

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Please submit any additions, updates or changes to your home address, phone number or emails to the office by **Dec. 17th** as we will be preparing a new directory in the near future.

PRAYER ITEMS

We hold in prayer:

- Christine and Don W. and their family, in the death of Christine's father, Murray B., on Nov. 28th.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DISCOVERY DAY AT ROCKWAY, Dec. 8th, 9 am - 3:15 pm. Students currently in Gr. 5-8 are invited to join us for the day to learn about the exciting opportunities awaiting them at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. No pre-registration is necessary. Contact Tom Bileski at 519-342-0007 ext. 3029 or admin@rockway.on.ca for more details. See you there!

Conrad Grebel University College's Chapel Committee (140 Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo) is hosting the **Make a Difference Market on Saturday, December 9 from 10 am - 3 pm in the Atrium.** There will be international and local handcrafted gifts for the holidays, and a portion of all profits will be donated to La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin, West Africa. This is a unique opportunity to do holiday shopping while supporting artisans and making a difference across the world. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Mimi Hollinger-Janzen at mholling@artsmail.uwaterloo.ca or (519) 725-8217.

MENNO SINGERS benefit concert of seasonal readings and music, "Christmas Meditations," will be held on Saturday, **Dec. 9,** 8:00 p.m. at Zion United Church, 32 Weber Street West, Kitchener. Advance tickets are not required. A free-will offering will be taken with half the proceeds going to House of Friendship. Cheques should be made out to Menno Singers who will provide a charitable receipt to donors.

All Kitchener-Waterloo and area **Alumni of Conrad Grebel University College** are invited to a family Christmas Carol Sing on **Wednesday, December 13th, 2006 at 7:00 pm.** Join Len Enns and Ken Hull in the Atrium at Grebel for singing, snacks, and visiting. Spread the word! For more info contact Fred W. Martin at 519-885-0220 x24381 or fwmartin@uwaterloo.ca

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Erb Street Mennonite Church, 131 Erb St., W., Waterloo. Refreshments will be served after the service.

THE HOMEWORK PROGRAM -seeks volunteers on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings, 7 – 9 p.m. Families in the Somali community desire a good primary and secondary education for their children. Some parents cannot communicate well in English and therefore appreciate the role of volunteers in assisting their children with homework. Venue: A. R. Kaufman Public School, 11 Chopin Dr., Kitchener. You may be asked to transport students. Contact Mary Mae Schwartzentruber, 519 745-2411, if you are interested or have questions.

MCC ONTARIO - Peace & Poverty Learning Tour to Colombia. Last chance to apply. Learn about economic systems permitting a few people to be wealthy while many live in poverty, causing much armed conflict. Explore how Colombian churches seek alternative models that allow all to live with dignity and peace. **March 2-13, 2007.** All welcome! More info: www.mcc.org/ontario/, Anne B:anneb@mennonitecc.on.ca or 800-313-6226

Welcome Inn Community Centre is excited to announce the **PLAN program.** Beginning in January, we will provide workshops that will help create resilient households in Hamilton's most economically challenged neighbourhoods. These workshops will cover topics related to financial management and business ownership. **You can help!** If you have business or financial expertise you could volunteer to facilitate a workshop. Or, choose to walk alongside a participant as a mentor. To volunteer, please contact Kerry at 905-525-5824. For more information, visit welcomeinn.ca. Be part of someone else's success today!

HIDDEN ACRES MENNONITE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE. Despite the wet fall, the new addition is starting to take shape with the completion of the foundation as well the first floor supporting walls. Volunteers are needed for Saturdays. If we can find volunteers to come and spend a "work day" we will be able to keep the project moving and save money! We invite you to enlist people / groups from your church that may be interested in a service project. At some point in the new year we will be able to accommodate evening work groups as well. Call the camp @ 519-625-8602 to set up a time to join us for a work day.

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