



WATERLOO NORTH MENNONITE CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET – Sunday, May 18, 2008

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



Upcoming Services

June 1: (2:30 p.m.) Ordination Service for Ardith F

June 8: Church Picnic (10:00 am at Cedar Springs) see announcement below.

June 15: Beginning of Summer Worship Schedule with single service beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE – Sunday, May 11, 2008 -

Matins Worship	49
Regular Worship.....	188

Operating Fund Contributions\$ 6,000

Year to date.....\$ 209,000

Designated: \$70 The Gathering, \$200 MCC

COMING AT WNMC

Schedule for Sunday, May 25, 10:45 a.m.

Worship Leader	Gloria E
Preacher.....	Miriam F
Congregational Prayer.....	Peter F
Song Leader	Ben J
Pianist.....	Colin W
Library.....	Eileen L
Nursery.....	Jennie & Colin W
Offering Collectors.....	Micah B, Isaac B
.....	Emily M, Craig A

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration deadline is **May 30**. Registration forms available in the mail cart.

ORDINATION - We are invited to celebrate Ardith Frey's call to ministry in an Ordination Service on Sunday, **June 1** at 2:30 pm. Ministry Team is hosting a reception following Ardith's ordination service. We anticipate needing at least 36 dozen squares and/or cookies for this reception. Please contact Carol S if you are willing to contribute some baking for this special occasion.

TODAY: There will be a short Congregational vote following Matins and the 10:45 service to approve the slate and a recommendation to replace the roof. Stewardship and Finance will also be requesting households to pledge financial support for the roof project.

CHURCH PICNIC AT CEDAR SPRINGS - June 8, arrive 10:00-10:15am. Come to celebrate the ending of another Church Year and to enjoy the beauty of creation as we worship outside. Our worship service will include a recognition of Gr 6 and High School graduates. Please bring: lawn chairs, blankets, plates and utensils, cups and a main dish accompanied by either a salad or a dessert. Fellowship will provide coffee, tea and ice water. A suggested donation to cover the rental of this location is \$3 per person.

THIS WEEK AT WNMC

OFFICE CLOSED – Tues, **May 20**, due to the statutory holiday.

PRAYER FOR CONGO, ETHIOPIA AND BEYOND:

Tue. **May 20**, 7:30 p.m., Lorraine and John P's. All who wish are invited to pray together with us for ministries in Congo, Ethiopia, political upheaval in Zimbabwe, and other concerns you wish to bring for prayer.

Directions: Go to Shakespeare village. At the traffic lights, turn north towards Amulree. Proceed 4 km to the North Easthorne community hall. Turn Left onto line 40 (Conc 4 & 5). Cedar Springs is one mile along the road on your left beyond the bottom of the hill. Municipal address is 2353 Line 40. Consider carpooling to this event.

MEN'S SLO PITCH – Wed., **May 21**, 7 pm Diamond B, WN vs. First Mennonite.

SEW BE IT – Fri., **Sept. 23**, 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

CONGO COLLAGE: (ATMCO) We have received an email from Mama Kadi. She sends greetings to Waterloo North on behalf of the ATMCO, and that they will soon write a detailed letter responding to the letter that we sent them last month. They are praying for us, especially those who are ill. *Advocacy:* This coming Wednesday is the presentation at the Centre for International Governance and Innovation, entitled "Blood on the Stone: War and Redemption in the Global Diamond Trade", by Ian Smillie. Please see CIGI's website for more details. *Thanks:* to Merlyn M's suggestion for "Congo Collage"!

Youth (Gr. 9-12): Mark your calendars!! On **Sat., May 24th** we will be canoeing on the Grand - watch for more details coming soon.

