

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, February 19, 2006

Upcoming Worship Services:

Feb. 26 - Coordinator - Natasha K

March 5 - WL - Peter P
Pr - Chip B

March 12 - WL - Peggy Z
Pr - Renee S

March 19 - WL - Mary Lou K
Pr - Brian D & Lynnell B

ATTENDANCE: February 12, 2006 - 224

OFFERING REPORT: Sunday, February 12, 2006:

Operating Fund Contributions \$6,500.00
Year to Date (38% of fiscal year) \$114,800.00 (34% of the budget)

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 26th, 9:45 a.m.

Coordinator Natasha K
Pray-er Renee S
Pianist Merlyn Ma
Song Leader Geoff S-G
Ushers Bob B, lead, Kathryn G
Erica J, Alan S
Offering Collectors Emma P
Maria S-G
Nathan S-G, One Volunteer Needed
Nursery Sharon & Peter T
Library Harry H
Coffee Makers/Servers Volunteers Needed!!

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS!! – *Only 1 more Sunday to participate!* Enjoy some WN fellowship by inviting someone to your home for lunch – or be open to be invited!! AND anyone participating (both the inviter and the invitee) can enter their names into a draw for great prizes to be made at the end of the month. Look for the box at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Enter as often as you participate!!

INVITATION – St. Jacobs Mennonite Church invites you to the Service of Ordination of Wendy J, **today**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Wendy has been a member of the SJMC pastoral team since 2002, and is married to Chip B.

NEEDED – If you have an old clothes iron that you could donate to WNMC, please let Vera or a member of the Facilities Committee know.

COFFEE MAKERS/SERVERS – are needed for **Feb. 26, and March 12, 19, and 26.** Please sign up by the servery window. Signing up insures that milk, cream, etc. can be supplied before Sunday.

50 +/- GROUP – **Weds., Feb. 22,** 10 a.m. Barbara C will report on her trip to the Antarctic.

PEAK OIL (www.lifeaftertheoilcrash.net) – is when extraction of oil from the earth reaches its highest point and then begins to decline. All are welcome to a Peak Oil discussion on **Feb 25th**, 7:00 pm at WNMC. We will view the DVD, “The End of Suburbia”, hear Paul F’s reflections on the issues, and then discuss.

YOUTH (Gr. 9-12) – All youth are welcome to a Pancake Lunch next **Sun., Feb. 26th**, 12:30 at the church. Bring your favourite pancake topping and we’ll provide the rest. Questions? Contact Laura G

PARKWOOD HYMN SING – **Sun., Feb. 26,** 3:00 pm. Come for an afternoon of hymn singing with fellow WNMCers 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.

COMING AT WNMC

“EXTENDING OUR TABLE” – Plan to attend our ^{3rd} annual International Potluck on **Sat., Mar. 4th**. Evening starts at 5 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm. Households are asked to bring two dishes each: one main dish and an appetizer or salad. Beverages and dessert will be provided. *PLEASE - Bring your own dishes.* Matt P will share Stories from Benin. Don’t miss this wonderful annual fellowship event featuring international food and stories.

MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE – breakfast meeting with Dan and Yvonne N on **Sat., Feb. 25th**, 8:30 a.m. at WNMC, to explore overseas church partnering.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! – **Saturday, April 1st**, the youth will be hosting a Dessert Night and Silent Auction. The youth are looking for items such as services, baking, handicrafts, gardening, things that you aren’t using but are in good condition, and whatever else you may have that is suitable. Do you have anything that fits? Watch for more details!!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THE SEASON OF LENT

AN INVITATION TO LENTEN FASTING AND FEASTING is in your mail slot today – a personal guide for spiritual discipline and growth during this penitential season.

