

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, January 29, 2006

Upcoming Worship Services:

Feb. 5 - WL - Peter P
Pr - Renee S

Feb. 12 - WL - Elinor S
Pr - Betty P F

ATTENDANCE: January 22, 2006 - 290

OFFERING REPORT: Sunday, January 22, 2006:

Operating Fund Contributions \$4,500.00
Year to Date (33% of fiscal year) \$98,300.00 (30% of the budget)

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 5th, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader Peter P
Pray-er Carol S
Pianist Ann S
Song Leader Abe T
Ushers Tony B, lead, Barb C
Marg K, Mike S
Offering Collectors Mara B, Katrin B
Daniel P, Nicholas P
Nursery John & Mary G-S
Library Eileen L
Coffee Makers/Servers Mike and Kayoko S

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

CHIP – is away on vacation from Jan. 28th - Feb. 4th.

QUESTION – What do you get when you mix 21 energetic youth and junior youth with 25 adults, a piano, blankets, drama, board games, Bibles, chicken, mashed potatoes, Bingo and fruit salad all together on a Thursday evening? **Answer:** LOGOS! **Today**, the senior youth of LOGOS are leading us in worship as they dramatically present the Beatitudes for us. Learning to serve God by participating and leading in worship is an important element of LOGOS. Please continue to pray for the youth, junior youth and volunteers in the LOGOS program.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30 yrs.) – TODAY! At noon! Oh. Hungry? Don't grab a chocolate bar on your way home. Go for a homemade lunch at Ray and Margaret's).

INVITATION – Laura and Milo S were married in St. Jacobs on December 24, 1955. Friends and family are invited to an Open House at Vidalia's in St. Jacobs between 2-4 p.m. **today** to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A donation basket for Habitat for Humanity will be available in lieu of cards.

COMFORTERS – The making of comforters will continue this **Weds., Feb. 1st** at 9 a.m. at the church. Everyone interested is welcome. There will be knotting, arranging, etc.

VENTURE CLUB (Gr. 1-5) – Service Night this Fri., Feb. 3rd, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meet at Ten Thousand Villages, 65 Heritage Dr., in New Hamburg, to put price tags on crafts that will be sold, and learn about the work of Ten Thousand Villages. Questions? Contact Paul or Dolores

YOUTH (Gr. 9-12) – Winter Retreat this weekend, Friday, Feb. 3 to Sunday, Feb. 5.

COMING AT WNMC

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON – The Welcome Committee is inviting anyone who has started attending Waterloo North Mennonite Church in the past 2 years to join us for a soup lunch to be provided in the fellowship hall at noon **next Sun., Feb. 5th**. We look forward to visiting with you.

JR. YOUTH (Gr. 6-8) – Fri., Feb. 10th, Gym Night at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Life-sized Dutch blitz game and more! Details to follow!

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Sat., Feb. 11th, 8:30 a.m. at Dearborn Restaurant.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – Sat., Feb. 18th, 9:00 a.m. at Café Bon Choix.

PEAK OIL (www.lifeaftertheoilcrash.net) – is when extraction of oil from the earth reaches its highest point and then begins to decline. Have we reached that point or do we have a few years left? What happens when the price of gas reaches \$5 or \$10/litre and driving to church is no longer possible? What do we do when our food can no longer come from 5000 km away and eating borscht is one of our few options? Some of us have been thinking about these questions but felt they should be discussed in community. All are welcome to come to a Peak Oil discussion on **Feb 25th**, 7:00 pm at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. We will view the DVD, "The End of Suburbia", hear Paul F's reflections on the issues, and then discuss.

PARKWOOD HYMN SING – Sun., Feb. 26, 3:00

pm. Come for an afternoon of hymn singing with fellow WNMCCers for the residents of Parkwood Mennonite Home. A pianist is needed. Talk to Chip if you are interested in singing and/or playing the piano.

