

WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, March 26, 2006

Upcoming Worship Services:

April 2 - WL - Lorrie L
Pr - Renee S

April 9 - Palm Sunday - WL - Ray B
Pr - Chip B

ATTENDANCE: March 19, 2006 - 197

OFFERING REPORT: Sunday, March 19, 2006:

Operating Fund Contributions \$5,500.00
Year to Date (48% of fiscal year) \$140,250.00 (42% of the budget)

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, April 2nd, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader Lorrie L
Pray-er Peter P
Pianist Len E
Song Leader Dale BC
Ushers Tony B, lead, Barb C
Mary F, Phil W
Offering Collectors Simon F, Saskia S-P
Katie N, Amanda S
Nursery Marnie G, Paul F
Library Tessa D
Coffee Makers/Servers Volunteers Needed

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

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

DESSERT NIGHT PREP – Youth meet at the church at 6 p.m. on **Fri., March 31st** to prepare for the dessert night and silent auction.

YOUTH DESSERT NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION – The youth are hosting the first-ever dessert night and silent auction on **Sat., Apr. 1st**, an event you won't want to miss! The Silent Auction will start at 6:00 p.m. and the dessert served at 6:30 p.m. Come out to hear stories and see a slide presentation from the youth who participated in the Service Trip to Washington. Any donations for the silent auction contact Erin E or Tanya S. Hope to see you all there!

COMING AT WNMC

VENTURE CLUB (Gr. 1-5)- **Fri. Apr. 7th**, 6:30-8 pm at the church. Bring your favourite games! Questions call Phil & Linda or Russ & Julie.

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 Janzen. 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.

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 2nd – 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 – Sharon B began training with Vera this past Thursday. If you call or drop by the office this week, be sure to introduce yourself to the new voice and face in the church office. Sharon will be introduced to the congregation on April 9th..

JR. YOUTH (Gr. 6-8) – Come and help MCC's Ten Thousand Villages create jobs for people in need overseas, have a good time with friends, and eat pizza! We will leave from the church **Fri., Apr. 7th**, at 7 p.m. sharp, and be back at church at 10 p.m. To save us some calling please RSVP either way to Craig.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - Sat., Apr. 8th, 9:00 a.m. at Café Bon Choix.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Sat., Apr. 8th, 9:00 a.m. at Dearborn Restaurant.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANOTHER CHANCE! – Check the Lost and Found table at the back of the Fellowship Hall *today!* Any articles not claimed will be taken to Waterloo Generations on Tuesday.

DELEGATES NEEDED - MCEC Spring Conference session will be held **April 28-29, 2006** at the St. Catherine's United Mennonite Church. If you are interested in representing WNMC as a delegate please contact the church office.

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 4th*, 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. 31st**. E-mail your submission to Nancy 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:

- Tony and Pattie B and their children Kate and Allison. Pattie's mother, Mary R, died in May, 2005. On Thursday, March 22nd Pattie's father Jim R, died. The funeral for her father was held yesterday in Stouffville.

We give thanks:

- Francis P whose recent health check revealed he is in excellent health despite the discovery that he was born with only one kidney.

ROCKWAY FUND-RAISING CHOIR - Tuesday, March 28th, 7:30 p.m. at Waterloo North. A fund-raising concert for the Sr. Choir's trip to Lancaster PA. Admission is free with an offering being taken to support the choir's travel expenses. See poster on bulletin board.

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.

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.

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. See bulletin board.

SEEKING YOUNG ADULTS - MCC is looking for 10 young adults (20-26) to participate in a shared learning experience in August 2006. Meaningful responses from a peace perspective will be explored. For more info. and to register online visit <http://mcc.org/canada/peace/columbia/> Registrations must be submitted by **April 7, 2006**.

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 11th**, 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*. 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*; speaker Pauline Schlegel Shank. Registration forms available from Elsie F. Bus transportation available. See b. board.

ROCKWAY HOST FAMILIES - Have you considered being a host family? If you would like to learn more a meeting is being held **Monday, May 29th at 7:30 p.m.** For more information contact Tom Bileski at Rockway (342-0007 x 3029 or admin@rockway.on.ca).

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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