

MCC RELIEF SALE DINNER – Tickets for the annual Relief Sale fundraiser dinner at Bingeman Park Lodge on **Mon., April 10**, are available from Tim S, our MCC rep, or from the church office when it is open. Tickets are \$15 each. Buy a ticket and help with one of MCC's most successful ventures.

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**.

PLANNING YOUR SUMMER? REMEMBER VBS! – VBS will be held at Waterloo North, **August 21-25, 2006**. Questions? Contact Julie S-P or Shirley G

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL – Parents are reminded that children are dismissed from Sunday School at 12:00. Please assume responsibility for supervision of your children at that time.

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: **Mar. 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:

- the family of Elsie and Henry F's daughter-in-law Karyn whose father, Jake M, died last week.
- Anne B as she travels with other MCC staff to India and Ethiopia.
- Christine W whose cousin Guy has an aneurism on his aorta and is awaiting viable treatment options.
- the caregivers of Barbara C's sister-in-law who provided hospice care for her.
- Margaret A as she continues to feel unwell during this pregnancy.
- Nick P's friend Alex, whose father is in need of a liver transplant.

We give thanks:

- for our Junior Youth, Youth and mentors who have established significant and meaningful relationships with each other and whose gifts we celebrate in worship.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRAY FOR PEACE – each Wednesday during Lent, 5:30-6:00 p.m. at Erb St. Mennonite Church. All are welcome to a time of silent reflection and prayer. Some may also choose to make this a day of fasting.

MCCO INVITES YOU – to hear Howard Zehr, pioneer in the victim-offender mediation and restorative justice field, **Weds., Mar. 8**, 7 pm at Emmanuel Bible College. For more info, contact MCC (745-8458).

K-W SANCTUARY COALITION – and Erb St. Mennonite Church invite you to hear Mary Jo Ledde on **Tues., Mar. 14**, 7-9 pm, at Erb St. Church to learn more about the sanctuary movement in support of refugees facing deportation. 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.

BROKEN AND BLESSED - the Lenten Journey – A quiet time to pray, and to listen deeply to God's voice speaking in our lived experiences, **Sat., Apr. 1**, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm with facilitator Margaret Nally. Hosted by Erb Street Mennonite Church. All are welcome! See b. board.

APRIL FOOL'S CAFÉ – **Sun., Apr. 2**, 3 pm at the Church Theatre, St. Jacobs. Come for an afternoon of lighthearted stories by Rick Cober Bauman and John Moyer and toe-tapping music by No Discernible Key. Tickets available at the door (\$20 with a \$15 charitable receipt). Proceeds go to Grebel Student Awards and Scholarships. Contact Fred W. Martin (885-0220 x381) for reservations.

TAIZE ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN K-W AREA – Palm Sunday, **April 9**, 7:30 pm at St. Agatha Catholic Church, St. Agatha, ON.

FOSTER FAMILIES ARE NEEDED IN K-W AREA – When you and your family open your home, and welcome a child/youth placed in foster care, you are making a difference in the life of a child/youth and responding to a great need. If interested in becoming a foster parent or you know someone who has expressed interest, contact 1-877-584-1500 or <www.bridgeway.ca> See bulletin board.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – a) Workroom Manager, New Hamburg MCC Thrift Centre: Contact Cath Woolner (745-8458 or <cathw@mennonitecc.on.ca> b) Summer camp staff at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp: visit <www.hiddenacres.ca> or call (519) 625-8602.

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