THEY ARE COMING! – February Fellowship Sundays!! Full of food, fellowship, fun and fantastic prizes!!! Have you shared Sunday lunch lately? Watch for details!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – “Extending Our Table International Potluck” will be held on **March 4th** evening. Details to follow ... program ‘Stories from Benin’.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

DEBT ELIMINATION – In 2001 a motion was passed that WNMCC eliminate its mortgage debt within a five-year period. At that time our capital debt stood at \$220,000. The Debt Elimination Campaign resulted in \$48,000 collected in 2004 and another \$28,000 collected in 2005 for a total of \$76,000. Meeting our goal of totally eliminating the debt by the end of 2006 will require a large commitment from everyone. Please consider prayerfully what you are able to give.

Debt Elimination Task Force

ANY ADULTS – who are interested in learning about Mennonite beliefs through conversation around the Mennonite Confession of Faith as well as exploring interest in church membership are invited to speak with Renee or Chip.

YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS – who are interested in participating in a faith exploration class with the possibility of leading to baptism are invited to speak with Renee or Chip.

HAPPY RETIREMENT WISHES – After almost 7 years as WNMCC’s Office Administrator, Vera B is retiring. Vera’s resignation is effective March 31st and she looks forward to enjoying numerous activities with her husband Murray, 3 grandchildren, family and friends. “I love the work and the people here” said Vera in her letter of resignation. We have deeply appreciated her too and the way she has managed the office and represented WNMCC. We extend our thanks and best wishes to Vera as she plans for this transition to retirement this spring.

COFFEE MAKERS/SERVERS – Please sign up for coffee making by the servery window. New persons are always welcome to also sign up. Signing up insures that milk, cream, etc. can be supplied before Sunday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We hold in prayer:

- a friend and colleague of Neil S, as he recovers from retinal re-attachment surgery. The surgery went well and he has already returned to work.

We give thanks with:

- Nancy B, whose nephew is recovering well from his recent surgery.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT – Sat., Feb. 4th, 7:30 p.m. at Breslau Mennonite Church featuring Lifted Voices and Chanel Cressman and friends. Donations will support Chanel’s volunteer experience this summer at an orphanage in Benin, South Africa.

DAY OF QUIET PRAYER – Weds., Feb. 8th, at Erb Street Mennonite Church, led by Sue Steiner. Indoor labyrinth will be available. Theme: preparation for the season of Lent. To register, call MCEC office (650-3806).

INVITATION TO WOMEN OF WNMCC TO MCEC K-W CLUSTER BREAKFAST MEETING – Sat., Feb. 11, 9 a.m. at First Mennonite Church, Kitchener. Theme: “Shopping So That Others May Live”; Speakers: Marjorie Kaethler, MCC Thrift Shop, and Ingrid Heinrichs Pauls, 10,000 Villages. Tickets (\$7) available from Elsie Flaming (747-5244) and Eileen Lebold (886-2763). See bulletin bd.

MENNO SINGERS CONCERT – Sat., Feb. 11th, 8:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, *Line by Line: the Art of Polyphony*. See poster on bulletin board for complete details.

INTERESTED IN HEALTH & FAITH ISSUES? – A Canadian Mennonite University presentation, “Curing the Body of Christ”, by Prof. Chris Huebner will take place **Sat., Feb. 11**, 10 am - 2 pm at Cassel Mennonite Church. No charge. Register with the church (519-462-2251 or email <casselmc@execulink.com)

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jr. K - Gr. 6) – Erb Street Mennonite Church, is hosting a P.A. Day faith alternative, “*Preparing for Lent*”, on **Fri., Feb. 17th**, 9 - 11:30 am. All children from Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 6 are invited to come! To register, please fill out a green registration form available on the foyer table.

“WOMEN SUPPORTING MCC” – a dessert evening celebrating International Women’s Day, **Thurs., March 2nd**, 7:30 pm, at Breslau Mennonite Church. Special guest: Cynthia Peacock, MCC India Program Director for over 25 years. All are welcome. See bulletin board.

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