



# WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

## INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, April 27, 2008

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

### Upcoming Services

- May 11: **Pentecost Sunday:** Communion in both services. Baptism & Reception of Members in Second Service.
- June 1: (2:30 p.m.) Ordination Service for Ardith F
- June 8: Church Picnic (more info to follow)
- June 15: Beginning of Summer Worship Schedule with single service beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE – Sunday, April 20, 2008 -

Matins Worship .....31  
 Regular Worship.....173

Operating Fund Contributions.....\$5,250  
 Year to date.....\$186,500  
 Designated: \$50 MCC, \$70 The Gathering

### Schedule for Sunday, May 4, 10:45 a.m.

Worship Leader ..... Mary Lou K  
 Preacher..... Matthew B-D  
 Congregational Prayer.....Ardith F  
 Song Leader ..... Abner M  
 Pianist.....Merlyn M  
 Library.....Marg K  
 Nursery..... Marnie G & Paul F  
 Offering Collectors..... Craig A, Maia H,  
 ..... Nicole K, Emily K

**TODAY:** Guess Who's Coming to Lunch?

### THIS WEEK AT WNMC

**LET'S PLAY** – Mon., Apr. 28, 9:30-11:00 am.

**COMFORTER KNOTTING** -Wed, Apr. 30, 9 am.

**Ministry Team** will be on retreat on Fri., May 2.

### COMING AT WNMC

**REGIONAL OPEN HOUSES (5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL)** –  
 Ministry Team and CCT's are planning for 10  
 regional (neighbourhood) open houses on **Sunday,**  
**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** If you are willing to  
 host your neighbourhood on May 25<sup>th</sup>, please call  
 Carol S.

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**STUDENT AID** - Students who plan to attend a  
 Mennonite educational institution next September and  
 would like some financial aid from the church, please  
 complete a Student Aid form available from Student  
 Aid mail slot and submit in a sealed envelope to  
 Completed Student Aid mail slot by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Any  
 questions, please contact John T-P.

### The following books have been added to the library:

*Politics Under God* - by John H. Redekop (261.7 Red)  
*Dancing Through Thistles in Bare Feet* - by Gary  
 Harder (289.7 Har)  
*Noah's Ark Pop-Up ABC* (J Mag)  
*Eyes at the Window* - by Evie Yoder Miller (F Mil)  
*Stories My Father Told Us* - by Karl Bartsch (266 Bar)  
*The Prince of Egypt* (J Pri)  
*Watermelon Syrup* - by Annie Jacobsen (F Jac)  
*Come as a Child: Children's Sermons to See and  
 Hear* - by Jim Penner and Scott Sinclair (268.5 Pen)  
*Celebrating Families* - by Lawrence and Diana  
 Osborn (247 Osb)  
*I Am Hutterite* - by Mary-Ann Kirkby (289 Kir)  
*Unsettled Weather: How Do I Forgive?* - by Wilma  
 Derksen (234.5 Der)  
*Why Christianity Must Change or Die* - by John  
 Shelby Spong (230 Spo)

### CONGO CORNER

**ATMCO:** We recently received a package containing  
 several letters written by children from Mama Kadi's  
 church – some of which we are sharing this Sunday  
 morning. Who would like to write back?

**Advocacy:** There will be a presentation at CIGI  
 (Centre for International Governance Innovation)  
<http://www.cigionline.org/> (scroll down the page to  
 "events") on May 21, 7-9pm by Ian Smillie entitled,  
 "'Blood on the Stone.' War Redemption in the Global  
 Diamond Trade." Mama Swana told us that the  
 Congolese are like a hungry person sitting on a sack  
 of peanuts, not able to eat any. Learning more about  
 global trading systems will help us advocate and pray  
 for justice for our Congolese brothers and sisters. Is  
 anyone interested in hosting a discussion afterwards?  
 Mary Lou for the group.

**MENNONITE RELIEF SALE** – It's time to kick  
 off Waterloo North's contribution by starting to feed  
 the *Penny Power* jug sitting on the small table in the  
 foyer on the left as you enter the Fellowship area.  
 Let's get started right now and aim for a full jug by  
 Sale time, May 31.

