

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017**

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY 9:45am** Easter Worship Service

Doug Hatlem, preaching

No Christian Education classes

No Grocery Card Sales on Easter Sunday

**Apr. 19 6:30pm** Ukelele club

**7:00pm** Youth Worship Ensemble

**Apr. 21 7:00pm** Coffeeshouse - more details below

**Apr. 23 9:45am Worship EARTH DAY**

Karen Buschert, Andrew Scheifele, Jane Snyder, speaking

**11:10am** Intergenerational Christian Education

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

**Apr. 24 1:00-4:00pm** Erb Street Seniors meet at Parkwood Retirement Home to play games with our friends from Erb Street.

**Apr. 26 6:30pm** Ukelele club - meet in Room 4

**7:00pm** Youth Worship Ensemble

**Apr. 30 9:45am Worship**

Jodie Hatlem, preaching

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

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

**12 noon** Story Circle Workshop in the JB Martin room

**MINISTRY & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**Kiwanis Music Festival** will be at our church Wednesday April 19 and the week of April 24 – 28.

**Thank you** to all who gave stories, pictures and items about tapping, boiling and, of course, eating **maple syrup** for the anniversary **cabinet display!** Sandi Hannigan Marr taps a few trees; Carol Bauman's parents tapped, 3,500 trees off Weber Street. There are lots more stories to read. Marion Roes, cabinet convener

**Spring Enrichment Day\*** Women of MCEC (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada) invite **women of all ages** to St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, Saturday April 22, 8:30am.

**NEW!** Check out the new items and updates in the Photo section of the church web site.

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Saturday May 27**

**1-NEW!** Since the Relief Sale began 50 years ago, our congregation has covered the costs of the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the Relief Sale. If you would like to make a **donation to help purchase sausage and pancake supplies**, please make your cheque payable to Erb Street Mennonite Church and designate "Relief Sale Breakfast Project" on the memo line. Your donation can be placed in an offering envelope marked Relief Sale or given to Joyce Collard or Vic Krahn. If you would like to assist setting up the booth on the Friday before the sale or help on Saturday, please contact Vic Krahn. *Thank you!*

**2-Tickets for the Relief Sale Fundraising Promotion Dinner** Monday April 24, Bingemans, are available! Guest speaker: Rachelle Friesen, "Palestine/Israel - Where do we go from here?" Ticket price is \$10. Tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price. Call Ken Jantzi for tickets. Advance ticket sales only.

**3-NEW! New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Plant Tent** needs donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. Label your potted plants with name and colour if it has a bloom. Details on delivery, quantity, etc. will be on our website in the coming weeks ([www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)).

**4-NEW! 10th Annual Run for Relief May 27, 8:00am**, at the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** This fun event includes a 5k Run and a 2k Run/Walk. You can register for the race, select your t-shirt size, set up a customized page, tell your friends, and collect donations at [nhmrs.com/run-for-relief](http://nhmrs.com/run-for-relief). All money raised goes to support MCC.

**Community Coffeehouse, Erb Street Mennonite Church, April 21, 7:00-9:30pm** cosponsored with the Uptown West Neighbourhood Association! And maybe you're also bringing a pan of brownies or a couple dozen cookies. Bring your neighbours, bring your friends. Perhaps you want to share a poem that will give people goose bumps or share a joke that will make us snort. Consider sharing a song that will make us cry or laugh. Talk to Geoff about getting on the list of performers. Talk to Nina about donating baked goods and volunteering to set up (6:30-7:30) host in the kitchen (during the coffeehouse) and/or helping clean up (9:30-10:30). The last coffeehouse was almost full with 90 people so come early to get a good table. (Bringing your take-out supper is A-OK.)

We also need a volunteer or two to be the doorkeeper for 6:30 - 9:30pm. Anybody like the job of sitting in a comfy chair and watching the door as people trickle in?

