



# WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Matins Service    9:30 Sunday School    10:45 a.m. Worship Service



## INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, March 11, 2007

**ATTENDANCE: Sunday, March 4, 2007** - Matins Service ..... 62  
- Worship Service ..... 195

Offering Report	Mar. 4, 2007	Total Contributions to Date	Contribution Target to Mar 31/07 (51% of total budget)
Operating Fund Contributions	\$ 6,500	\$ 140,256	\$171,360

### Schedule For Sunday, March 18, 10:45 a.m.

Worship Leader ..... Ginny F-M  
 Preacher ..... Betty P F  
 Pray-er ..... Ardith F  
 Pianist ..... Stefanie U  
 Song Leader ..... Ben J  
 Library ..... Dolores H P  
 Coffee maker ..... Goldine P  
 Coffee server..... Dave N  
 Offering Collectors ..... Micah B, Isaac B  
 ..... Eli W, Emily K  
 Nursery ..... Jeff & Loretta V S

**TODAY**, 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom - Bert L, current Interim Executive Director of MCC in Akron will lead a discussion entitled, "MCC; Looking ahead...from where we are." This is an alternative to the class on "Heaven" meeting in the sanctuary.

### ***THIS WEEK AT WNMC***

Chip is away with the youth in Winnipeg this week and will be returning to the office on Wed., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>. Ardith is away on retreat on Wed., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**50+/- GROUP** – Wed., Mar. 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m. David Ogilvie, our guest speaker, will focus on Finances and Christian Giving.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Sat., Mar. 10, 9:00 a.m., at the Dearborn Restaurant.

### ***COMING AT WNMC***

**Sew Be It!** Everyone is invited to bring their sewing and/or crafts to the church on Fri., March 16, 6:30-9:30 pm for Sew Be It. Snacks and good company provided. Call Karen M S with any questions.

**CPT –CONGO REPORT** –Sat., Mar. 17, 7 p.m. Sandra Rincon, a Colombian Mennonite, and also a staff member with Christian Peacemaker Teams since 2003, will be sharing at **Waterloo North**. Last fall she was part of the CPT Women's delegation to eastern DR Congo and she will be talking about that experience. All are welcome.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** – Sat., Mar. 17, 9 a.m. at Cafe Bon Choix.

**YOUTH (GR. 9-12): Fri., Mar. 23rd** we will be meeting at the church at 6:00 pm to prepare for the Dessert Night and Silent Auction.

**YOUTH DESSERT NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION:** On Sat., Mar. 24th the youth will be hosting the 2nd Annual Dessert Night & Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will start at 5:30 pm and the dessert at 6:30 pm. Come out and hear live entertainment and stories from the youth who went to PIT. **Hope to see you all there!**

### ***CHURCH FAMILY NEWS***

**NEW MEMBERS:** We look forward to receiving new members on Easter Sunday through baptism and Confession of Faith.

### ***WEEKLY PRAYER AND REFLECTION***

**GUIDES** are available on the table for those who did not receive them by email. On **Mar. 21** at 7:00 p.m. there will be opportunity to join with others in a time of Lenten reflection at the church, led by Ardith.

**MARCH MADNESS AT WNMC!** - Go mad about merry munching in March with your fellow WNMCers! Invite someone to lunch any Sunday in March and enjoy some great fellowship and enter your name and your guest's name into a draw for great prizes!

**Near Death Experiences (NDEs)** -is the topic for March 18 S.S. hour. We will discuss the veracity of NDEs, and some of the concepts presented in NDE's as they impinge our notion of heaven. Led by Harry H.

**'SHARING GIFTS IN THE GLOBAL FAMILY OF FAITH'** is the focus of an Adult Sunday School classe beginning **March 25<sup>th</sup>**, weaving themes from the book 'Sharing Gifts...' by Pakisa Tshimika and Tim Lind, with our own experiences of gift sharing and continued dialogue with the Congolese Mennonite Women Theologians. Copies of the book are available in our library. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Kathy L by **March 19th**.

