

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH INFORMATION SHEET

Sunday, March 4 2018

8:30 a.m. Matins; 9:30 a.m. Education Hour; 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

**** In case of inclement weather, any cancellation of worship services will be posted on the *WNMC INSIDEOUT* Facebook page. Please use your best judgement!

Attendance for Sunday February 25, 2018 Matins Service.... 40 10:45 a.m. Service.... 152

MONTHLY OFFERING REPORT

February Operating (including monthly automatic offering - \$13,610)	\$32,915
Year to Date	\$280,650
(Behind budget by \$17,743)	

Designated Offering:
Sunday School Offering – Feb/18 \$110
House of Friendship \$25

Automatic Donations: Thank you to those who contribute electronically.

If you would like to start automatic donations from your bank account, forms are available on the side of the mail cart, or from the church bookkeeper Dave Bechtel, at finance@waterloonorthmc.org. If you want to adjust the amount you are currently giving, either send an email, or leave a note in the Bookkeeper mail folder.

Offering cards are available from the mailslot cart (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

❖❖ This Sunday (March 4) ❖❖

Name tag Sunday! (details below)

8:30 a.m. Matins Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Education Hour for all ages

- Adult Study series: "Exploring the Bible through Story". Today's topic: "Are the Psalms prayers? Rethinking the Purpose of the Psalms... Then and Now," led by Derek Suderman of Conrad Grebel University College. If possible read chapters 19 and 20 in *The Bible As Story*.

10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Gordon Allaby preaching: "You Shall"

Noon Congregational meeting. Light lunch provided. Child care available.

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

Thu Mar 1 5:10 p.m. Soul Food.

Mon Mar 5 9:45 a.m. Let's Play.

Wed Mar 7 9 a.m. to noon Comforter Knotting.

Thu Mar 8 5:10 p.m. Soul Food.

Sat Mar 10 9:30 a.m. to noon 1st choir practice @WNMC for Good Friday Service (see details below)

UPCOMING

Sat Mar 17 9:00 a.m. Both Men's Breakfast and Women's Breakfast @ Dearborn (see details below).

Sun Mar 18 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Gathering (see details below).

YOUTH UPDATE

Save the dates:

March 3- Sr Youth helping to prepare and serve a meal at Suppers at Stirling, 5-8:30 PM. Contact Kendra ASAP if you haven't already!

Sunday, March 4th, 4-8 PM Jr Youth Gathering hosted by Naomi Willms: Werewolf (plus other games) Event! If the weather is agreeable we can do something active outside for the first hour -*please dress for this possibility. "Make your own pizza" for supper! At Anita Fieguth's & Dave Willms' home, 187 Castlegate Cres, Waterloo.

Conrad Grebel Church Youth Event - Faith and Technology **FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 — 6:00 PM TO 9:30**
The Intersection Between Faith and Technology With Guest James Kelly, Faithtech Founder.

Sr Youth: **Spring Service Trip to Toronto with TOOLS** (Toronto Ontario Opportunities for Learning and Service) with Mennonite Central Committee. **May 11-13:** Leaving Friday evening & returning Sunday afternoon.
*Proceeds of the February 23rd Coffee house will go towards this trip.

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

NAME TAG SUNDAY

All are encouraged to wear name tags on the first Sunday of each month. If you need a name tag please connect with the Welcome Committee or the church office (519-888-6113 or office@waterloonorthmc.org)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AND GOOD FRIDAY JOINT CHOIR

We are hosting the Good Friday Service (10:00 am); Erb St. and UK Mennonite Church will be joining us. We will have a combined choir singing, led by Margaret Hull and accompanied by Jan Overduin. Rehearsal are at WNMC: 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, **March 10, 17 and 24**, as well as 8:45 a.m. on **Good Friday**. Please consider joining the choir. Music will be available online soon.

CANADIAN MENNONITE

All who attend WNMC may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact the church office (519-888-6113 or office@waterloonorthmc.org) before **Friday March 16**.

BOTH MEN'S BREAKFAST AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST @ DEARBORN, SATURDAY MARCH 17th

Participants in the Men's Breakfast and the Women's Breakfast have been talking about having the breakfasts on the same day. In January, the men met on the third Saturday due to a conflict with another event and it seemed to increase attendance. We have decided to have both breakfasts on the **third Saturday in March**. The men will meet separately from the women but we will meet at the same time and place.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GATHERING

On the third Sunday of each month, through June, Ministry Team invites all to a time of contemplative prayer at 7:00 pm. Next gathering: **Sunday March 18**.

