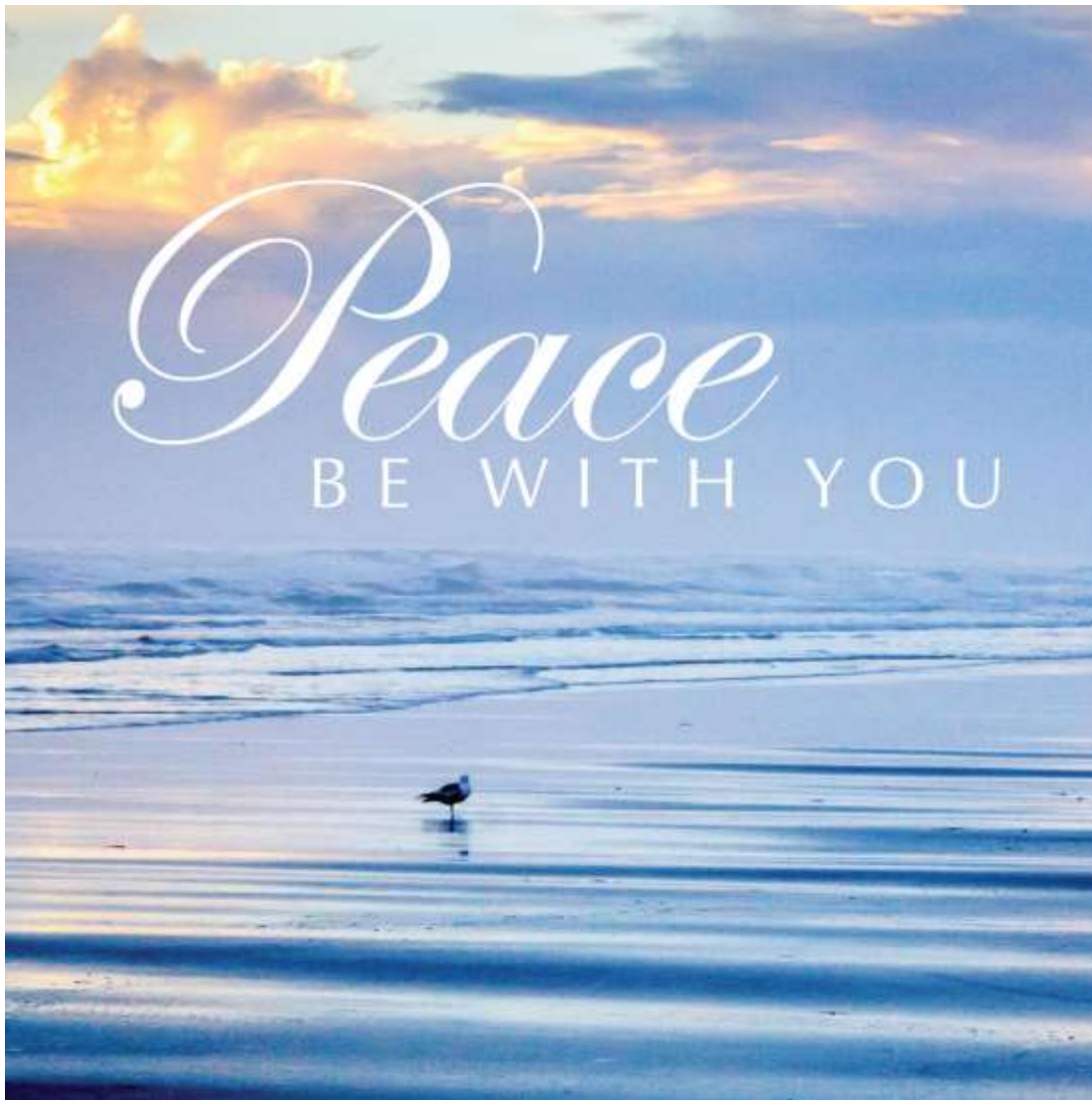


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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 9:30 a.m.

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| Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Cassels | Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels |
| Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels | Accompanist: Ian VanderBurgh |
| Scripture Readers : Chris Francis, Ben Cassels | Reflection: Betty Lyn Enns |
| Nursery Volunteer: Nancy Pauls | Children's Story: Pastor Ben Cassels |
| Musical Guests: Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir, Carolyn Neuman VanderBurgh, Director | Christine Klaver Schmidt, Accompanist |

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: *"Jesus said to them, 'Peace be with you!'" Luke 24: 36b*

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Work and Care of the Church

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God,
life of the universe,

People: we gather to worship you.

Leader: Great Creator,
who formed us in your image,

People: we gather to worship you.

Leader: Holy Redeemer,
who became flesh and lived among
us,

People: we gather to worship you.