REGIONAL OPEN HOUSES (5TH ANNUAL) – Regional (neighbourhood) open houses on **Sunday, May 25th, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

A note from Ardith and Marv:

On May 7 we learned from the report on the recent MRI that Marv's tumour has grown significantly. It is similar in size to last September before surgery. We are not very surprised as this accounts for all the symptoms Marv has been experiencing recently. We are stopping chemo and increasing the steroid, mostly to deal with pain and swelling. They would offer further surgery if we wanted it but the benefits would be adding a few more months of life, and there are considerable risks. Our bottom line is whatever makes for best quality, over quantity. The rough timeline we were given is somewhere between 2 - 6 months. We want to assure you that we are basically at peace but do covet your prayers.

Ardith is now on leave from her duties and they are anticipating a visit from family in Edmonton soon. Ministry Team will cover pastoral care issues, coordinated by Chip.

From Ginny F-M: Thank you to all those who helped renovate, move, paint, cook and pray during my recent move. We most certainly could not have done it without you. The people of Waterloo North have gone above and beyond, and have taught me much about community, and I feel very blessed. I look forward to welcoming you all into my new home once the dust has settled and the boxes are unpacked.

BOOKKEEPER POSITION - Julie S-P, our bookkeeper for the past eight years has resigned from her position at WNMC effective the end of July. Julie has been accepted for Teacher's College in the fall. We thank Julie for her dedicated work during the past eight years and wish her well in her new career. We are now beginning the search process for her replacement.

Associate Pastor of Christian Formation (1/2 time position). A detailed job description outlining ministry responsibilities and key qualifications is posted on our website at www.waterloonorthmc.org. General questions may be directed, in confidence, to Geoff Suderman-Gladwell, Chair of the Search Committee. However, all applicants are asked to follow MCEC procedures and contact Muriel Bechtel, MCEC Conference Minister at muriel@mcec.ca or call 519-650-3806. Closing date for applications is May 31, 2008.

PLEDGE FORMS - Pledge forms (the green form) are in your mail slot this week. Due to our change in year end (now June 30th) we are requiring the commitment forms in the spring. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give to Waterloo North in the coming fiscal year. To assist our budget building process, we would like the pledge forms returned by May 25th. Leave forms in the offering plate or in the 'Bookkeeper' mail slot on the mail cart.

PRAYER ITEMS

We hold in prayer:

- Wanda W-M and Fred M niece and nephew, Beth Ann and Jake H as they mourn the death of their two week old son, Justin.

- Francis P, his village and loved ones in Sudan as they have experienced some recent rebel attacks.
- Bock Ki K, who has been worshipping with us, in his installation as minister at Vision Mennonite Church in London on May 4th.
- we hold in prayer Ardith & Marv as Marv's health is declining.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church is hosting Hahna, a group of four EMU students (who will be performing a concert of varied music) on Tues., May 27 at 7:30pm at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church in Kitchener. There will be a free-will offering collected in order to help off-set the travel costs for these young persons.

House of Friendship is holding its **Trek 4 Kids Hike & Bike** to raise funds for Summer Camp Sponsorship on Sun., **May 25**, at 2 pm (regist. at 1:30) on the Iron Horse and Laurel Trails starting at the MCC parking lot at 50 Kent Ave.(at Charles), Kitchener. Walkers, runners and bikers of all ages are welcome. Seek sponsors or sponsor someone else. For more info. call 519-742-8327 or visit www.houseoffriendship.org.

RUN FOR RELIEF that will take place at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale - check it out at 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.

Attention youth! Mennonite Foundation of Canada is inviting applications for two grants: More information and grant applications are available from Mennonite Foundation of Canada (50 Kent Ave., Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1) or from the MFC website at www.mennofoundation.ca. (See the notice on the bulletin board.)

GREBEL'S ANNUAL LEBOLD FUNDRAISING BANQUET, Tues., **June 3**, at 6:30 p.m., will feature Pastor April Yamasaki of Abbotsford, BC, speaking on "One Call, Many Callings?" Tickets are \$50/person (\$25 receiptable) and can be ordered at 519-885-0220 ext. 24223 or at grebel.uwaterloo.ca

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