

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, December 11, 2005

Upcoming Worship Services in Advent: *God's Unstoppable Purpose*

Dec. 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent 9:45 a.m.

W.L. - Renee S
Pr - Chip B

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service 10:30 a.m.

W.L. - Chip B
Pr. - Renee S

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Service 10:30 a.m.

W.L. - Ray B
Pr. - Renee S

Jan. 8 - Epiphany Sunday

W.L. - Karen C-A
Pr. - Len F

ATTENDANCE: December 4, 2005: 263

OFFERING REPORT – Sunday, December 4, 2005

Operating Fund Contributions \$6,500.00
Year to Date \$53,800.00

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 18th, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader Renee S
Pray-er Peter P
Pianist
Song Leader
Ushers Bob B, lead, Joanne J
Alan S, Matt W
Offering Collectors Eli W, Saskia S-P
Daniel P, Nicholas P
Library Eileen L
Coffee Makers/Servers Duane and Gloria E

THIS WEEK AT WNM

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

COMING AT WNM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

REHEARSALS – Today, children aged SK to Junior Youth are asked to meet at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the worship service, for a music practice. The music practice will take approximately half of the S. S. hour, after which time classes will be dismissed to their usual classrooms for a SS lesson and to practice individual class presentations. Marnie will invite a few classes to practice their presentations in the sanctuary.

Next Sunday, Dec. 18th, there will be a full practice of the program in the sanctuary from 11 am to 1 pm. Bring any costumes and props that you need. Children aged SK to Junior Youth and their teachers are asked to bring a bag lunch. It is requested that all SS teachers be present if possible. Preschool children will have rehearsal and classroom time from 11 am to noon, with no need to stay for lunch. Next Sunday evening, children should arrive at church no later than 6:10 pm and gather in their Sunday School classrooms.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT WNM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sun., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. Please bring a tray of Christmas goodies for sharing during a fellowship time following the program. Everyone welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Join with other WNMers for Christmas Caroling on **Tues., Dec. 20th**. All ages and singing abilities welcome! We will meet at the church promptly at 6:30 and then drive to Sunnydale for caroling. We will return to the church afterwards for hot drinks and snacks. Please bring a treat to share. If you have any questions, contact Karen Martin Schiedel (885-9823) or Natasha Krahn (884-9833).

CHRISTMAS EVE – Service of 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING: SPORTS

EQUIPMENT REQUESTED – As of last Sunday, our offering total is \$222.78. We are getting close to our \$300.00 goal, with only two Sundays left! Please bring offering contributions to the music rehearsal immediately after church, and they will be collected there.

WEBSITE – To learn about the work being done by Douglas F in Seoul, South Korea, go to

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We hold in prayer:

- two students at the high school where Elinor S teaches who unsuccessfully attempted suicide, as well as their friends and families.
- a friend of Karen C who is struggling with her will to live, particularly during this Advent season.

We give thanks with:

- Dave and Mary Lou K as Dave's health slowly improves.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – will be presented by The Martin Family Singers, directed by Bob Shantz, on **Fri., Dec. 16th**, 7:30 pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Admission \$5 at the door. Proceeds will go towards building a school in Somalia.

MARKETPLACE: Journey to Bethlehem – Take an hour journey to the time when Christ was born. All ages will enjoy the sights and sounds, tastes and smells **Fri., Dec. 16** and **Sat., Dec. 17**, 7-9 pm; **Sun., Dec. 18**, 2-4:30 and 7-9 pm at the Listowel Mennonite Church, 465 Maitland Ave. S., Listowel. Donations accepted. For more info, call 519-291-2350, or <www.cyg.net/~lmc>

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – **Sun., Dec. 18th**, at 7:00 p.m. at Erb Street Mennonite Church. Welcome to all those in need of a quiet time of reflection and prayer.

"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 Brubacher 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. Contact Tim Sauer, Dave Klassen, 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 Sauer.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT OPEN HOUSE – at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, **Tues., Jan. 17th**, 7:00 p.m. and **Weds., Feb. 8th**, 7:00 p.m. For more info, call Tom Bileski (342-0007, x 3029) or go to <www.rockway.on.ca>

MCEC VBS TROUPE – Young adults who enjoy nurturing the spirituality of kids, SK-Jr. Youth, are invited to apply to be on the MCEC VBS troupe. This is a paid summer ministry opportunity during July and August with a week of training prior. Download application from the Christian Ed. pages at www.mcec.ca **before March 10th, 2006.**

MENNONITE FOUNDATION OF CANADA – is seeking a FT stewardship consultant to join its staff in the Kitchener office. For full details of this position, see bulletin board poster or call the Winnipeg office (1-800-772-3257).

RECYCLE YARN ENDS! – We are an association of women in K-W region with young children and/or who are underemployed, who share a passion for fibres and textiles and are interested in creating sustainable income for ourselves and families. If you have yarns you hated working with, outdated colours, or just simply ends of balls too small for you to make anything out of, we will gladly take them off your hands and recycle them into new products. No piece is too small, no colour too garish! Of particular interest are mohairs, wools and novelties. For more info, call Sharon at 570-4928, or email <callingminerva@yahoo.ca> See designated box in foyer to donate your yarn pieces/ends.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – PT position for RN at Parkwood Mennonite Home (3 shifts every 2 weeks including 1 weekend). Forward resume to M. Hahn, Director of Resident Care, 726 New Hampshire St. , Waterloo, N2K 4M1, fax 519-885-6720, or email mhahn@fairviewmennonitehomes.com

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