

# WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, March 19, 2006

### Upcoming Worship Services:

March 26 - WL - Roger J  
Pr - Renee S

April 2 - WL - Lorrie L  
Pr - Renee S

ATTENDANCE: March 12, 2006 - ..... 167

### OFFERING REPORT: Sunday, March 12, 2006:

Operating Fund Contributions ..... \$4,300.00  
Year to Date (46% of fiscal year) ..... \$ (40% of the budget)

### SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader ..... Roger J  
Pray-er ..... Chip B  
Pianist ..... Merlyn M  
Song Leader ..... Phyllis A  
Ushers ..... Mel L, lead, John G  
Erica J, Don W  
Offering Collectors ..... Emily K, Nicole K  
Michael R, David R  
Nursery ..... Mary S, Laura B  
Library ..... Eileen L  
Coffee Makers/Servers ..... Rhonda C & Family  
and Mary S

## THIS WEEK AT WNMC

**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 12<sup>th</sup>**. Talk to Mary L or Chip B if you are interested in entering into Holy Week in this way.

**50 +/- GROUP** – Weds., March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Carol and Leroy S will tell us about India as they experienced it!

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

## COMING AT WNMC

**YOUTH DESSERT NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION** – Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 your donations by **Sat., March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MAKING OF COMFORTERS** – Weds., March 29, 9 a.m. at the church. Everyone interested is welcome!

### 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”.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS** – Youth and adults are invited to sing in a choir for Easter Sunday, under the direction of Ben J. There will be two rehearsals - **Sunday, April 9**, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. and again on **Easter Sunday** at 8:45 a.m. *Please let Ben know* if you will sing in the choir by emailing him at [benjanzen@hotmail.com](mailto:benjanzen@hotmail.com).

**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.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>** – At the conclusion of morning worship, we will bid a fond farewell to Vera B who has served as our Office Administrator for the past almost 7 years. A time of fellowship over coffee and refreshments will follow.

**NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** – With Vera's departure, we are pleased to announce that Sharon B has accepted the position of Office Administrator here at WNMC. Sharon has most recently worked as an Administrative Assistant at Home Hardware in St. Jacobs. She and her husband Mark are members at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Sharon will begin training with Vera, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**LAST CHANCE!** – If you haven't had a look at the Lost and Found table at the back of the Fellowship Hall to see if your missing item might be there, do so *today!* Any articles not claimed will be taken to Waterloo Generations this week.

**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 *before Tues., April 4<sup>th</sup>*, and help with one of MCC's most successful ventures.

**WHAT IS NEW IN YOUR LIFE?** – Are you going through a transition or new phase in life? The next issue of Reflections will be out for Easter focussing on newness, change and re-birth. Submission deadline: **Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**. E-mail your submission to <nancy.bullock@sunlife.com> as well as putting a hard copy in the 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 Tom Fox, CPTer killed in Iraq. We pray too for the well being of the three CPTer's still held captive and for the safety of all Christians around the world who daily risk their lives for the gospel of peace.

*We give thanks:*

- with Dave and Anita C as they gratefully announce the safe arrival of their newest granddaughter, Zayden Breani, born to Fiona and Jon J C, on Mon., March 13<sup>th</sup> at Grand River Hospital.

### 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.

**“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.

**ENLACE** – a 5-week Serve and Learn experience with MCC Ontario in Guatemala for 16-19 year olds, **July 24 - Aug. 25**. “To grow in faith as global Christians, by living in community and working alongside Guatemalan partners”. Apply online <mcc.org/ontario> or call Allan Reesor-McDowell (416-423-9229). Application deadline is *Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>*.

**ANNUAL SILVER LAKE SMORG** – will be held **March 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**A READING WITH RUDY WIEBE** – co-sponsored by Conrad Grebel College and Words Worth Books, **Tues., April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 pm at the College Chapel. Wiebe will be reading from his new memoir, *Of This Earth: A Mennonite Boyhood in the Boreal Forest*. For more info, call Words Worth Books (884-2665). See bulletin board.

**WOMEN OF MENNONITE CONFERENCE OF EASTERN CANADA** – invite you to Enrichment Day on **Sat., Apr. 22**, 10:15 am - 3:30 pm at United Mennonite Educational Institute, Leamington. Theme: *Nurturing Our Souls with Spiritual Disciplines* with speaker Pauline Schlegel Shank. Registration forms available from Elsie F. Bus transportation available. See b. board.

**INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE** – “*Engaging the World: Case Studies in a Missiology of Service*” with Dr. Ronald Mathies, **July 10-15**, at Conrad Grebel University College. For registration information, see bulletin board, or visit <www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/engagingtheworld>

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