

Beyond the Congregation – December 6, 2015

EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

- ♪ **Three Choirs at Christmas**, featuring the **Menno Singers**, **Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** and **Menno Youth Singers**, on Sunday Dec. 6, 3:00 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Tickets (adult \$15, student \$5, family \$35) are available at Music Plus, at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com.
- ♪ **Rockway Christmas Concert**, Tues. Dec. 8, 7:30 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 54 Benton St. Kitchener. All are welcome!
- **Shalom Counselling Services Open House** in celebration of our "Growing Home for Shalom" expansion project. Thursday, Dec. 10, 4-7 pm (5:00 dedication and ribbon-cutting).
- ♪ **Handel's Messiah**, Sat. Dec 12, 7:30 pm, Centre in the Square
- **Single or Single Again (SOSA)** will be going 5 pin bowling for our December event, at Riverside Lanes, 182 Union St. New Hamburg on Saturday Dec. 12. We would ask that you arrive by 6:50pm as bowling will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Following bowling we will go out for refreshments. Any questions please call 519-662-2971
- ♪ **Christmas Worship Tour** with Jason & Charmaine Brown Sunday, December 13 at Koinonia Christian Fellowship in Blomington. For more info & tickets go to www.uniteproductions.com Tickets: \$20, \$25 & \$30.
- ♪ **The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** "Follow the Star" Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm, at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Tickets \$10, \$5 for children (5-18) at the door or from a chorister. Come and join us for some Christmas music!
- ♪ **Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach's Christmas masterpiece Christmas Oratorio**, parts 1-3, Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo (please note the change from our usual location). Soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Steve Surian, Bud Roach and Richard Hrytzak will be accompanied by an expanded choir and orchestra, Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission \$30 Adults, \$25 Seniors, \$15 Post-secondary students, \$5 high school and children 12 and under. Tickets available at the door and at Eventbrite.ca.
- ♪ **Lessons & Carol service**, "How Far Bethlehem?" Sunday, Dec 13, 7 PM at Wanner Mennonite Church, 1725 Beaverdale Rd., Cambridge. Refreshments follow. All are welcome!
- ♪ **Jazz Vesper Service** - December 16 at 7:00 in the Conrad Grebel Chapel. Need some calm in the midst of the hectic Christmas rush? Come for a service of reflections on the Christmas season through readings and music (in a jazz mode). Music by Paul Fehderau, Linden Gossen, Brad Moggach, Greg Stroh, and Tom Cummings.
- ♪ **Menno Singers** is sponsoring a Messiah Sing-a-Long with orchestra and soloists at St. Jacob's Mennonite Church on Sunday Dec. 20 at 3:00pm. Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Tax receipts available for donations over \$20. www.mennosingers.com
- ♪ **Participate in a satisfying group music-making experience**, and learn about another culture and its music at the same time. Join Conrad Grebel University College's Community Gamelan Ensemble! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm at Conrad Grebel in Waterloo. Free. No experience necessary. Register at uwaterloo.ca/music/community-gamelan or email music@uwaterloo.ca for more information.
- **Fathers & Kids Retreat**: January 15-17 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos in the field, following animal tracks through the woods, roasting smores over the campfire, playing board games by the fire in the dining hall and just being at camp is loads of fun, but the best part is doing it with dad! To register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200. Please note "father" can be defined as any male role model or mentor.
- **The Mennonite Studies program** at Conrad Grebel University College is offering a 12-week course on **Mennonite Literature** in Winter 2016, taught by Dr. Rob Zacharias. Wednesdays, 7-10 pm. Community participants are welcome. Contact Marlene Epp, mgepp@uwaterloo.ca, 519-885-0220 x 24257

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• **Giving Tuesday Dec 1** is the opening day of the giving season. It's a great opportunity to support MCC and easier than ever online! MCC Ontario is highlighting our Circle of Friends program, a program which supports individuals and families transitioning from homelessness and shelter-living back into the K-W community.

www.givingtuesdaywr.ca/charity/mennonite-central-committee

• **Kit Bags Needed!** Can you sew? We are in urgent need of kit bags, and you can help. Instructions for the bag are available at www.mcco.ca/kits. Completed bags can be dropped off at our warehouse or regional offices. Drop off locations are listed at www.mcccana.ca/get-involved/kits/dropoff

• **Conrad Grebel University College**, a residence and teaching community affiliated with the University of Waterloo, seeks a married couple for the position of Campus Hosts (formerly known as Senior Residents), beginning summer 2016. The role involves living in an apartment in the College's residence building and supervising the College during non-business hours. Rent and utilities are free in exchange for performance of duties. Applicants should be mature, responsible and able to relate to a broad range of people, especially students in residence. Application deadline is January 15, 2016. Read more at grebel.ca/positions

• **Registration is now open for the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 13-17 and 20-24, 2016.** Go to csop.cmu.ca or e-mail csop@cmu.ca for more information and to apply for your choice of five-day courses on topics such as indigenous peacebuilding, peace skills, arts and peacebuilding, trauma healing, community development, peacemaking circles, and biblical hope and healing.

• **CMU Study Tour to the Middle East (Jordan and Israel/Palestine): April 25-May 16, 2016.** Join Prof. Gordon Matties on a journey in time to the land of the Bible. Meet people working for peace and reconciliation today. For more information visit cmu.ca/studytour or email gmatties@cmu.ca.

• **Preston Mennonite Church has an opening for a part-time Administrative Assistant.** Want to use your administrative skills in a warm and caring environment on a part-time basis? The Administrative Assistant manages the church office and performs administrative duties on a part-time basis, 10 hours per week during day-time hours. The ideal applicant will be self-directed, organized, and good with people, with demonstrated computer proficiency and problem solving skills. Familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, G mail, and Google Calendar. Ability to maintain a database and website. Position begins January 18th, 2016. Please email resume with cover letter to office@prestonmennonite.com by December 24th, 2015.