty”*

HWB # 239

Scripture I: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (Old Testament)

page 439

Our Confession: *“Oh, Lord have mercy”* (repeat Vs. 1)

STJ # 47

Silence

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: In our lives this week,  
we turned away from your triumphal entry.  
The words in our heads and on our lips have been  
“Can’t” “Won’t” “Never” “Impossible”.  
Believing our problems are too deep for you,  
we have underestimated your power  
and stewed in our own misery.  
We repent of this hardheartedness.

**All: *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Too often we pray only for ourselves and our own needs.  
In spite of ourselves,  
you walk a road straight to the heart of us.  
You heal us, help us, hold us.  
We gobble your comfort greedily and run away,  
never returning to say, “Thank you”.  
Help us to be thankful for your presence in our lives.

**All: *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Leader: You place people in our road  
who are in desperate need of your good news,  
and we have walked by on the other side.  
Or we’ve said, “We’ll help them tomorrow,  
when we have more time  
or more money  
or more something.”  
Help us to be your hands and feet in this world.

**All: *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Leader: God of grace, we long to be dear disciples,  
washing each other’s feet.  
We long to be faithful companions,

awake in the darkest hour.  
We long to follow in your footsteps,  
even in they lead to crosses on a barren hillside.  
These are the desires of our hearts.

**All:**     ***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Words of Assurance

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
You believe in God; believe also in me." (John 14:1)

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Hymn:     *"Hosanna, loud hosanna"*  
(Children come forward on the last verse)

HWB # 238

Children's Time

Song of Blessing:     *"Heri ni jina" (Blessed be the name)*

STS # 75

Congregational 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

Anthem:     *When I survey the wondrous cross*     I. Watts     HWB # 260

Scripture Lesson II:     John 12: 12-16     (New Testament)     page 81

Sermon:     **"Triumph or Protest?"**

## **RESPONDING TO THE STORY**

Hymn of Response:     *"God moves in a mysterious way"*

STJ # 104

Benediction

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!

## TODAY AT W-K

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Worship with Prayer and Anointing
- 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 with Clarence Cachagee and  
Seth Ratzlaff Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental

## Next Sunday – April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. *Choir Rehearsal*
- 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service with Communion*      *Pastor Ben Cassels*
- Lectionary    *Acts 10: 34-43*                                      *Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*
- Readings:    *1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*                              *John 20: 1-18*
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Paska and Fellowship in the Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental



## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES



**Special Prayers During Lent:** We hold in prayer the ongoing ministry of Bock-Ki Kim and Sook-Kyoung Park, our MC Canada Witness Worker partners in their ministry in South Korea. We pray for their

discipleship and outreach ministries, their church planting efforts, as well as their work resourcing Anabaptist congregations.

*May God grant courage, strength and grace in these ministries.*

## 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.

**Financial Report:** Thank you for your offering of March 18<sup>th</sup>

### This Week at W-K

Tuesday, March 27	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Lounge
	Noon	Silver Spoons
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Rm 7
Wednesday, March 28	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	2:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study – Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 29	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	WALC Exercise in the gym
	7:30 p.m.	PiE Event - Lounge
Friday, March 30	Office Closed	Good Friday



**Waterloo Mennonite Homes Annual Meeting** will be held at W-K United Mennonite Church on Sunday April 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm followed by a congregational meeting. Please plan to attend and discover what has transpired and what is in store for the future.





## Looking ahead to Holy Week

The Good Friday service will be a contemplative service of scripture and music featuring a combined choir from Erb Street, W-K and Waterloo North Churches. The service will be held at Waterloo North beginning at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

On Easter morning we gather at W-K at 9:30 a.m. to joyfully proclaim the Risen Lord with prayer, praise and Communion. Following the service we will

gather in the gym for fellowship and a feast of paska.



## Holy Week Events with Pastors in Exile (PiE)

### Stations of the Cross Walk - Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Meet outside of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener (by the "homeless Jesus" statue) for a contemporary version of the Stations in the form of a prayer walk through downtown Kitchener. We will contemplate Jesus' journey to the cross, as well as places of suffering and oppression today, and together seek the Christ who enters into this suffering.

