



WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, September 30, 2007



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

Upcoming Services

Oct. 7 Covenant Renewal Sunday: Covenant signing in both services. Communion in Regular Worship.

Oct. 14: Thanksgiving Focus in Regular Worship with food drive collection and membership transfer. (Note change in date.)

Oct. 17 - Nov. 5: Partnership visit of Beatrice Kadi and Sidonie Swana from Congo

ATTENDANCE – Sunday, September 23, 2007 - Matins Worship 58

Regular Worship..... 191

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – Today is the last day of our fiscal year. Thank you for your generosity to date! If the offering today is \$13,000 we should have met our expenses.

PERSONAL GIVING COMMITMENT FORMS (GREEN PLEDGE FORMS) – As part of our Covenant Renewal Service next week we would like to invite everyone to return your Personal Giving Commitment form (the green pledge form). Please remember to bring your pledge forms next week!

Offering Report	Sept. 23/2007	Total Contributions to Date	Contribution Target to Sept 30 th (100% of total budget)
Operating Fund Contributions	\$9,678	\$317,612	\$336,000

Designated - \$60 the Gathering, \$75 MCC India Water Project

Schedule for Sunday, October 7, 10:45 a.m.

Worship Leader Carol S
 Preacher Ardith F
 Pianist Stefanie U
 Song Leader..... Peggy S
 Congregational Prayer Jim R
 Library Tessa D
 Nursery Janice MH & Tim H
 Coffee Setup Volunteer Needed
 Coffee Cleanup Volunteer Needed

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

Let's Play – Mon., Oct. 1, 9:30 – 11:30 am.

LOGOS – Thurs., Oct. 4, 5:15 – 7:50 pm.

COMING AT WNMC

Men's Breakfast – Sat., Oct. 13, 9:00 a.m. at the Dearborn Restaurant.

Informal Lunch – Sun., Oct. 21, following the worship service. A chance to meet the Congolese Women. More details to follow.

Junior Youth (Gr. 7&8): The next event is the retreat at Camp Edgewood from Sat., Oct. 27 to Sunday morning, Oct 28. Details and a permission form are in your mail slots.

Youth (Gr. 9-12) –Oct.13 – Fall activities.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE- Oct. 14th As part of both our worship services we will be receiving non-perishable items (canned soup, fruit, vegetables, meat, cereal, peanut butter, rice, pasta, etc.) as a food drive for House of Friendship's ministry to those in need.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – An updated Church Directory is in process for mail slots in Oct. If you are not listed in our Directory and would like to be, or if there are changes to your present listing, email: office@waterloonorthmc.org by **Fri., Oct 5.**

PRAYER ITEMS

We hold in prayer...

- Boyd and Elaine S as they leave next weekend for another term of voluntary service with Ten Thousand Villages in the Maritimes from Oct. 15 - Nov. 24th
- the family of Barb C's friends, in the death of their father, Tom (following the recent death of their mother, Pat)
- Ben J, Phil R and Linda S, as they prepare to become members at WNMC
- Christine W's mother who suffered a stroke this week and is recovering at Grand River Hospital.
- Mary S's friend Julie during another round of treatment.
- Those who suffer from depression.

THANK YOU to all those who helped to clean and paint the church on Sept. 21 & 22. Check out the board room, the prayer room and Chip's office! We appreciate your work.



VISIT WITH THE ATMCO: We are happy to announce that Mama Kadi and Mama Swana have received Canadian visas and will be visiting our congregation from October 17 to November 5. This is good news since visas are not always granted! In the next two weeks the Focus Group will be working on the numerous details related to their visit and will be in touch with many of you who have offered to assist with their visit. Please continue your prayers for the women as they prepare to come and for our congregation as we prepare for their visit. If you have questions, or ideas, feel free to contact Tim S, Kathy L, Dave K, or Kathryn G.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Christian Inward Journey:

Beginning Sun., **Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.**, Gord Alton, a MCEC pastor, certified pastoral counsellor and trained spiritual director, will lead a monthly group at Wilmot Mennonite Church. For further information, see poster on bulletin board or email Gord at gordalton@sympatico.ca.