Leader: Sustaining Spirit,
who breathes into us always the holy breath of life,

All: together we gather to worship you. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *"Let the whole creation cry"*

**When you send
forth your Spirit,
they are created...**



HWB # 51

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture I: Luke 24: 36-48

(New Testament)

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Affirmation of our Faith:

HWB # 711

Reflection: "Seeing the Face of Jesus"

Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir

Gloria

F. J. Haydn, arr. B. Suchoff

Sh'ma Yisrael

B. Wolfman

Kuwa Furaha (Be Joy)

J. Papoulis

Time with the Children

Song of Blessing: "*May God grant you a blessing*" Twice in English

HWB # 422

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

Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir

Clap Your Hands

S. K. Albrecht

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

arr. R. Emerson

Scripture II: Psalm 4

(Old Testament)

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Homily: "**When Life is Thin**"

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response: "*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*"

STJ # 14

Benediction

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 along the gym hallway. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

A very special welcome to Inter-Mennonite Children's Concert Choir!



Children's Choir

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is part of the Menno Singers family of choirs, a registered charitable organization, which seeks to engage and enrich the lives of its singers through high calibre choral experiences and related educational experiences. For over fifty years, the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir has been part of the Kitchener-Waterloo musical community. Presently, the choir has approximately 70 singers between the ages of 6-14 from various church and musical backgrounds and divides into three groups—the Training Choir, Concert Choir and the Small Ensemble—according to musical experience. Singers have the opportunity to share their musical skills in concerts, church services and various functions throughout the region and the choir's schedule includes an annual Christmas and Spring Concert. We are grateful to W-K United Mennonite Church for sharing your space with us for so many years. You have been a vital part of this ministry! Blessings to you!

Thanks for your contribution to our worship today!!

TODAY AT W-K

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 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 – Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental

Next Sunday – April 29, 2018

9:00 a.m. *Choir Rehearsal*

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

Lectionary Ezekiel 34: 11-22 Matthew 1

Readings: Psalm 19 Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26

10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children*

10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School for Youth and Adults*

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

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES



We hold in prayer the MCEC Annual Gathering

taking place in Ancaster Friday, April 27 – Saturday, April 28. This is the family of churches to which we belong and this year's gathering is the first since the major re-organization of Mennonite Church Canada last October. We pray for wisdom and a clear leading from the Holy Spirit as we chart the way ahead. We also pray for those attending from W-KUM: John Enns, Ed Janzen and Pastor Ben Cassels.

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.

A reminder – items for the bulletin should be into the office by Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of April 8th

This Week at W-K

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| Tuesday, April 24 | Noon | Silver Spoons |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Quilters |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Deacons - Lounge |
| | 6:00 p.m. | IMCC Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Bible Study – Rm 7 |

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| Wednesday, April 25 | 9:00 a.m. – Noon | Mission Circle |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Jubilation Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, April 26 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | WALC Exercise in the gym |
| | Noon | Servettes Salad Luncheon - gym |
| Friday, April 27 | 1:00 p.m. | House of Friendship |

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE MEMORIAL FUND



The Memorial Fund will be disbursing grant funds again in December. Applications can be submitted until May 13th and are available from the plastic bin on the office door. Funds will be distributed in June.

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.



Women of W-KUM and Friends: All women are invited to attend a potluck salad luncheon and presentation entitled *From Despair to Social Action: subSaharan grandmothers saving the next generation in partnership with the Stephen Lewis Foundation*. Guest speaker will be Elizabeth McNair. The luncheon will take place at Noon on Thursday, April 26th in the gym. This event is

sponsored by the Servettes. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The next Lunch Bunch gathering will be on Wednesday, May 2nd at Omega Family Restaurant, 685 Fischer-Hallman Road in Kitchener (corner of Ottawa and Fischer-Hallman). We meet at 12:30 p.m. All women are welcome to attend.

The next Church Supper will take place on Thursday, May 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The menu will include a Cheese and Bacon Bake! Guest speaker will be Whitley Enns. Please sign up by May 1st.

Fleisch Piroshki Project for the Mennonite Relief Sale, May 26, 2018.

Volunteers from WK and a variety of places, will make over 3000 fleisch piroshki to raise funds at the Mennonite Relief Sale in New Hamburg, Ontario. We need about 50 volunteers to accomplish all this! All ages welcome, male and female. No experience needed---on the job training provided! Please contact Janice Harder to volunteer on the following days:

Meat Sausage (at church)

Tuesday May 1 2:00-4:30
Wednesday May 9 1:00-3:30
Tuesday May 15 2:00-4:30
Wednesday May 16 1:00-3:30

Buns (at City Café Bakery)

Tuesday May 1 6:00-9:00
Wednesday May 9 6:00-9:00
Tuesday May 15 6:00-9:00
Wednesday May 16 6:00-9:00

Thinking about Baptism or Membership?