LENTEN BANNER

Our **new Lenten Banner** presents the challenging, often uphill, journey to the cross. It was designed and created by Lyn Cowan. When you get a chance, look at it up close.

HOME LENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

Between You & Me is a family, at-home resource for the weeks of Lent. Includes worship ideas, pondering questions, prayers and activities all suitable for the home. Click here to download the .pdf <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/19688> or pick up a paper copy from the foyer table.

LENTEN GUIDED PRAYER 2018 (February 18 –April 1)

An opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. Each Wednesday a prayer sheet will be emailed out to the congregation so that participants at home can prayerfully contemplate the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Paper copies will be available on the foyer table.

YOUR ART SHOW

Ministry Team invites all to contribute your creativity to a visual arts show!

Art is creation the opposite of war. War is destruction.

Doing art makes the world a better place.

Original visual artwork will be on display from Palm Sunday, March 25 through Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, April 1.

The theme is “**Passion**”, so all original art should be about passion.

All visual mediums are accepted, including sculpture, quilts, paint, etc.

Up to three of your original art pieces may be submitted.

Art must be submitted to Gordon or Kendra by Sunday, March 18th

Please include your name and the title with your artwork (attached or included with the piece).

CALL FOR MORE PRAYER SHAWLS

In these winter months, if you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we are in need of prayer shawls for members of our church family experiencing severe illness, grief and loss. Prayer shawls are kept in Kendra's office and distributed by the Ministry Team.

LET'S PLAY

Let's Play is a wonderful and greatly appreciated ministry that we provide for young parents and children. However, we could use more volunteers to assist in this expanding ministry. Please contact **Daniel Kramer** if you can help, even occasionally, on Monday mornings.

A MESSAGE FROM RUTH DUECK-MBEBA

I have decided to move to Toronto for the near term in order to reduce employment commute for the next 2 years or so. I expect to move Feb 28th and hope to visit KW occasionally. I do plan to explore church community there. ...with gratitude for this community that has become a spiritual family, Ruth.

PRAYER ITEMS

We hold in prayer....

- James Hunsburger who is slowly recovering at home from acute appendectomy surgery. James would appreciate visitors who would be willing to feed him a bowl of soup. He is quite weak, and has lots of soup available.
- Palmer and Ardys Becker and family. Palmer's sister-in-law, Frances Becker, died on Monday February 26 in South Dakota. Palmer will attend the funeral on Saturday March 3. Please pray for safe travel.
- Mary and George Vanderschaaf and family. Mary's sister, Debbie Jenkins, died on February 27 in Spencer, Iowa. The funeral is on March 3. Please pray for safe travel.
- the family of Paul Krueger (father of Jennie Wiebe and Jeremy Krueger) who died on February 22. The funeral was held on Thursday March 1 in Leamington.

We give thanks ...

- We give thanks for our ministry through Sunnydale. We are helping people, mostly new to Canada, to meet basic needs and to learn to thrive on their own. A number of people in our church volunteer at Sunnydale, but they could use more help, too. This is another example of one of our ministries, and we are grateful for all those involved.
- Sunday's congregational meeting.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

High School student having some difficulty with Grade 11 Chemistry is wondering if there might be someone who would volunteer to do some tutoring. English is a second language. Please contact Sam Assad at jassad@sympatico.ca

CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- On **March 1 and 2**, David Weaver-Zercher brings "**Bloody Theatre, Bloodless Theatre: Representing Mennonites, Past and Present**" to Grebel as part of the Bechtel Lecture series. His public lecture takes place on March 1 at 7:30 pm at Grebel, with a complementary panel discussion the following evening at 7:30 pm. grebel.ca/events
- **Saturday, March 10, 10am-5pm** – If you know a student who has applied to the University of Waterloo, encourage them to visit Conrad Grebel University College for our **March Break Open House!** Take a tour of the building, check out our new and totally customizable residence furniture, feel the community atmosphere, and taste a home-cooked meal! www.grebel.ca/futurestudents

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Observed on the first Friday in March, World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer. Please join us at 2 p.m. on **March 2, 2018** at Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb Street East, Waterloo, 519-885-0935.

