

# WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday July 2, 2017

9:30 a.m. Single Worship Service

Attendance for Sunday, June 25 2017.... 130

## Offering Report to June 25, 2017

Operating (including Monthly Automatic Offering - \$14,700) \$16,286

This is as of the last Sunday of the Fiscal Year – Total Year to Date \$449,885

*(behind budget by \$11,615)*

Designated Offering  
Refugee Fund \$100

**Automatic Donations** – If you would like to start making 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](mailto: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.

## ❖❖ This Sunday (July 2) ❖❖

9:30 AM: Single worship service. Kendra Whitfield Ellis preaching: *The process of finding and losing*.

**THIS WEEK AT WNMC** –see WNMC Calendar go to: [WNMC Events Calendar](#) ;

Worship Schedules & Scriptures go to: [Worship Schedule](#)

Sat July 8 9 AM – Men`s Breakfast Dearborn Restaurant

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- We are **short of church keys**. If you no longer need your key please return it to the church office (Dita) as soon as possible.
- Staff Vacation Summary
  - Gordon—July 10-23; August 2-6; August 15-20.
  - Kendra—July 3-9; 29-31; August 15-18.
  - Dave—June 28-July 12 (note: Dave will be in the office on **Friday July 14**.)
  - Daniel—August 4-11.
  - *vacation emergency contact numbers are **Gordon: 306-280-5246; Kendra: 519-500-5829**.*

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION

The policy and application for the **Financial Support of Youth and Young Adults Faith Formation** are attached. There are two deadlines the 2017-18 fiscal year: **July 10, 2017** (in time for 2017-18 school year) and January 30, 2018 (in time for camps, summer of 2018). Please return this completed application form by the respective deadline. You may put a hard copy in the **Support of Youth & Young Adults Faith Formation** mail slot or email a completed soft copy (you can fill-in and save this PDF) to [scottbeech@icloud.com](mailto:scottbeech@icloud.com). All applications are treated confidentially.

### **VACATION BIBLE CAMP** July 17-21, 2017

Calling JK - grade 8 students, come and invite your friends to a fun week of mornings, **8:45 a.m.-noon at Knox Presbyterian Church** with Erb St, WKUM, and WNMC. Families, put the **Thursday barbeque** into your calendars. See **Martha C** for details. Register for Baobob Blast, Vacation Bible Camp at <http://knoxwaterloo.ca/home/?p=8201>

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Children's Sunday School **Indigenous Garden Project** offering. We missed assembling our kits in time for the flight north for this year's growing season. We will donate our funds directly to the Indigenous Neighbours program so they can be used where needed to support the Garden project. *Sharon Thiessen*
- Children's Sunday School needs **leaders** for our next year starting in September. Please consider this **important job of nurturing our children and youth**. For more information contact Cheryl [cherylbc@rogers.com](mailto:cherylbc@rogers.com) or Jeff [jeffery@slowjam.ca](mailto:jeffery@slowjam.ca)

### **UPDATE ON SPONSORSHIP OF YUSRA'S DAUGHTER**

Yusra's daughter, husband and two children have now arrived in Lebanon as of April 25. This was necessary in order to be officially considered refugees. We are currently working with MCC on documenting their situation. Once this process is completed, we will be able to apply for permanent residency in Canada and then will likely face a 6-9 month wait while this application is processed. Once we have more information and/or confirmation that they have been accepted to come to Canada, we will provide more updates.

*The Refugee Committee and Missions and Service*

### **RIDE FOR REFUGE**

This year as last year, Mennonite Church Canada is inviting congregations across the country to ride or walk in support of its **Witness program**. Since our congregation is in a new partnership with **Dann and Joji Pantoja** participating in the **Ride for Refuge** would be another amazing way to demonstrate your commitment to peace building in the Philippines. As you know, the national church is in a time of significant transition and so having teams from **WNMC riding or walking in support of Witness Workers like Dann and Joji** would be such an encouragement to them and our wider faith community. Please consider participating in this year's event on **September 30, 2017**. You can register at: <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>

### **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA**

**Assembly Registration is open** for the **October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly** in Winnipeg:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft> Please contact Gordon Allaby or John Rempel if you are interested in attending.

## **PRAYER ITEMS**

### ***We give thanks...***

... for Laverne and Elizabeth Martin who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. (The family is hosting a public open house at WNMC, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4 PM)

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Out-Spok'n VII**

**MennoHomes** would like to thank volunteers, participants, and donors for making this year's bike-a-thon, Out-Spok'n VII, a success. Your efforts have combined to contribute over **\$35,000 towards new affordable housing in Elmira**. [www.mennohomes.com](http://www.mennohomes.com)

## **HIDDEN ACRES**

Family Camping Weekend at **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is quickly approaching. This year's **Family Camping Weekend** will take place **June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Pitch a tent, park a trailer or camp in a cabin and come and enjoy God's beautiful creation. For more information visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or to reserve a cabin, call [\(519\) 625-8602](tel:5196258602) or email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca).

## **CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

**Peace Camp 2017** is coming to Conrad Grebel University College **July 31-August 4**. Geared towards students in grades 6-8, Peace Camp is a week-long day camp that teaches youth they can make a difference in the world. This year we will ask, "Where can we find peace?" searching locally, globally, and in our own lives. Register online at <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/campers/peace-camp> today! For more info contact **Peace Camp Coordinator Allison Keyes** at [peacecamp.daycamp@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:peacecamp.daycamp@uwaterloo.ca)

## **MENNONITE CHURCH ASSEMBLY**

**Emerging Voices Initiative** needs your help to send youth delegates to the special **Mennonite Church Assembly Oct. 13-15**. Donate today to help youth delegates attend **Assembly 2017**.