Membership in our congregation is open to all persons who confess faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ and who wish to unite with us in our worship and other ministries. If you are interested in exploring baptism or becoming a member of WKUM through transfer of membership or by confession of faith, please speak to Pastor Ben or one of the Deacons (Nancy Pauls, Andy and Laurie Staller, or Crystal Francis).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS



Love to sing? The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir offers a chance for children ages 6-14 to have an excellent music education experience while singing with their friends. Learn music from varying eras, proper voice techniques, and grow in self-confidence and performance skills. Registration for Fall 2018 has begun! The registration link is available at www.mennosingers.com/imcc (under Join the Choir) or email imcc.conductor@rogers.com for more info.

YOUTH BLAST! Mannheim Mennonite Church is sponsoring a youth event on Saturday, April 28th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. featuring games, a campfire and hotdog roast. This will happen at MMC property - 1494 Bleams Road in Petersburg. For more information please email info@mannheimmennonite.ca See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

April is Cancer Awareness Month

Support Cancer Research this month with the daffodil days campaign.



Early detection and screening are key to prevention and early treatment.

Health and Wellness Events in the Community:

- Information and Active Living Fair – Thursday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Breslau Community Centre, Andover Drive, Breslau. You must register by calling 519-664-1900
- Waterloo Regional Cardiac Rehabilitation Program – for information call 519-497-7049
- At Woolwich Community Health Centre – some great programs:
 - Spring into Action – preparing for the gardening season with Physiotherapists on Thursday, April 26th from 1:00 – 3:00 (To register call 519-664-3794)
 - Mental Health Series – Counselling and Therapy on Monday, May 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (To register call 519-664-3794)
 - Overview of Dementia by the Alzheimer Society on, Tuesday, May 29th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon (To register call 519-742-1422)



SPIRITUS ENSEMBLE presents a performance of Mozart's magnificent *Requiem* and choruses by Johann Ludwig Bach on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., at St John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo.

With the soloists of Capella Intima: Sheila Dietrich, soprano; Jennifer Enns Modolo, mezzo soprano; Bud Roach, tenor; David Roth, bass. Kenneth Hull

conducting. Tickets available at the door and online at www.spiritusensemble.com. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The community is invited to a **Taizé service of meditative prayer and song** hosted by St. Michael's Catholic Church, corner of Hemlock St and University Avenue, on Sunday, April 22nd beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Menno Youth Singers present *Rise, Shine* – their annual Spring Concert and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, April 27th at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Everyone is welcome. Free admission – donations gratefully accepted. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Da Capo Chamber Choir presents *This Thirsty Land* on Saturday, April 28th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street in Waterloo, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Special guests will include Orpheus Choir from Toronto. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Inter Mennonite Children's Choir presents *There's Nothing Like a Song* on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Join **Menno Singers** and artistic director Brandon Leis for their last concert of the season entitled '*Come Joy of Singing*', a celebration of poetry, prayers, spirituals and gospel song, as chosen by the choristers. The concert will take place on Saturday, May 5th at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults, 5\$ children/students, available from choristers, at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com. Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The WLU Alumni Choir presents Handel's Messiah featuring alumni and current students on Sunday, May 6th beginning at 3:00 p.m. The performance will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Queen and Duke Streets in Kitchener. Admission is by donation – all proceeds will support the WLU Alumni Choir Voice Award.

Rockway Visual Arts Exhibition – Mirage – will be held on Tuesday, April 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. An evening of showcasing work done by visual arts students in Grades 9-12.

Rockway's Grade 10 and Senior Choirs will join the K-W Symphony Orchestra in a live performance of the CBC documentary, *The Great Human Odyssey* on May 4th and 5th beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at www.kwsymphony.ca or www.centreinthesquare.com

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner will be held at Bingeman's Marshall Hall on Monday, April 30th 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 or visit www.nhrs.com for tickets. Katharine also has a limited number of tickets in the office.

The 43rd annual Waterloo Region Interfaith Community Breakfast



will take place on Wednesday, April 25th 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.



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

The Tenth Annual Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering and Reflection will take place on Tuesday, May 1st at St. Louis Parish Hall, 53 Allen Street in Waterloo.

(Accessible gym entrance off Willow Street).

Registration at 12:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Rev. Nancy Brubaker will offer reflections. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Shalom Counselling Services is holding their annual Spring Breakfast – this year celebrating 35 years. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Heintzman, Chief of Psychiatry at Grand River Hospital. The breakfast will be held at Crosshill Mennonite Church on Saturday, May 5th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Visit www.shalomcounselling.org or call 519-886-9690 for tickets. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

The House of Friendship is sponsoring the 13th annual Trek 4 KIDS – a hike or bike event to raise funds to send kids to camp. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 5 and will take place on The Iron Horse Trail. Registration begins at 12:30 and the Trek at 2:00 p.m. For more information, see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

There are several job postings 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.