

Beyond the Congregation – March 1, 2015

EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

• **Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada** lead a Lenten Retreat on March 7, 9am—12noon, Mannheim Mennonite Church, 1494 Bleams Rd. Retreat theme: Cleansing the Inner Temple (John 2:13-22) Register: mennospiritdir@gmail.com

♪ **The DaCapo Chamber Choir** presents a concert titled *O Earth Return* on March 7&8. The program features the premiere of a work by London Ontario's Matthew Emery, and concludes with the stunning *Passing of the Year* by London England's Jonathan Dove. That work ends with the aspirational words of Tennyson, expressing the wish that the old evils die, and that we ring in a new age of equality, and "a thousand years of peace." Arvo Pärt's sublime Magnificat is also part of the program, as are works by local composers Tim Corlis and Jeff Enns.

Saturday March 7, 8pm - Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener (corner of Duke & Water)

Sunday March 8, 3pm - St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo (22 Willow Street, off Erb)

• **Theatre of the Beat and Wanner Mennonite Church** proudly present "A Bicycle Built for Two"—a playful reflection on Marriage, Sunday March 8 in the Beehive Room at Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Rd W, Cambridge. The evening begins with refreshments at 6:30pm, 7:00pm show. Free will offering. Contact Cindy Gerber (519)632-7653, Mike Thiessen (519)489-0618 or Wanner Mennonite Church.

• **Open House** at Conrad Grebel University College and University of Waterloo, Saturday March 14, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

• **Health Education Sessions** at Breslau Community Centre Everyone welcome. No Charge. Thursdays 10:45-11:45

Blood Pressure: Highs and Lows, Karen Good, RN, Woolwich Community Health Centre. Thursday, March 12

Skin Deep: How to love your skin, Dr. Chanel Cressman, Naturopath, Urban Wellness Studio Thursday April 9

• **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Grandparent & Grandchild Days** - Come join us on March 16 or 17. A great opportunity for grandparents & grandchildren (grades 1-6) to spend quality time together enjoying interactive programming focused on "HOPE" (Helping Others Participate thru Education). Visit us at www.hiddenacres.ca, email us at info@hiddenacres.ca or call us at 519-625-8602 for more information and registration forms.

• **March Break Getaway for ages 8-12** at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. March 16-20. Bus to & from Kitchener.

Registration fee \$395; see flier on hall bulletin board. Form available online at www.slmc.ca/camp

• On March 21st **Menno Singers** is performing a rich concert of music, featuring Poulenc's Stabat Mater and works of Brahms, Copland and others at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Soprano soloist is Bethany Horst with pianist Heidi Wall and artistic director Peter Nikiforuk. Tickets (\$20 adults, \$5 students) are available at Mennonite Savings Credit Union, Music Plus or online at www.mennosingers.com

• **Elmira Meat Canning Fundraising Breakfast** 8:00 am, Saturday March 21, Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Road, St. Jacobs. Enjoy a gourmet buffet breakfast and Keith Martin speaking on "A History of Meat Canning in Ontario". Tickets are \$12/adult, \$5/ages 6-12. Call 519-745-8458 to reserve your ticket.

• **Fiddler on the Roof**, presented by Conrad Grebel University College Student Council, on Sat. Mar 28 and Sun. Mar 29, shows at 1pm and 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through Conrad Grebel main office (519)885-0220

• Book Launch: **In Search of Promised Lands** by Sam Steiner, Saturday March 28 at 2pm, Great Hall at Conrad Grebel.

• 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 March 31 at W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George St Waterloo). Children ages 6-9 are welcome from 6:30 to 7:00pm and children ages 10 to 15 are welcome from 7:30 to 8:00pm. More info: imcc.conductor@rogers.com

• **Come visit Montreal and stay in our Summer Guestrooms! Rates start as low as \$45 per night.** A mission of the Mennonite church in Montreal since 1974, the Maison de l'amitié continues to welcome and support new arrivals to Canada and Quebec through our English and French language classes and our community-focussed student residence. You can support the ministries of the Maison de l'amitié this summer by having fun! Visit our website to find out more:

www.residencema.ca

• **Camp Shalom Summer Staff:** If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then apply to be a missionary at Camp Shalom this summer. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st 2015 to apply. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 14. Contact Adrian at adriancountryside@gmail.com if you have any questions.

