

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, July 31, 2005

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

Aug. 7 - 9:45 a.m. W.L. - Betti E
Pr. - Dave & Mary Lou K
Aug. 14 - 9:45 a.m. W.L. Ray B
Pr. - Pakisa T
Mennonite World Conference

Aug. 21 - 9:45 a.m. W.L. Natasha K
Pr. - Ron F
Aug. 28 - 9:45 a.m. W.L. Peter P
Pr. Renee S

ATTENDANCE: July 24, 2005: 160

OFFERING REPORT – July 24, 2005

Operating Fund Contributions \$8,700.00
Year to Date \$231,700.00
Contribution needed per Sunday to reach budget goal \$11,000.00

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, August 7, 2005,
One Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.
Worship Leader Betti E
Pray-er Len F
Pianist TBA
Song Leader Abe
Ushers Tony B, lead, Barb C
Library Elsie F

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

2005 MEN'S SLOW-PITCH – Weds., August 3rd,
9:00 p.m., Diamond A. WNMC vs Elmira.

COMING AT WNMC

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – Sat., August 20th, 9:00 a.m.
at Café Bon Choix.

VBS 2005 - AUGUST 15-19 - HAVE YOU REGISTERED? – There is still time! SK-grade 8 at Erb Street Mennonite Church. Featuring the MCEC Troupe. Pick up your registration form on the table in the foyer! Questions? Talk to Julie S-P or e-mail

VBS NEEDS YOUR RECYCLABLES – We require **magazines and catalogues** (Sears, children's magazines, etc.), **500 ml plastic water bottles**, and **paper towel tubes** for our crafts at VBS this summer. Please collect these items for us, bring them to the church and leave them in the box marked "VBS Recyclables" in the foyer.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED – to join Ralph and Eileen L at an open house 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, August 14th, 2-4:30 p.m. at Waterloo North Mennonite Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We hold in prayer:

- our congregation that we may be in tune with God's leading in the coming months. We pray for wisdom particularly for the Ministry Team and Transition Team as they discern and lead us. We give thanks for their dedication to God and to us as a congregation.
- Joanne J, that she may remain grounded as:
 - she gives thanks that her daughter Tina in the US received a visa to attend her sister Michelle's wedding here at WNMC yesterday.
 - she prepares for her own and John Regier's wedding next month.
 - she absorbs the news of her mother's recent diagnosis of liver cancer.
- Connie B who had a rough week with a fever and pain from a torn ligament on her knee. She has since contracted pneumonia.
- Harry & Anna H and the family of their friend Helen B who died last week at Fairview Home. The funeral was held at Breslau Mennonite Church on Thursday, July 28th.
- the people of Zimbabwe, enduring political turmoil, intimidation, violence, unemployment, drought, famine, HIV/AIDS and a governmental campaign to "clean up" poor areas of major urban centres, leaving at least 250,000 people displaced. Pray that the church will remain faithful and strong, advocating for truth and justice at all levels of society.
- Rebecca Bartel, Mennonite Church Canada Witness volunteer in Colombia. 7 youth were killed recently while helping in the soup kitchen run by the local parish. Pray for safety for Rebecca and her colleagues who work in solidarity with the youth in this neighbourhood, and for the pastor of the Mennonite church in this area who is under death threat.

- the Mennonite church in Viet Nam where a church building and part of Rev. & Mrs. Quang's home were destroyed in Ho Chi Min City by government officials.