Annual Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (**MCEC**) **Gathering** at The Meeting House in Oakville begins Friday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup> and ends Saturday afternoon, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The annual gathering will be based on The Great Commission, Matthew 28:19. If you are interested in attending as a delegate from Erb Street Mennonite Church (ESMC), please contact Jim Erb or Vic Krahn so you can be registered as a delegate by April 20. Registration and cost will be covered by ESMC. Additional information: <https://mcec.ca/>

**Vacation Bible Camp July 17-21**, 8:50am-12 noon at Knox! **BAOBAB BLAST – GOD’S GREAT Get-TOGETHER!!** Set aside this week to volunteer, participate and have a great time with other friends from Knox church, Erb Street and Waterloo North! Invite your friends! Registration is now open. [www.erbstchurch.ca](http://www.erbstchurch.ca)

**Jr. Youth Retreat** Silver Lake Camp (May 12-14) register as soon as possible <https://mcec.ca/make-difference-junior-youth-retreat>. Join in team building fun through camp activities and experience community in shared laughter and worship. More info contact Glenda.

**Youth and Jr. Youth** – Sunday April 30 is the last formal get together between W-K, Waterloo North and Erb Street churches until September. To honour this occasion we will have an epic Uptown Waterloo photo scavenger hunt. Please arrive at W-K at noon (or shortly thereafter). Bring your own picture taking device and weather appropriate clothing. Plan for 2:00 pick-up at WK.

<b>Offering Update</b> as of		April 9, 2017	
	Offering incl average of AFT	Budget	Ahead of Budget (Behind Budget)
Current Week	\$6,614.40	\$5,552.60	\$1,061.80
Year to Date	\$77,166.10	\$83,289.06	(\$6,122.96)

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

There has been strong opposition from residents of the Laurelwood area to the **application by the Muslim Association of Canada for rezoning that will permit the use of the house and garage at 510 Erbsville Road as a prayer centre**. If you consider the opposition to be unreasonable, you can express your support for this application by signing the petition: <http://supportdiversity.ca/>

**NEW!** MEDA Breakfast Thursday, April 20, 7:30am, Stone Crock St. Jacobs. Guest speaker: Audrey Petkau, TourMagination. Cost of the breakfast is \$10 and everyone is invited to attend.

**Canadian Mennonite, annual fundraising banquet** Saturday April 22, 6:00pm, Flordale Mennonite Church. Program following dinner. Freewill offering. Receipts issued for donations above \$30 per person. RSVP by April 15.

**Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights\*** Join the send-off from Stirling Ave. Mennonite Sunday April 23, 1:30pm. At 2:30pm, you can **join the walkers** on the first leg of the journey, walking part or all of the way to Cambridge. (Please bring what you need for the walk and make any necessary arrangements for return transportation).

Info: <http://pfir.ca/about/> or Josie [josie@stirlingmennonite.ca](mailto:josie@stirlingmennonite.ca)

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Grade 7-12 Information Night\*** Tuesday April 25, 7:00pm. A short presentation, a tour of the school and a student Visual Arts Exhibit entitled "eunoia: *beautiful thinking, a well mind*". Register: [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

Annual **Interfaith Community Breakfast,\*** Bingeman's, Wednesday April 26, 7:00am. Dr. Peter Kuhnert, topic: Mental Health: Supporting Wellness in Community. Tickets available from Erb & Good Family Funeral Home or [ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com](mailto:ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com)

The **Community Coalition on Refugee and Immigrant Concerns\*** Community Forum on the *Struggle to Reunite Refugee Families*, Wednesday April 26, 1:30-3:30pm, Kitchener City Hall (rotunda). Email: [wr.CCORIC@gmail.com](mailto:wr.CCORIC@gmail.com)

**Shalom Counselling Fundraising Breakfast,\*** Saturday May 6, 8:30am, Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N., Kitchener), Cost: \$30 (\$15 receipted). Order your ticket by May 1: [www.shalomcounselling.org](http://www.shalomcounselling.org) or 519.886.9690 or [admin@shalomcounselling.org](mailto:admin@shalomcounselling.org)

**House of Friendship Trek 4 Kids\*** Saturday May 6, 2:00pm. Run, walk or bike the Iron Horse Trail, start/finish line, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener (corner of Charles St. E., and Kent Avenue). Registration and bike tune ups, at 12:30pm. Sign up: [www.bit.ly/Trek4Kids2017](http://www.bit.ly/Trek4Kids2017)

Homecoming Sunday at **Hawkesville Mennonite Church** Sunday May 7. Come home and see people from days gone by! Fellowship 10:00am. Muffins and coffee provided. Worship service at 11:00am. Info: [office@hawkesvillemennonite.ca](mailto:office@hawkesvillemennonite.ca)

**NEW!** New announcements this week

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

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