<https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017>

## **MENNO YOUTH SINGERS**

High school students--are you already missing the music program at school? Young adults--do you need more music in your life? Consider joining the dynamic and growing Menno Youth Singers, a choir committed to choral excellence, to praising God, and to have a great time (and lots of snacks!) doing so.

Check [mennosingers.com/mys/](http://mennosingers.com/mys/) for information. Registration begins NOW.

Parents of teens and young adults: Menno Youth Singers is a great choir experience for your offspring. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener. Conductor Steve Surian is a trained music educator who is also a public high school music teacher. See [mennosingers.com/mys/](http://mennosingers.com/mys/) for registration and other info.

## **ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE**

Rockway is growing! Due to increased demand, Rockway has added a second section for its Grade 8 program for the 2017-2018 school year. If you know anyone who is considering switching schools, please pass on this good news and let them know that class sizes in Grade 8 will be between 14 -18. For more information or to book a tour, contact [admissions@rockway.ca](mailto:admissions@rockway.ca)

## **YELLA 2018**

MCEC and MCCO three-week learning tour to Israel/Palestine for young adults. For details see b.b or <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/yella-2018-middle-eastern-learning-tour>

## **WEB LINKS**

- **Future Directions:** Check out a progress report and a link to a survey about international Witness ministry at <http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca>
- **Featured prayer request from the wider church** (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at [www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7507](http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7507))

## **CONCERTS / THEATRE / EXHIBITS**

- This year, **Conrad Grebel University College** is hosting **The Hymn Society's** annual conference, July 16-20. This event offers a **FREE PUBLIC HYMN FESTIVAL each day:**
  - **SUN., JULY 16** | 7:30 PM | "Living Voices of the Gospel" - St Matthew's Lutheran Church, 54 Benton St., Kitchener, ON
  - **MON., JULY 17** | 7:30 PM | "Reformation Psalms & Beyond" - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 54 Queen St. N., Kitchener, ON
  - **TUES., JULY 18** | 7:30 PM | "A Day for Making Changes: Singing Reformation around the Globe" - First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo, ON
  - **WED., JULY 19** | 7:30 PM | "God of all the Many Lands" - St John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St., Waterloo, ON
  - **THURS., JULY 20** | 10:30 AM | "Singing our Journeys Together: Semper Reformanda" - Theatre of the Arts, UWaterloo, Ring Rd., Waterloo, ON
  - **FULL CONFERENCE DETAILS:** <http://www.thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo>

- **Detweiler Meetinghouse Summer 2017 Events.** All events at 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville. Everyone welcome.
  - **Sunday, July 9, 2:30 PM.** "*Folk and Gospel Songs*" led by Mike and Diana Erb, who are well known on the local music scene. There will be group singing as well. A freewill offering in support of Meetinghouse operations will be held. More information: Laurence Martin, 519-208-4591.
  - **Saturday, September 16, 11:00 AM.** "**Mennonite Life in the Detweiler Neighbourhood, 150 Years Ago (Sam Steiner).**" Part of Doors Open, Waterloo Region. More information: Sam Steiner, 519-884-1040.
- **Timothy Shantz from Calgary, Alberta** (son of Lee and Carol Shantz) has been invited to be the **Guest Conductor for the National Youth Choir** this summer as part of Canada's 150th Anniversary celebrations. The NYC will be rehearsing at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo from July 13th to 20th and then embarking on a tour to Stratford, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto with the National Youth Orchestra. If you are interested in hearing the NYC, here is the information regarding two performances in the Waterloo area.
  - **Elora Festival 2017 on July 19th** with the Elora Singers. It is not part of the National Youth Choir/National Youth Orchestra tour. For tickets, please go to [www.elorafestival.ca](http://www.elorafestival.ca) or call 519-846-0331.
  - **National Youth Choir/National Youth Orchestra in Stratford on July 20th**, the first stop on their joint tour. For tickets, please go to [www.stratfordsummermusic.ca](http://www.stratfordsummermusic.ca) or call 519-271-2101. The tickets are now available.
- St. Jacobs Mennonite Church in cooperation with the Blyth Festival Theatre is offering a group discount to the production of **IPPERWASH on Sunday, August 27 at 2 PM**. There will also be an opportunity for conversation following the play. We would like to extend this offer to the MCEC congregations of the Stratford, KW, Perimeter, Woolwich Grey and Wellesley West Clusters.

#### **EMPLOYMENT / VOLUNTEER / INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- After 30 years of leading **Fairview and Parkwood Mennonite Homes**, Tim Kennel has decided to retire. We thank him very much for his years of dedication. The Board of Directors has initiated a search for Tim's replacement and has contracted with The Maxwell Management Group to conduct the search. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please check their website at [www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com](http://www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com) or email Susan Farren at [sfarren@maxwellmanagementgroup.com](mailto:sfarren@maxwellmanagementgroup.com)
- **Program Assistant MCC United Nations Office.** See the following links for details.  
MCC UN Office: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/more/un-office>  
Menno House: <http://www.mennohouse.org/>

#### **FUND RAISING**

- **MCC:** In response to **food crisis in South Sudan** this crisis, the Canadian government has created a Famine Relief Fund. For every \$1 donated to MCC for famine relief, \$1 will go into the government's fund for later distribution. **Donations made between March 17-June 30 are eligible to be matched.**