

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2016**

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY 9:45 am Worship** "Behold, I Make All Things New":

Rooted, Growing, Branching Jodie Hatlem, preaching

**11:10 am** Christian Education classes for all ages

Zehrs/President's Choice and Sobeys grocery cards for sale

House of Friendship Food Drive – Help fill the caddy in the foyer with your non-perishable food items.

**Oct. 31 1:30 pm** Erb Street Seniors come and join Joanne Bender for a hymn sing in the sanctuary followed by a fall snack. It is that time of year again to fill shoeboxes for **Samaritan's Purse**. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the church office by December 1st. Instructions are in your church mailbox.

**Nov. 1 9:00 am** Erb Street Women of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada meet. Come to chat, knit a comforter or quilt. Bring a sack lunch. Drop in for as long as you can between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Roll Call: Name an unplanned transition.

**Nov. 3 10:30 am** Church Staff meet in the JB Martin room

**Nov. 4 6:30-8:00 pm** Youth Worship Ensemble in Sanctuary

**Nov. 6 9:45 am Worship** "Behold, I Make All Things New":

Rooted, Growing, Branching Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada, preaching

**11:10 am** Christian Education classes for all ages

Zehrs/President's Choice and Sobeys grocery cards for sale

**MINISTRY & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**



The **COFFEEHOUSE\*** Friday **November 11** 7:00-9:30pm. It's not too late to offer to bake a cake or a few dozen cookies. Bring a few friends and come on out for some laid back fun. With volunteer musicians and performers we never know what the night will hold but inevitably there are moments of hilarity and profundity. Uptown West

Neighbourhood Association is cosponsoring this with us so it is a great way to connect with the neighbours of our church. Donations will go to support MCC's work in Haiti. Volunteers for set up and clean up are needed too. Contact Nina Bailey-Dick. Interested performers contact Geoff Vanderkooy.

**NEW! The Mennonite Story** Facts and Information on bulletin board.\*

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

**NEW! Erb Street Seniors** meet Monday November 14, 1:30pm, as guests at First Mennonite Church (King Street East) for an entertaining afternoon learning about places like Africa, France, Iceland and Italy presented by Marianne Erb, Sue Hallman and Heather and John Motz. Enjoy tasty treats as well. It is that time of year again to fill shoeboxes for **Samaritan's Purse**. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the church office by December 1st. Instructions are in your church mailbox.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

**Classes begin at 11:10 am following coffee and conversation**

**SHINE:** "God Restores the People"

<b>PRIMARY</b> (AGES 3, JK, SK & GRADE 1)	ROOM 2
<b>MULTIAGE</b> (GRADES 2-5)	ROOM 1
<b>JUNIOR YOUTH</b> (GRADES 6-8)	ROOM 4
<b>YOUTH</b> (GRADES 9-12)	ROOM 3

### YOUNG ADULT/ADULT ELECTIVE

#### **1-Truth and Reconciliation**

**Facilitators:** Peace and Justice Ministry

Fellowship Hall

Sept 18 – Nov 13

#### **2-Befriending Death:**

JB Martin room

#### **How does befriending death make living richer?**

What does it mean to befriend death and why we might want to do that not just as individuals but as a church community.

**Facilitator:** Nina Bailey-Dick

Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6

**Youth and Jr. Youth pizza lunch** TODAY, 12:00pm! Get to know Jodie and Doug and brainstorm ideas for future Youth/Jr. Youth Events. We want to hear what you would like to do! Parents are welcome to stay and join us.

**Jr. Youth Make a Difference Day Grades 6, 7 & 8**, November 6, 9:30am–3:00pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate (110 Doon Rd., Kitchener). **Building community brick by brick** - how do we build community. Get some tips, pick up a brick (literally!) and join in the building so that we can make a difference in the world around us. Registration is open, see Glenda for details. Sponsors are needed.

### PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

**NEW!** We are looking for individuals to get involved **supporting a refugee family**. ESMC has applied to sponsor a newcomer family. A group has been meeting and planning, but more people are needed to join this group. If interested, please contact Richard Kennel.