• **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** – Registration is now open for Summer 2015 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Family Camp and many others. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact Dave Erb at dave@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

• **Summer Job Opportunities at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** - If you would like to spend your summer out in nature, positively impacting the lives of hundreds of young people, building great relationships with the other staff members and sharing and developing your faith, then check out Hidden Acres. For more information or to fill out an application, go to our website at www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or chrispot@hiddenacres.ca

• **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp has asked our church to supply 5 volunteers** for the week of Camp 5 from August 9-15, during their summer camp program. Primarily they are looking for people to help prepare meals in the kitchen and help with various maintenance tasks. See details on hall bulletin board.

- **Canadian Mennonite University's Canadian School of Peacebuilding** invites you to come this summer to learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – on June 15 – 19; 22 – 26. More information is available at www.csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca
- **Be an Outtown Site Leader!** There are one-semester positions in Burkina Faso, and two-semester positions in Guatemala and South Africa. Currently Canadian Mennonite University is accepting applications for the 2015/16 program year. Accepting applications until March 1, 2015. Applications will be reviewed in March 2015. For full job description visit www.cmu.ca/employment

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Mennonite World Conference has formed a Prayer Network - Why not consider joining your sisters and brothers from around the world in this joint effort of prayers? Why would you join the Prayer Network?

1. To pray for God's blessing on the global Assembly in July. May the visa process be as smooth as possible. May we North Americans be filled with a generous "hospitality of spirit" to host and "receive" those coming from dozens of countries.
2. To pray for sisters and brothers around the world in fellowships which face hardship and persecution.
3. To pray for the hundreds of young adults (age 18+) who are coming from many countries to attend the Global Youth Summit next July.

Go to www.mwc-cmm.org/content/join-mwc-email-list to sign up and receive regular updates and prayer requests.

• **Mennonite World Conference** – “It's the closest to heaven I've ever been,” is an often-heard comment from many who have attended past Mennonite World Conference global Assemblies. If you have not yet registered to attend this event on your own continent – a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity for many – please consider doing so today, July 21-26 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For full information and registration details, go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015 This is the first Assembly in North America in 25 years. Given the current pattern of holding Assemblies every six years in either the global South or North, it could be close to 30 years before this event is once again held in North America

• **Mennonite Savings and Credit Union Town Halls** Growing a healthy and sustainable credit union requires many hands, hearts, and voices. We want to hear your voice! These meetings offer members the opportunity to reflect on the role of growth in creating a healthy and sustainable financial future for MSCU. We will be asking the questions: What advice do you have for MSCU as we consider this change? What do we need to keep in mind as we contemplate a new name? Meetings will be held in five local locations between February 17th and 25th from 7 to 9 pm each evening. We are also offering an online town hall on March 9th. For locations, more details and to RSVP, please view the poster on the bulletin board, visit mscu.com, or contact MSCU by calling Linda Miller, Marketing Specialist at (519)772-4024 or emailing lmiller@mscu.com

- See the **Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support** (MCRS) Annual Report 2013-2014 posted on the bulletin board.
- Tuesday March 3, 9:30 to 10:30 am, Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener. Don't miss your chance to hear first hand how your support of **Mennonite Central Committee** ministry brings hope in the midst of the violence of Syria. **Bishop Selwanos Boutros Alnemeh**, of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Homs, Syria will speak.
- **Mennonite Economic Development Associates** Waterloo Spring Banquet at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Catherine Sobrevega from the Ghana GROW project will be speaking with Quiet in The Land providing musical entertainment. For more info: www.meda.org/waterloo Online payments preferred or RSVP by email: nagbonaye@meda.org or phone (519)725-1633 x 100. Reservations close March 23.