THE SEASON OF LENT is a solemn season of self-reflection and repentance, of praying and fasting. As a way to draw near to God through shared silence and reflection during this penitential season, the Ministry Team invites you to share your joys and concerns with the Congregational Prayer before Sunday and he/she will share this from the pulpit rather than having these shared from the floor. In the spirit of the season we will “fast on sharing” and “feast on silence”.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Weds., March 1, 7:00-7:45 p.m. A service of Scripture, prayers, hymns and silence to mark the first day of the penitential season of Lent. The invitation will be given for those who wish to receive the symbol of the ashes as a sign of penitence and God’s forgiveness.

THE 2006 AT-HOME LENT RESOURCE - “Write On Our Hearts” - is a booklet for daily worship in the home through the Season of Lent, nurturing an awareness of God in our lives and reminding us of the love God wants to write on our hearts. Use the resource however it fits into your household routines. Booklets available in the foyer.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – WNMC is seeking an Office Administrator to provide administrative support to the church congregation, committees and ministers, including facility rental coordination. The position is part time averaging 29 hours per week. The job description is available at www.waterloonorthmc.org or from the church office (888-6113). Resume, including references, must be submitted by **Feb. 28th, 2006**, and addressed to WNMC, 100 Benjamin Road, Waterloo, ON, N2V 2J9, Attention: Stewardship & Finance Committee.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – An updated Church Directory is in process for mail slots on Sun., March 26th. If you are not listed in our Directory and would like to be, or if there are changes to your present listing, contact Vera by **Fri., March 17th**.

WHAT IS NEW IN YOUR LIFE? – Are you going through a transition or new phase in Life? If so, the Newsletter Committee is anxious to hear from you. We are preparing to have an issue out for Easter focussing on newness, change and re-birth. Submission deadline: March 31st. E-mail submission to nancy.bullock@sunlife.com or drop a paper copy off in Newsletter mail slot. If sent by email, please also put a hard copy in Newsletter mail slot. If you have suggestions/ideas for the Newsletter, feel free to speak to Erica J, Nancy B or Harry H.

PRAYER ITEMS

We hold in prayer:

- Dave and Anita C as they mourn with their son and daughter-in-law the death of Rachel’s father, Fred S. The funeral was in Newton, Kansas on Feb. 16th.
- Julie H whose cancer has spread to her brain and as she begins radiation treatment. Hold in prayer her family (John, Leah, Chani) as they go through this difficult time.
- Peggy S as she travels to Nigeria with a MCC Work and Learn Team.
- CPT hostages and their captors in Iraq.
- Lorrie L as she continues to deal with family transitions.
- Kathy L’s friend Bob as he receives cancer treatment.
- Tim S’s friend Al as he deals with an unjust job dismissal.

We give thanks:

- Bev S-G and the homestead at Parkwood that has ended its 3-week long health-related isolation.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

12th ANNUAL ROCKWAY DINNER & AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA – Sat., Feb. 25th, auction preview at 4 p.m. Dinner seating at 4:30 pm. Entertainment: “The Deacons of Jazz”. Dinner Tickets \$35 (\$20 tax receipt) from Jenny-Lee (342-0007, x 3012, www.rockway.on.ca)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE – with Taize songs on **Sun., Feb. 26**, 7:30 p.m. at Preston Mennonite Church, 791 Concession Rd., Cambridge.

“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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th – Rod and Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholar Fundraising Dinner and Tribute, at Conrad Grebel University College, Dining Room, 6:30 p.m. Program features Doug “Jake” Jacobsen who co-authored “Gracious Christianity” with Rod. See b. board for details.

INTERESTED IN A NEW EXPERIENCE

VOLUNTEERING? – Grand Valley Institute for Women is holding a Volunteer Appreciation Day, **Mar. 25**, 1-4 pm. One person (male or female) interested in possibly volunteering there is invited to attend this event with Barbara Cook. If interested, contact Barbara (886-5614 or bcook@kw.igs.net).

APPLICATIONS – for the John Chamberlin Refugee fund for refugees who wish to pursue higher education in social services or health professions are due **April 1st, 2006**. This fund, administered by Mennonite Foundation is in honour of Anna H’s spouse who died in Dec.1999. See poster in foyer or Mennonite Foundation website mfceast@mennofoundation.ca

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