**Sausage-on-a-Bun project for Mennonite Relief Sale.** This happens Fri., eve., May 30, and Sat., May 31. There are sign up sheets on a table at the back, but Tim S will be inviting regulars and possible new talent to this fun event. This has proven to be a great time of fellowship together. Sign up soon to avoid disappointment.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Aug. 11-15 at Erb St. Mennonite. Register by May 30th.

VBS needs:

- 1) Volunteers to help as group leaders and centre leaders.
  - 2) Hosts for the VBS troupe or someone who needs a house sitter for the dates of VBS.
- Talk to Chip if you can help with VBS

**FALL BOOK-CLUB:** Are you interested in forming a book-club in the fall? We could meet 6-8 times per year to discuss one book per session. Books to be discussed would include contemporary social commentary, theology for lay-persons, novels, as well as classics, the specific choices being established by consensus of the group. If interested, please contact Elmer T.

### PRAYER ITEMS

*We hold in prayer...*

- Abner & Shirley M, Laura & Milo S, Karen C, in the death of their brother/uncle, Lloyd M. The funeral was on Wednesday at St. Jacobs MC.
- Dan and Yvonne S-N in the midst of ministry assignments, as they prepare for vacation in Winnipeg in May. See letter of update on bulletin board.
- our brothers and sisters in Colombia who endure suffering, as they respond in faith, sewing seeds of peace

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia -- Apr 27-28, 2008.** MCC invites us to join hundreds of congregations in the United States, Canada and Colombia to PRAY for an end to the Colombian conflict and ACT for policy changes that better reflect the values of God's kingdom. See [www.mcc.org/colombia](http://www.mcc.org/colombia) for details.

**A Walk with the Christian Mystics -- Sat May 3,** 9:30 am to 12 noon at Trinity United Church. Tarcia Gerwing will lead a workshop using the writings of Christian mystics to gain a deeper understanding of our spiritual journey. Sponsored by the KW Ecumenical Spirituality Guild -- cost \$10. Contact Miriam Frey: 519-880-9684 or [mfrey@sentex.ca](mailto:mfrey@sentex.ca)

**The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** will present their Spring Concert, "Sing Me a Song", on Sunday, May 4th at 3:00 pm, at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 for children under 12, and \$25 per family. They will be available at the door, or can be purchased in advance from Miranda V or Emma R.

**The IMPaCT Pastor exchange sponsored by MCEC and MC Canada** will involve two public events for congregations to meet with our international guests and local hosts, and hear their stories.

- a. **MCEC Annual Church Gathering – Saturday, April 26, 2008** - The pastors will be conducting a workshop on Sat. p.m. focusing on disciple-making and being people of peace in their various contexts.
- b. **Closing Worship Session – Sunday, May 4, 2008, 7:30 p.m. - Breslau Mennonite Church** – Participants will share testimonials of their learning experience and stories from their home congregations.

**SHALOM COUNSELLING- FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST** – Sat., **May 10**, 8:30 – 11:30 am, Crosshill Mennonite Church. Featured Speaker: John Ruth, author of *Forgiveness: A legacy of the West Nickel Mines Amish School*. Call 519-886-9690 by May 5<sup>th</sup> to reserve tickets. Poster on bulletin board.

**PARKWOOD MENNONITE HOME Fundraising Dinner** – Mon., **May 12**, 6:30 pm at Bingeman Park Marshall Hall. For tickets call 519-653-5719 or see Duane Eby or Carol Shantz. Poster on bulletin board.

**RUN FOR RELIEF** that will take place at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale - check it out at [www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)). The Run for Relief will include a 5K Run and a 2K Fun Run/Walk, and both runs will begin at 8AM on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the New Hamburg Fairgrounds. See registration forms on b.b.

**ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE June 30-July 4**, Summer Camps Week for students in Grades 5-10 (as at Sept.08). Camps not affected by July 1 holiday. Sports: Basketball, Volleyball. Arts: Cooking, Drama, Drum Building, Hand Drumming. Details at: [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events)

**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY – A People's Summit For Faithful Living - July 7-8**, CMU, Winnipeg. See poster on b.b or [www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/summit08](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/summit08)

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