### Easter Sunrise Celebration - Sunday, April 1 at 7:00 a.m.

Bring your bleary eyes and gather on the island in Victoria Park at dawn to celebrate the resurrection and new life in all its forms. If you'd like, bring finger foods to share for a simple breakfast.

Easter Choir: If you are interested in joining the choir for Easter Sunday, your participation would be greatly appreciated. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the basement.



Everyone is invited to bring your favourite Paska bread to enjoy following worship on Easter Sunday. Please bring your bread to the kitchen when you arrive at church so it can be set out in preparation for the fellowship and coffee hour.



The Women's Lenten Bible Study is titled *Praying with Scripture* and will meet for the last session on Wednesday, March 28 in the Lounge. All ladies are welcome to attend.

The Men's Lenten Bible Study is based on the book *We Make the Road by Walking*, written by Brian McLaren. The final session will be Tuesday, March 27 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Church Lounge.

Waldemar Regier will lead the discussion which will focus on Chapters 32b and 33. Please read those chapters for next week. All men are welcome to attend.

The next **Lunch Bunch outing** will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. at Montana's, 310 The Boardwalk in Waterloo. All women are welcome! For questions call Vicki Dick



**The next Church Supper** will be held on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The menu includes chicken pot pie, carrot salad and carrot cake. The speakers will be Christine Mitchell, leader of the Thursday morning WALC exercise program held at W-K and a guest from Community Support Connections who sponsor this program. Please sign up on the lobby window - \$5.00 cost. Kids and newcomers eat free. Bring a friend!

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

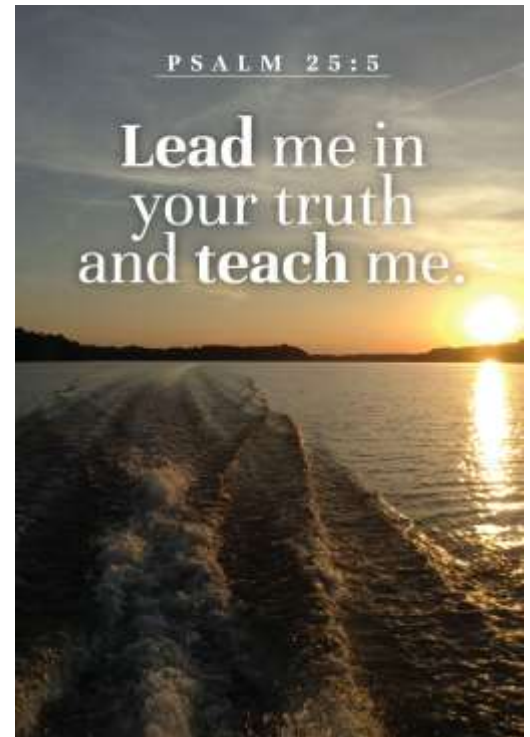


### Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

#### Prayer as a Spiritual Discipline

Psalms are ancient songs and prayers of praise, gratitude, repentance and petition. In the Lenten devotional *Praying with the Scriptures* by the Mennonite Spiritual Directors, this passage was in last week's suggested readings. I have loved these verses as my morning prayer..... "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. Lead me in the truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old."

Psalm 25: 4-6



### Health and Wellness Program:

- **Palm Sunday – Prayer and Anointing** in the sanctuary after worship with Karen Watson





### **Singing with our Neighbours: Building Peace through Word and Song**

Inshallah invites you to join them for their annual winter celebration of singing with local groups of various cultures and faiths. The concert will take place this afternoon, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb Street West in

Waterloo. A free-will offering will be taken. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

### **Music, song, scripture and silence are the foundations of Taizé**

ecumenical worship. St. Agatha Christian Communities will host a Taizé service this evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Agatha Catholic Church, 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha. All are welcome to attend.