**2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** and a note from the treasurer are in your mailslots today. We will be approving these financial statements on Sunday, **March 25**, during a brief meeting in conjunction with the worship service. Contact Karen M S with any questions.

**PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN** (and other interested parents of young children) are invited to meet with Chip and Ardith in the Prayer Room, **March 25**, during Sunday School to discuss how the schedule change is working for them.

**CHIP'S PASTORAL REVIEW** - We will be following the "Appreciative Inquiry" model, as suggested by MCEC, with a few adaptations. We will be asking a representative number of people to participate in the process, which will include focus groups and written feedback. If you have questions on the process, or would like to provide input to the review, please contact a committee member: Scott B, Julie T-P, Laura G and Dave C.

**PHOTODIRECTORY PICTURES** - The sign up sheets for the photodirectory pictures are in the Fellowship Hall. Pictures will be taken at the church on **Tues. March 20** and **Wed March 28, 7- 9pm**, and **Sat. April 14, 10am -12 pm**. We encourage anyone who attends Waterloo North regularly and whose picture is not in the photodirectory, or anyone who would like their picture updated, to sign up. There will be a \$6 sitting fee for those who are able to pay. If there are questions contact Teresa W.

**DELGATES NEEDED** to represent WNMC at MCEC Annual Church Gathering, April 27-28 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. We need to register delegates by **March 30th**, so please let Fred M know before that date if you are available.

**UPCOMING EVENT – REGIONAL OPEN HOUSES** –Ministry Team and CCT's are again planning to host 10 regional (neighbourhood) open houses. The dates are Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon. If you are willing to host your neighbourhood on one of these dates, please call Carol S. at or e-mail

### **PRAYER ITEMS**

*We hold in prayer...*

- Chip and our youth who are attending the Peace It Together Conference in Winnipeg; for a refreshing time and for safe travels home
- students and teachers from our congregation; that they may have a refreshing week of break from classes
- the community at Bluffton College as they continue to mourn the loss of loved ones from the recent bus accident tragedy.

*We give thanks...*

- for a good spirit of dialogue and listening during our conversation last week on congregational sharing, and we ask for discernment for Ministry Team in proceeding from here.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST BUFFET** –Sat., **Mar.17**, 8-9:00 a.m. Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs. Proceeds towards Mennonite Central Committee Guelph Meat Canning Project. Speaker – David Martin, MCC International. Tickets \$12/adult, \$5/6-12 yrs. 5 and under free. Advance ticket sales only by calling MCC Ontario at 519-745-8458.

**RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE** - The K-W Ecumenical Guild invites you to participate in a Retreat in Daily Life, a week of guided prayer from **March 25 to 31st**. Theme: Come to the Water. Application Forms are on the b.b. or contact Miriam F.

**ROCKWAY PLAY** – “The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf” – Fri., **March 23** & Sat., **March 24**, 7 pm. See the poster or see [www.rockway.on.ca](http://www.rockway.on.ca)

**Mennonite Savings and Credit Union 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting – Making a Difference – March 26** Featuring Guest Speaker Doug Pritchard, Co-Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Everyone is welcome to attend! Registration begins at **6:30 pm**, and the meeting will start at **7:00 pm**; refreshments and fellowship will follow. If you would appreciate childcare during the meeting please RSVP to 1-888-672-672 or [info@mescu.com](mailto:info@mescu.com). The AGM will be held at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church.

**Menno Singers Hymn Sing Fundraiser** on Sat., **Mar. 31** at W-K United Mennonite Church, 10:00am-4:00pm. Join Menno Singers for a come and go marathon day of congregational singing together. Buy a hymn. Bid in the hymn auctions. Sponsor a singer. Preview songs from the new “Sing the Story” Supplement being released this summer. Join the Alumni Choir. Taste some good food.

**MCEC ANNUAL CHURCH GATHERING - April 27-28, 2007** Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, ON. You do not want to miss this important gathering at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate.

**MC Canada Assembly** – Abbotsford, BC from Tues., July 3 – Fri., July 6, 2007.

For more information see

<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/abbotsford/>

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