**NEW!** The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation is fighting to protect our water, fighting to protect our climate, and fighting for respect and justice for all indigenous people on Turtle Island. On November 5, 2:00pm, we celebrate their courage with a **benefit concert\*** ahead of their November 30 Supreme Court date where they are challenging the Federal Government over its failure to properly consult on the Line 9 pipeline reversal. Tickets: Nuruda Arts at Kultrun Market in Uptown and PACS office at Conrad Grebel University College.

Slow Medicine - **Reflections from 20 years with Canada's First Peoples** Saturday November 5, 7:00pm, Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Marilyn Koval and Larry Willms share from their experiences as rural/remote physicians in Mishkeegogamang, Weagamow, and other First Nations in Ontario. Marilyn and Larry write, "We look forward to probing interactive discussion and hope we all can gain new insight into one of our nation's most troubled relationships."

**NEW! Understanding the Gulen Movement and Recent Events in Turkey,\*** Tuesday November 8, 7:00-9:00pm, Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. Watch the documentary Love is a Verb, followed by a presentation and discussion on the Gulen (Hizmet) movement and recent events in Turkey. Light refreshments available at 6:30pm.

The Neighbours Who Said No: Waterloo Region Mennonites and the Second World War": talk by Laureen Harder-Gissing at the meeting of **Waterloo Historical Society**, Saturday November 12, 1:30 pm, Conrad Grebel University College, Great Hall, (140 Westmount Rd N., Waterloo). Info: [www.whs.ca](http://www.whs.ca) or Marion Roes.

**Pacifism: Can We Still Live It? Can We Believe It?** Peace weekend November 12-13, Rockway Mennonite Church (47 Onward Ave., Kitchener) with Professor Harry Huebner (Canadian Mennonite University). Saturday evening 7:00pm; Sunday morning 9:45am adult education hour and 11:00am worship service.

In September, Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (MCRS) was given a donation of \$1,000 and Supportive Housing of Waterloo (SHOW) was given a donation of \$250 from **grocery card sales** at Erb Street. Total donations this year are \$3,000 to MCRS and \$500 to SHOW. Thank you to those who buy cards! Erb Street buys the cards in bulk at a discount of 5% and that 5% is given to MCRS and SHOW. When you buy a card, you pay face value and buy groceries for that face value. PC points work the same as with cash. Any questions about buying and using the cards, ask the Sunday seller (in Fellowship Hall near the Library), Marion Roes or Ken Jantzi.

Offering Update as of		October 23, 2016	
	Offering incl average of AFT	Budget	Ahead of Budget (Behind Budget)
Current Week	\$3,168.40	\$5,656.42	(\$2,488.02)
Year to Date	\$213,069.70	\$243,226.19	(\$30,156.49)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Menno Singers Concert,\*** Sunday October 30, 3:00 pm, St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Kitchener. Information or tickets contact Grace Schweitzer or: [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)

**Taizé Song Service,** Sunday October 30, 7:30 pm, Conrad Grebel University College Chapel (140 Westmount Road North).

**Benjamin Eby Lecture,** Thursday November 3, 7:30pm, Conrad Grebel Chapel, Dr. Jeremy Bergen on "Christians Killing Christians: Martyrdom and the Disunity of the Church." This lecture examines whether and how narratives of Christian martyrs may advance Christian unity and further the work of reconciliation more broadly. [grebel.ca/eby](http://grebel.ca/eby)

The University of Waterloo **Fall Open House,** Saturday November 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, is a great way to visit the Conrad Grebel residence and learn more about academics at the university. [grebel.ca/visit](http://grebel.ca/visit)

**NEW! Inshallah Choir,\*** Saturday November 5, 7:00 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church (22 Willow St., Waterloo).

**Worship Café\*** at Floradale Mennonite, Sunday November 6, 7:00 pm, Floradale Mennonite Church (22 Florapine Rd., Floradale). A casual evening of worship, coffee and desserts. Bring a friend and an item for the food bank.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** Annual General Meeting, Wednesday November 9, 7:30-9:00pm.

**NEW! Fairview Mennonite Home Annual Handicraft Sale,\*** Saturday November 19, 9:00am-1:00pm. Free admission.

**NEW! Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** Christmas concert, Sunday December 4, 3:00pm, St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Tickets: \$10 each, \$5 for children (5-18) at the door or from a chorister.

\*Check bulletin board and literature table for more information.

**NEW!** New announcements this week

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