

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, March 12, 2006

Upcoming Worship Services:

March 19 - WL - Mary Lou K
Pr - Brian D and Lynell B

March 26 - WL - Roger J
Pr - Renee S

ATTENDANCE: March 5, 2006 - 217

OFFERING REPORT: Sunday, March 5, 2006:

Operating Fund Contributions \$5,600.00
Year to Date (44% of fiscal year) \$130,500.00 (39 % of the budget)

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, March 19th, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader Mary Lou K
Pray-er Gloria E
Pianist Marie B
Song Leader Ben J
Ushers Bob B, lead, Joanne J
Marg K, Alan S
Offering Collectors Katie G S, Zoe A
Allegra F, One Volunteer Needed
Nursery Tanya S, Lynsey B
Library Marcella M
Coffee Makers/Servers Marcella M

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

YOUTH SERVICE TRIP – 10 Youth, Dan K, Tanya S and Chip B are gone this week for a service trip in Washington, D.C., returning Fri., Mar. 17th.

MAKING OF COMFORTERS – **Weds., Mar. 15,** 9 a.m. at the church. Everyone interested is welcome.

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

INVITATION – to hear Rev. Alex Awad, Dean of Students at Bethlehem Bible College on **Sat., March 18th,** 7:30 p.m., at WNMC. Rev. Awad will discuss the current situation of Palestinian Christians, in the context of the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the political changes in Israel and Palestine. Co-sponsored by MCC and World Vision. For more info, contact Chris D H(905-565-6200, or Rick C B (519-745-8458)

CALLING ALL THESPIANS – We are in need of people who are willing to act in one of several dramatic vignettes of the last day of Jesus' life in the Stations of the Cross evening held on Maundy Thursday at WNMC. A rehearsal will be held on **Weds., April 12th.** Talk to Mary L or Chip B if you are interested in entering into Holy Week in this way.

THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER

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 Pray-er 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”.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13 - “Stations of the Cross”, planned by Nurture Committee.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION, April 14, 10:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - followed by a Fellowship Time with Easter breads. No Sunday School.

LOST AND FOUND – Check out the Lost and Found table at the back of the Fellowship Hall to see if your missing item(s) happen to be there! Any articles not claimed by **Mar. 21** will be taken to Waterloo Generations.

COMING AT WNMC

VENTURE CLUB (Gr. 1-5) – Fri., March 24th, 7-8:30 p.m., swimming at Jeff & Loretta VS's. Bring swim suits, towels and pool toys. Snacks will be provided.

YOUTH DESSERT NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION – **Sat., April 1st,** the youth will be hosting the first-ever Dessert Night and Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dessert served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale TODAY in the Fellowship Hall. If you have items to donate for the Silent Auction, please contact Erin E or Tanya S. We would like you donations by **Sat., March 25th.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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 *this Fri., March 17th*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING – The SS offering gathered from January to date is now \$209.97. The funds this winter and spring are going to an MCC project in Colombia. Thanks to SS children for their ongoing support.

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.

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

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 four CPT'ers still being held hostage in Iraq. Today marks the 107th day of captivity for these men. Pray for them, their families, for Iraq, and for CPT and MCC serving in this country.
- Craig, Karen, Zachary and Joshua C A, at the death of Craig's father, Arthur A, who died Fri., Mar. 3 in St. Paul, Minnesota. May God's comfort and peace embrace them in this time of loss.
- the youth and sponsors who are in Washington D.C. this week for a service trip. We pray for safe travel, a rich experience together as a group, and the opportunity to show God's love to the people they serve at Martha's Table, a centre providing food, clothing and after-school programs. (See itinerary on the bulletin board.)

We give thanks:

- with Stuart and Merlyn M at the birth of their new granddaughter, Lauren Joan, born Thurs., Mar. 2 to their daughter Krista and husband Ray. A sister of Ella.

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.

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.

"EVERY THREE CHILDREN" – a fund-raising concert for MCC and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Vocals and African soundscape. Premier performance on **Weds., Mar. 22**, 12:30 noon and 4:30 chapel service at Conrad Grebel Chapel. See bulletin board for more info.

ANNUAL SILVER LAKE SMORG – will be held **March 25th**, at Niagara UM Church, 4-8 p.m. Tickets: \$30 single, \$55 couple, \$75 family. Annual meeting will be held prior at 3:30 p.m.

BROKEN AND BLESSED - the Lenten Journey – A quiet time to pray, and to listen deeply to God's voice speaking, **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. See b. board.

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

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