MEDA SPRING BANQUET

The annual MEDA Spring Banquet is just around the corner - **Saturday, March 3rd!** The banquet will take place at Floradale Mennonite church. Doors open at 6:15pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm. We will be joined by guest speaker Cavelle Dove, who will share about MEDA's exciting new project in Myanmar. To register, and for more information visit the MEDA Waterloo Chapter website or contact the MEDA Office at [519-725-1633 ext 100](tel:519-725-1633) or email meda@meda.org

WOMEN OF MCEC SPRING ENRICHMENT DAY

April 20-21 in Leamington. Our resources person is author and pastor, April Yamasaki. She will invite us to reflect on the theme *Living Creatively*. We will ending our time together by the lake at Point Pelee National Park. There are buses and hotel rooms reserved. We hope women of all ages can join us for a weekend of rest and renewal. [Register](#) by **March 9**. For any questions, contact [Carmen Brubacher](#).

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST AT FLORADALE MENNONITE CHURCH

Sat Mar 24 at 9am - Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Floradale Mennonite Church - Guest speaker: Sharon Brubacher's Personal Story - Do you believe in Miracles? \$10/ticket - purchase from Karen Bender by **March 11** via email dkgsbender@gmail.com or phone 519-616-5981. See poster on bulletin board for more details.

SUPPORT MEAT CANNING IN ELMIRA

Donate money to MCC Ontario or livestock.... Attend the fundraising breakfast on **March 17**... Buy pork or beef (contact Ray Martin at 519-669-1444) or volunteer (contact Keith Snyder at 519-669-4084 or dikeithdiane83@gmail.com). More info available at mcco.ca/events or by calling 519-745-8458 ext. 260.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter weekend on March 23-25, 2018 at Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls. (Application deadline is **March 12, 2018**.) Visit www.marriageencounterec.com

FIRST HMONG MENNONITE CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Spring roll fundraiser March 24, 2018. The purpose of this fundraiser is to help sponsor a Hmong-Vietnamese family living in Thailand. Orders are due March 18, 2018 to allow time to buy enough ingredients and materials. All orders can be picked up at First Hmong Mennonite Church on March 24, 2018 at 1:00pm. See order form on bulletin board.

RUNNING AND SPIRITUALITY SERIES

A 4-week Saturday morning series for anyone interested in exploring the connection between running and spirituality. **May 5, 12, 26 and June 2** from 10 am to noon. Each session will explore concepts and techniques in running and spiritual practice, followed by a silent 2-5km run/walk on the trails of St. Jacobs. For more details see flyer on bulletin board. Contact Ralph Brubacher at ralphbrubacher@gmail.com or call 519-664-2414.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE UPDATE ON THE GRAND RIVER AND THAMES RIVER FLOODING

On Mon, 26 Feb 2018, MDS ON Unit executive members toured the recently flooded areas along the Grand and Thames Rivers and met with Emergency Management officials along the way including Haldimand and Brant Counties and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. MDS ON is also part of the NGO Alliance of ON and has been part of the daily conference calls hosted by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) concerning these floods. The full extent of damage will not be known for a while, as the municipalities enter the Recovery Phase in the next couple of weeks. This will give MDS a better understanding where our help is needed. If you have any questions or referrals please call ON Unit Secretary, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or email hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com.

CAMPS/CAMPING AND RETREATS

- **HIDDEN ACRES MENNONITE CAMP:** Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 12th, 2018. Bring your grandchildren in grades 1-6 for an awesome day of playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. Alexa and Becki from The Ripple Effect Education (TREE) will join us to explore how we can work towards peace together in our everyday lives. For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call [\(519\)625-8602](tel:5196258602).

CONCERTS/THEATRE/ARTS

- Join the Grade 9-12 students of **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** on **March 2 & 3, 2018** for their production of hilarious comedy, ***The Mouse that Roared***. Tickets are \$12 and are available online or cash at the door. Visit www.rockway.ca for ticket and show information.
- DaCapo Chamber Choir presents...Reincarnations. Saturday **March 3rd**, 8pm – St John the Evangelist, Kitchener. Sunday **March 4th**, 3pm – St. John's Lutheran, Waterloo. Adults \$25; Seniors \$20; Students \$15; eyeGO & Children \$5. Tickets available online, by phone, or at the door. www.dacapochamberchoir.ca 519-725-7549.
- Sunday, **March 25**, 3:00pm – Join Menno Singers and its artistic director Brandon Leis for '**Come Light and Life Eternal**' a concert of a cappella gems from Tallis, Byrd, Allegri, Duruflé, Poulenc, Pärt and more at the Church of St John the Evangelist (23 Water St. N., Kitchener). Tickets are \$20 adults, \$5 children/students, available from choristers, at the door and online at www.mennosingers.com.

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At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.