

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, December 4, 2005

Upcoming Worship Services in Advent: God's Unstoppable Purpose

Dec. 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
W.L. - Anne B
Pr. - Renee S
Parent/Child Dedication

Dec. 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent
W.L. - Renee S
Pr - Chip B

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
W.L. - Chip B
Pr. - Renee S

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
W.L. - Ray B
Pr. - Renee S

ATTENDANCE: November 27, 2005: 235

OFFERING REPORT – Sunday, November 27, 2005

Operating Fund Contributions \$7,200.00
Year to Date \$47,200.00
(Designated Offering: None)

COMING AT WNMC

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – Sat., Dec. 17th, 9:00 a.m. at Café Bon Choix.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM UPDATE – Please speak to Marnie Gerster **TODAY** if your child would like to perform a musical piece during the prelude part of this year's Christmas program on Dec. 18th. Better yet, email her at mgerster@rogers.com with your child's name, instrument, and song title. All skill levels are welcome to participate.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS – Please note that there will be two full group rehearsals for the Christmas program. The first will be **Sun., Dec. 11th**, from 11 am-noon (during S.S .hour). The second rehearsal will take place on **Sun., Dec. 18th** from 11 am-1 pm. We ask that all Sunday School participants bring a **BAG LUNCH** for that day and that parents plan ahead for this extra hour of rehearsal time.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT WNMC

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sun., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. Please bring cookies, squares, etc. for a fellowship time following the program. Everyone welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE – Lessons and Carols with Candlelighting, **Sat., Dec. 24th**, 7:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Dec. 25th, and New Years Day, **Jan. 1st**, our Worship Service will begin at **10:30 a.m.** There will be no Sunday school.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE – has again been made available to the congregation by Nurture Committee for 2006. We trust you will find this a helpful resource, or will pass it along to a friend.

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 11th, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader Anne B
Pray-er Carol
Pianist TBA
Song Leader TBA
Ushers Ingrid R, lead, Mary F
Mel L, Don W
Offering Collectors Jamie T-P, Isaac B
Katie N, Amanda S
Library Marcella M
Coffee Makers/Servers Volunteers Needed!

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

50 +/- GROUP – meets **Weds., Dec. 7th**, at the church at 11:00 am (**NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**) for some carol singing followed by lunch at Marian's Country Cupboard.

VENTURE CLUB (Gr. 1-5) – Christmas Craft Night on **Fri., Dec. 9th**, at the Patterson-Cole home, from 6:30-8:30 pm at . Please RSVP by **TODAY**. Wear clothes suitable for painting.

JR. YOUTH (Gr. 6-8) – Christmas service event 7:00-8:30 pm on **Fri., Dec. 9th**. More specific details will be given in a verbal announcement today.

YOUTH (Gr. 9 - 12) – Christmas Party on **Fri., Dec. 9th** at Dan and Laura's ,7:00-10:30 pm. Bring a white elephant gift from around your house, and your favourite Christmas snack to share!

MEN'S BREAKFAST – **Sat., Dec. 10th**, 8:30 a.m., at Dearborn Restaurant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING: SPORTS EQUIPMENT REQUESTED – for Limberlost in London. As part of our fall S.S. offering project, please deposit new or gently used items in the box in the coat rack area **up to Dec. 18th**. *Items needed include* soccer balls, soccer shin guards, bike helmets, basketballs, street hockey equipment, gloves for softball or baseball, and balls for younger children. In addition, offering will be collected in S. S. classes. We have 3 Sundays to raise \$104 to meet our \$300 goal.

ADVENT FAMILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS – are available in the fellowship hall. Feel free to pick up a copy to use in your home throughout Advent. Suggested donation: \$2.00.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We hold in prayer:

- the family of Myron S (Dave C's uncle) at his passing. The funeral was held yesterday at Bloomingdale Mennonite Church.
- our political leaders, that they will honour the agreements made with the leaders of the first nations in Kelowna, B.C. last week, in an effort to bring justice and improve the quality of life for our aboriginal brothers and sisters.
- Dave and Mary Lou K, as they await the results of a bronchoscopy.
- Latina, a friend of Ruth M, who mourns the death of her grandfather.
- Brian and Verena, brother and sister-in-law of Albert and Melinda H-E, as they begin a MCC term in Ukraine.
- Margaret A, as she copes with severe sickness due to her pregnancy.
- Julene F, friend of several persons in this congregation as she grieves the death of her brother Harold who died in Pakistan while doing earthquake relief work.
- Jim and Helen R's neighbours, whose husband/father died of a heart attack.

We give thanks with:

- Peggy Z and her family at the good news that her mother is recovering well after a cancerous mass was successfully removed from her colon. No further treatment is required. Thank you to the congregation for your prayers and support.
- Geoff S-G on his promotion to principal with the Waterloo Board.
- Nolan, Margaret, Zoe and Thea A, as they anticipate an addition to their family in June.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT – today, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Zion United Church, 32 Weber St., Kitchener. Proceeds from a free-will offering will go to Mary's Place, Nutrition for Learning, and House of Friendship's Christmas Hamper Program.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS – at First United Church, Waterloo, **this evening**, 7:00 pm. See b.b.

DISCOVERY DAY AT ROCKWAY – on **Fri., Dec. 9th**, 8:15 am - 3:00 pm. For students currently in Gr. 5-8. See poster on bulletin board or go to www.rockway.on.ca

GLORIA! – presented by Menno Singers with Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir, **Sunday, Dec. 11th**, 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. See bulletin board.

"THE NAZARETH JESUS KNEW" – is a pictorial book about the Nazareth Project in Israel/Palestine, managed by Michael Hostetler over the last ten years. While being a valuable resource on the life of Jesus, the proceeds of this book (\$19.95/book) will help support the work of Nazareth Village in the setting Jesus once called home. Copies of the book are available in the foyer. Payment can be made to Ray B or see instructions on bulletin board poster.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE – is appealing for volunteers to help monitor an election in Democratic Republic of Congo, some time between March and end of June 2006. The Mission & Services Committee encourages people at Waterloo North to consider volunteering for this service opportunity. Congo is home to the 2nd largest number of Mennonites in the world. Don't miss the Moment in Mission this morning in our worship service, or contact Tim S, Dave K, or any other member of M&S Committee, or see www.mcc.org

NEWS FROM MCC ONTARIO ANNUAL MEETING – One of the seminars at the meeting was on relief work in Tsunami areas, including a report from the auditing team who visited there in early Sept. MCC is there for the long haul, rebuilding lives, livelihood and healing. MCC works with the local people and institutions to rebuild in a better way; eg, replacing a fishing boat with a boat now owned jointly by all of the fisherman including the original owner. It is very obvious that donations are being well spent. For more details on this and other reports, see Tim S.

COMFORTER PROJECT AT GRAND VALLEY INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN – MCC and Grand Valley Institution for Women are partnering to create a new employment program that will provide GVI women meaningful employment, community connections and an opportunity to contribute to the global community. Anyone interested in volunteering to work alongside the women (day time hours), contact Cheryl F S. Volunteer training will be held in mid-Dec. in anticipation of a January start for this exciting new program.

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