**The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** invites parents and children to an open rehearsal to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the choir. The open rehearsal will take place on Tuesday April 3, 2018 here at W-KUM Church. Children ages 6-9 are welcome from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. and children ages 10-14 are welcome from 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. For more information: [imcc.conductor@rogers.com](mailto:imcc.conductor@rogers.com)

**An evening of music and stories of hope:** Generation Rising presents Christian touring band Double Portion featuring the testimony of Pastor Jose from Honduras - who will share how he continues to boldly proclaim God while surviving terrible gang violence. Admission is by freewill offering. All funds raised will help children in Honduras receive quality Christian education. Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Rockway Mennonite Church in Kitchener. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

**HOLD THE DATE! Menno Youth Singers** annual Coffee House and Spring Concert, Friday, April 27th, 7 p.m., at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. More info to come.

**WMCEC Spring Enrichment Day** will be held April 20 – 21, 2018 at North Leamington United Mennonite Church. The theme is *Living Creatively* with guest speaker April Yamasaki. Posters and registration forms are posted on Bulletin Board # 4.





## **The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale**

**Promotion Dinner** will be held at Bingeman's Marshall Hall on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are now available. Guest speaker will be Sarah Martin Mills sharing "The Story of Growing Hope". Ticket price is \$10. Tax receipts will be issued for contributions above the ticket price. Please contact Henry Epp for tickets. Katharine also has a limited number of tickets in the office.

## **The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Waterloo Region Interfaith Community Breakfast**



will take place on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Ballroom at Bingeman's Conference Centre. Guest speaker will be Hind Al-Abadleh, professor of chemistry at Wilfrid Laurier University. Tickets are \$25 each. See

the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

**MCEC Annual Church Gathering 2018** will be held on April 27-28<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario. The theme for this year's gathering is *Connected: Striving side by side with one mind.* If you would like to attend as a delegate, please speak with Ed Janzen. Registration is now open on the MCEC website.



SILVER LAKE  
MENNONITE CAMP

**Paddle the Grand Annual Fundraiser** for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Join us Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for an easy

and fun 1.5 hour excursion down the Grand River from Inverhaugh to the Covered Bridge at West Montrose. BBQ to follow in West Montrose. Participants are encouraged to raise \$500 per canoe and Silver Lake provides all necessary equipment (canoe, paddles and lifejackets). For more information visit [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) or call 519-422-1401



**Volunteering at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Sauble Beach.** Each week of the summer, Silver Lake uses volunteers to help staff with preparing meals and/or keeping the property and facilities in top notch condition. Lots of great things are happening at Silver Lake so please consider experiencing the magic of camp first-hand this summer as a volunteer. Call

519-422-1401 for more information or visit <http://slmc.ca/camp/volunteers/> to register.

## **Student Summer Employment Opportunity**

**The Mennonite Story in St. Jacobs** is partnering with Woolwich Township to offer a summer employment opportunity for post-secondary students. The position is called “Culture Coordinator” for Woolwich Township, and will involve work with visitor services, tourism and social media. Time will be split between the Township Offices in Elmira and The Mennonite Story in St. Jacobs. For more information or to apply, contact Raj Sian (Township of Woolwich) at [rsian@woolwich.ca](mailto:rsian@woolwich.ca). Applications deadline is April 12, 2018.



Would \$6,800 when you or a loved one die be enough for an average funeral? **The Mennonite Burial Society** (formerly the Vineland Burial Society) provides this amount presently (adjusted for inflation annually), for its members.

It's a mutual aid arrangement, where we basically “pass the hat” to cover the costs for any of the 8,900 members. Commercial life insurance costs roughly the same, but here we are practising Christian charity in a way that Mennonites of many different communities have followed for generations. Would you like to join?

Rates are \$30 annually for 0 to 14, to \$112 for 15 to 45, to \$126 for 46-65, and \$148 for 66 and over. The payout is reduced on a sliding scale, for members who joined after the age of 30. A membership drive is now on, where there's a 50% discount, up to a value of \$100, for the first year's levy owed by new members who are not spouses or children of existing members. Members who refer a new member are eligible for the incentive as well (although there may be a charity where the \$100 would be appreciated). See Karl Dick for further information.

There is more information on the Bulletin Board along the gym hallway.