

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017**

CALENDAR

TODAY 9:45am Worship EARTH DAY

Karen Buschert, Andrew Scheifele, Jane Snyder, speaking

11:10am Intergenerational Christian Education

We invite you to join Dale and Doreen Good for their 50th Anniversary celebration cake during Coffeetime.

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 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

May 2 9:00am Erb Street Women of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada meet. Come to chat, knit a comforter or quilt. Lunch provided May 2. Drop in for as long as you can between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Roll Call: a Bible verse that is important to you. *Luncheon at noon – Guest Day –* Details below

May 4 10:30am Church Staff meet in JB Martin room

May 7 9:45am Worship

Kayla Wallace, preaching

11:10am Christian Education for all ages

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

MINISTRY & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Kiwanis Music Festival will be at our church this week April 24–28.

Visit the **church web site** for new items and updates in the Photo section.

NEW! Erb Street Women's Guest Day Luncheon All women are invited to join us for a luncheon on Tuesday May 2 at 12 Noon for a luncheon. Please join us for this anytime for this annual luncheon between 9:00am and 4:00pm and if you can stay longer to chat, knit a comforter or to quilt, you are welcome to do so. Feel free to invite a friend to join you and RSVP by April 28 to Grace Schweitzer or Gladys Brubacher or Ruth Jantzi.

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

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 a 2:00pm pick-up at WK.

Offering Update as of		April 16, 2017	
	Offering incl average of AFT	Budget	Ahead of Budget (Behind Budget)
Current Week	\$4,683.40	\$5,552.60	(\$869.20)
Year to Date	\$81,849.50	\$88,841.66	(\$6,992.16)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights* Join the send-off from Stirling Ave. Mennonite TODAY, 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@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

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

NEW! Egg Roll Sale* Grace Lao Mennonite Church (575 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener) Saturday May 6. Pickup your egg roll order at Grace Lao: 9:00am-4:00pm. Place your order on the bulletin board by: May 2. Price: \$1 each. Box of 10 egg rolls: \$10.

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 or 519.886.9690 or 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

NEW! DaCapo Chamber Choir* concert, Saturday May 6, 8:00pm, St. John's Lutheran, Waterloo. Tickets: www.dacapochoir.ca

NEW! 50th Anniversary Inter Mennonite Children's Choir (IMCC) Concert with the IMCC Alumni Choir* Sunday May 7, 3:00pm, St. Matthews Lutheran Church (54 Benton Street, Kitchener). Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children (ages 5-18).

NEW! Bach's Mass in B-minor: Spiritus Ensemble Sunday May 7, 3:00 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church (22 Willow Street). Tickets: available at the door or spiritusensemble.com

NEW! Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Announcements

1-Paddle the Grand Fundraiser Saturday May 13: Silver Lake supplies the canoe, lifejackets and paddles and you enjoy a 1.5 hour late afternoon paddle from Inverhaugh to West Montrose. Funds raised help to support the summer camp program.

2-Annual General Meeting Saturday May 13, 5:30 pm, Letson Park West Montrose. Enjoy a pizza dinner and hear details on the activities of the board over the past 12 months and our vision for Silver Lake for the next 12 months. SPECIAL NOTE: draft plans will be on display for our proposed retreat space!

3-Experience Silver Lake this summer! A limited number of spots left in the summer including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Skillz Camp and Arts & Adventure. Financial assistance is available. Information: visit www.slmc.ca or 519.422.1401

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Saturday May 27

1—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.

2-Tickets are available for the **Relief Sale Fundraising Promotion Dinner** Monday April 24, Bingemans. Guest speaker: Rachele 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 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

4-10th 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. All money raised goes to support MCC.

5-NEW! Donate and roll **coins** at the Penny Power tent. Kids can have fun in the Children's Activities. Visit the Craft Tent or Ten Thousand Villages tent to find a perfect gift. Bring your **rhubarb** to the Rhubarb Tent for resale. More details: www.nhrms.com

NEW! Employment Opportunity - Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, *Facilities and Environmental Stewardship Director*.*

NEW! Consider a visit to **The Mennonite Story in St. Jacobs*** Come as a family, church group, or with visitors this summer. Let The Mennonite Story's multi-media exhibits inspire and inform you. For more information check the information sheet in your church mailbox.

NEW! New announcements this week

*Check bulletin board and literature table for more information.

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