We give thanks with:

- Jamie MD and Jennie H and their family that they experienced God's presence in the prayers and actions of this congregation, (particularly the 50+/- Group) since Jamie's father's death and at the recent funeral.
- Jan & Phil Y for the safe return of their daughter Rachel from Africa.
- Marnie G & Paul F, that in midst of marking their son Owen's birth and death five years ago this past week, they rejoice in their three lively children born since then.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LAST CHANCE FOR EGG ROLLS – Grace Lao Mennonite Church, Kitchener, will be making egg rolls as a fundraiser for their church on **Sat., August 6th**. Cost: \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$10. See order form on the foyer bulletin board. **Deadline to order is TODAY!**

MCC APPEAL: SCHOOL KITS FOR SUDAN – 13,000 school kits are required for distribution in Sudan. Kits will be provided to people returning to Southern Sudan as a result of the signing of the peace agreement, ending 20 years of civil war between the north and south. Please deliver kits and financial contributions to MCCO Kitchener warehouse by Sept. 12, 2005. If you choose to purchase kit contents from Grand & Toy, they are available for \$11.00 (tax included) per kit from any of their stores, or call 1-877-860-2910, x 26 and quote MCC acct. #398472)

A TASTE OF BENIN – an outdoor festival at Steinmann Mennonite Church, **Sun., Aug. 7th**, 2-5:30 p.m. Enjoy Beninois food, music activities for all ages and a 3:30 presentation by the Benin Festival Singers and Nancy Frey & Bruce Yoder, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in West Africa. Admission free. The Festival is a fundraiser for ministries in Benin and West Africa. Hosted by Steinmann, St. Jacobs, Poole and Wanner congregations. See bulletin board poster.

AUGUST 9 - 13 – *In All That We Share*, a week of learning, hospitality and camping, sponsored by MCEC Young Adults and MCCO North, and hosted by Mattagami First Nation. Drum circles, music, blueberry picking, friendships! For more info and/or to register contact Lyndsay Mollins Koene (705-264-2494 or <www.mcc.org/ontario>)

AFRICAN MENNONITE MISSION CONGRESS – will hold their 3rd Congress on **Aug. 10-14** at Niagara United Mennonite Church with the theme “Changing Phases of Mission in the 21st Century”. For more info contact Rudy Dirks (<numc@niagara.com> or 905-468-3313).

CHURCH & MISSION – Seminar “Church & Mission in a Strange New World” sponsored by MCEC will be held **Mon., Aug. 15th**, 1-4 p.m., 7-9 p.m. at Conrad Grebel University College, with Stuart Murray Williams, author of *Biblical Interpretation in the Anabaptist Tradition* and *Church Planting*. Stuart will also be speaking at Toronto U. M. Church on **Tues., Aug. 16th**, 10 am-2:30 pm on “Church & Mission in a Multi-Cultural World”. See bulletin board.

HABITAT BUILD – The Mennonite Habitat build scheduled for **August 15-27** has changed locations from Cherry St. in Kitchener to *128 Schlueter St., Cambridge*, in order to consolidate Habitat's 2005 build sites in Cambridge. Any questions, contact the coordinator at 747-0664, x23, or talk with Henry P, our church rep. Applications for volunteers are still accepted.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE FOOD for the Habitat Build in Cambridge, August 15-27 – for Habitat workers (snacks and lunches). Ideally, food will be prepared and delivered to the site. However, if that is not possible, we are willing to pick up and deliver food as necessary. More info? Call Faith Morphy, food coordinator, (519) 579-4800 (daytime), (519) 662-6160 (eve.) <kitchener@youngdrivers.com>

“BUILDING COMMUNITY RETREAT” – Sept. 9-11 at Hidden Acres Camp. Enjoyable countryside weekend with individuals, family members, friends and caregivers. Theme: “Jesus and Community” with Allan Strong. (519) 748-0539, <carey@intrnear.com> (subject: retreat) Volunteers needed.

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCT. 2 – North American-wide Young Adult Retreat at Hidden Acres Camp hosted by MCEC. Theme for the weekend is “Morality: Come to the Mountain”. See bulletin board poster for more info..

CALLING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS – Are you considering options for next year? Have you considered an exciting year of voluntary service? Give of yourself and it will come back to you ten fold. See the MVSA poster on the bulletin board, or see <www.mvsa.net>

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