FALL SENIORS RETREAT – Hidden Acres Camp, Mon, **Oct. 1 or Tues., Oct. 2nd**. See bulletin board for more info. or call 519-625-8602.

JOHN BELL PUBLIC LECTURES -

The Lost Tradition of Lament: Tues., **Oct. 2**,
Singing With Integrity: Wed., **Oct. 3**,
7 p.m. at Erb St. Menn.Church, 131 Erb St. W.,
Waterloo Cost: \$10 per person, at the door.
see poster on b.b.

Come explore six World Religions in Waterloo region. **Encounter World Religions Centre** is offering lectures and house-of-worship tours as part of a six week series beginning **Oct 4th**. Meet your neighbours, learn about their worldviews. For more info on dates and times see us on the internet at www.worldreligions.ca or contact Ryan Gingerich at 519-500-7926 or ryan@worldreligions.ca

A BENEFIT CONCERT for the Abner Martin Music Scholarship Endowment Fund will be held at 3 pm, Sun., **Oct. 14** at Waterloo North Mennonite Church – see poster on the b.b.

Women of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

invite you to the Fall Enrichment Day
Date – Sat., **Oct.20**, 10:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Registration and Coffee Time - 9:45 a.m.
Theme - Sharing Our Heritage Stories
Place - Faith Mennonite, 269 Sherk St., Leamington
4 Speakers (including our own Gudrun Mathies) will share stories of Swiss Mennonites; Low-German/Mexican Mennonites; Russian Mennonites and European Mennonites. Bus transportation is available - deadline is October 2, 2007
Call Elsie F re: bus transport. 519-747-5244

Friday, October 26, 2007, 7:30 p.m. @ Floradale Mennonite Church – FREE Concert of New Music for Worship Bryan Moyer Suderman and friends perform from his new CD, *My Money Talks: Songs for Worship*, a collection of new compositions on

stewardship **No Discernible Key** performs from its repertoire, including selections from *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* hymnal supplements.

MCEC Fall Gathering – Generosity Project – Oct. 27, 2007 – Mark your calendars for this opportunity to strengthen your congregation's capacity to extend the peace of Jesus Christ. **Registration deadline Sep. 30/07**, poster on b.b.

OUT of the COLD - The objective of this program is to provide the homeless in our community with warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a quiet and welcoming atmosphere. **Volunteers are needed** for this important outreach program. For a number of years WNMC along with other Mennonite churches have supported this program by assisting, once a month with Friday overnight shifts and Saturday morning clean up at the First United site in Waterloo. Please consider being involved in our schedule during this coming season beginning in November and continuing into April. **Contact Mary C. Friesen** in person or at 745-2600 or mlfriesen@rogers.com

The “**Homework Support Program**” of the African-Canadian Association of Waterloo Region is looking for volunteers to act as “homework helpers” one night a week. Local students gather at the Laurentian Public School in Kitchener, or at the Cedarbrae Public School in Waterloo from 7–9 p.m. on Tues. and Thur. evenings. To offer yourself as a volunteer, please give your name to Ardith Frey to be forwarded to the program coordinator. The program began September 25: volunteers can still be accepted after that date. See brochure on table in foyer.

Challenge for Change, an ecumenical peace and justice event, will be held at Rockway Mennonite Church (32 Weber St W, Kitchener) on Sat., Nov.3, 8:30 am to 1:30pm. The theme is “Living in Harmony with Creation”, and the speaker is Dr. Stephen Scharper, professor and author from the University of Toronto. Registration: is \$25 regular, \$18 post-secondary students/unwaged, \$15 high school students. Registrants after October 23 will not be guaranteed lunch. For information & registration, contact Stephanie Calder, carcher@elcic.ca or 519-743-1461, toll free 877-373-5242, or see www.easternsynod.org. Poster on b.b.

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