

# Beyond the Congregation – April 19, 2015

## EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

- **Together We Can... Knot Comforters** - April 20-23 Elmira Produce Auction, 7400 Reidwoods Drive, Elmira. To volunteer please contact Keith & Diane Snyder at 519-669-4084. To donate a completed comforter top, please contact Wendy Cotter at 519-745-8458 ext 248
- **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Annual Church Gathering**, April 24 & 25 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. BMC delegates are: Carolyn Strathdee, Mark Cressman, John Cressman and Eleanor Epp-Stobbe. Guests are welcome.
- **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Spring Seniors' Retreat Days** will be held on April 27 and April 28 (the same program will be offered both days). Mark Diller Harder will be leading us in, "SINGING OUR FAITH: Heart Songs and Hymnals". Join us for a day of worship, learning and fellowship. For more information or a brochure contact the camp at 519-625-8602, [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or visit our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca). Space is limited, register by April 20.
- **Rockway Information Night** April 28 at 7:00. Prospective students and their families are invited. See poster.
- **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitchener-Waterloo and Area Interfaith Community Breakfast** (formerly the Community Prayer Breakfast). Wednesday, April 29 at Waterloo Inn and Conference Hotel. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. with program from 7:30 to 8:30. Guest speaker Debbie Lou Ludolph, leader of Inshallah, the WLS Community Choir. Her topic is "Singing Our Way toward Building Community." Tickets \$20 or 4/\$75 from Erb & Good Family Funeral Home. For further information contact: [interfaithcommunitybreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcommunitybreakfast@gmail.com)
- **Shalom Counselling Services Fundraising Breakfast** Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. Speaker: Orlando Da Silva, President of the Ontario Bar Association "A Successful Depression". Waterloo North Mennonite Church \$20 (subsidized tickets available for students/underemployed). Contact: Shalom Counselling Services (519) 886-9690 or [admin@shalomcounselling.org](mailto:admin@shalomcounselling.org) by April 23 to order your ticket.
- **Brussels Mennonite Fellowship 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** on May 2 & 3,. Saturday night 7 p.m., come and enjoy a music night with the "New Freedom Quartet" from Elmira. Sunday morning our Worship Service begins at 10 a.m. and will include times of celebration; slide presentation; special music from "The Hiller Family" and a Fellowship Meal following the service for everyone. We hope to see you there!
- ♪ **The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** is pleased to present "Songs of the Psalms!" The concert will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 pm, at BMC. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 for children (5-18) and will be available at the door or from a chorister. Come and join us for an afternoon of inspiration with sacred texts from the book of Psalms!
- ♪ **Menno Singers** presents "Songs of Spring" featuring Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes, Dvorak Songs of Nature and more at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Alison Clark and Corinne Dutton, 1 piano, 4 hands, with artistic director Peter Nikiforuk. Tickets (\$20 adults, \$5 students) are available at Mennonite Savings and Credit Union, Music Plus or online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)
- **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp - 20th Annual Road Hockey Tournament**, Saturday, May 9. Ages 18 & up. Cost is \$150/team. Register by May 2. Visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or email Jeff at [roadhockey@gmail.com](mailto:roadhockey@gmail.com) for additional information or a brochure. Join us for a day of road hockey action. All proceeds help send kids to camp!
- Conrad Grebel UC is offering an intensive Theological Studies course on "Baptism: Ecumenical Perspectives," taught by John Rempel, May 19-22, 25-29. The church of Christ can't agree whether infants can be baptized or only those who confess a personal faith. The biggest reason for this is that each side has a different view of the church. The goal of this course is to enter the dynamic of recent dialogues on these issues among Mennonites, Lutherans, and Catholics, listen deeply, criticize honestly, and learn from each other. Auditors are welcome. For more information, contact Birgit Moscinski, 519-885-0220 x24264, [birgit.moscinski@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:birgit.moscinski@uwaterloo.ca)
- **Community Housing Survey for Elmira** - MennoHomes has just launched a survey to help assess the needs related to affordable housing in Elmira. We've partnered with other local agencies to create and distribute it and we are inviting Christian churches in and around Elmira to also participate. An online version of the survey can be found on our website: [www.mennohomes.com](http://www.mennohomes.com).
- **Come visit Montreal and stay in our Summer Guestrooms! Rates start as low as \$45 per night.** A mission of the Mennonite church in Montreal since 1974, the Maison de l'amitié continues to welcome and support new arrivals to Canada and Quebec through our English and French language classes and our community-focused student residence. You can support the ministries of the Maison de l'amitié this summer by having fun! Visit our website to find out more: [www.residencema.ca](http://www.residencema.ca)
- **Canadian Mennonite University's Canadian School of Peacebuilding** invites you to come this summer to learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – on June 15 – 19; 22 – 26. More information is available at [www.csop.cmu.ca](http://www.csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca)

## NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE – May 29 & 30

- **Run for Relief:** Register for the 5k Run or 2k Walk.
- **Play Music:** Busking-style musicians are needed Friday evening or Saturday (contact Dan at [dan@ddajohnson.com](mailto:dan@ddajohnson.com) )
- **Plants:** Start plant cuttings and bulbs now, and bring them to our Plant Tent at the Sale. Details of these opportunities to get involved can be found at our website ([www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)) or email [johnreimer@sentex.ca](mailto:johnreimer@sentex.ca) .
- **New Hamburg Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** Monday, April 20 at Bingeman's. Tickets available from BMC church office or Vern Roth. Guest speaker: Issa Sadi Embombolo, Founder of MCC's Peace Clubs in Zambia. Tickets \$10. Tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price. Purchase tickets by Sunday, April 12.
- **\$ My Coins Count** (formerly Penny Power) jar is in the foyer to collect coins for MCC. This will be taken to the New Hamburg Relief Sale at the end of May. Bring your coins and ask a child to drop them in!!

## SUMMER CAMPS

- ☺ **Summer 2015 camp brochures** are in the literature racks for Fraser Lake Mennonite Camp, Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre, Silver Lake Mennonite Camp & more.
- **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** – Registration is now open for Summer 2015 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Family Camp and many others. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) or contact Dave Erb at [dave@slmc.ca](mailto:dave@slmc.ca) or 519-422-1401.
- **Summer Job Opportunities at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** - If you would like to spend your summer out in nature, positively impacting the lives of hundreds of young people, building great relationships with the other staff members and sharing and developing your faith, then check out Hidden Acres. For more information or to fill out an application, go to our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or [chrispot@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:chrispot@hiddenacres.ca)
- **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp has asked our church to supply 5 volunteers** for the week of Camp 5 from August 9-15, during their summer camp program. Primarily they are looking for people to help prepare meals in the kitchen and help with various maintenance tasks. See details on hall bulletin board.
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp (OMMC)** registration is now open for summer 2015! OMMC is a wonderful opportunity for youth age 12 to 16 to form friendships, enhance their musical abilities, grow in their faith, and develop leadership skills. This overnight camp will be held at Conrad Grebel University College Aug 16 - 28, 2015. Register online at [www.grebel.ca/ommc](http://www.grebel.ca/ommc) (before May 31st for the early bird rate.)
- **Camp Shalom Cambridge** is looking for counselors, kitchen and maintenance staff. If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then this might be for you. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2015 to apply. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply.

## MCC – MCCO – MCEC – MDS – MEDA – MC CANADA – MSCU – MDS NEWS & EVENTS

- **Mennonite Disaster Service has a service opportunity** for the whole family. Families of children and adults of all ages are encouraged to serve together building cabins for a week at Camp Elim near Swift Current, Saskatchewan between August 3 & 28. For more info and to register call 866-261-1274 or at [mds.mennonite.net/projects/campelimfamilyproject](http://mds.mennonite.net/projects/campelimfamilyproject).
- **Mennonite Disaster Service** continues to bring people home in High River, Alberta. Although High River flooded in June 2013 there are still people who have not been able to move home. Come volunteer for a week or two this spring and summer. Call 1-800-241-8111 for more info or to book a week for you and your friends.
- **Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (MCRS) has focused on the growing need for support** for the reunification of local refugee claimant families. Many families are split up due to war and conflict - one family member escapes, taking a dangerous path that will bring them to Canada. If their refugee claim is accepted they can begin the process of bringing their loved ones to safety. They are often separated for prolonged periods, due to policies that delay reunification. Sometimes they are forced to wait years to be reunited with their spouses and children, who may be in situations of danger or persecution. And children are the hardest hit. MCRS is a strong advocate for speedy family reunification. Our call is for an express entry for the family reunification process where children can be reunited with their parents in 6 months or less; a definition of family members that is broad and inclusive; a reinstatement of the previous age of dependents which was 22; elimination of the 'excluded family member' rule; and urgently request that our Government makes family reunification a top priority. MCRS supports families through all stages of their refugee claim, including that of family reunification. We provide them with support they can count on. Learn more about how you can help - and do contact me if you have any queries, via email at [resourcedevelopment@mcrs.ca](mailto:resourcedevelopment@mcrs.ca) or by telephone at 519-571-1912 ext. 4. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
- **MCC urgently needs KIT BAGS:** Please help us replenish our inventory. Use medium or lightweight fabric. Sewing instructions are available at [mcco.ca/kits](http://mcco.ca/kits) or by calling Wendy Cotter at 519-745-8458 ext 248.
- **MC Canada** - Please pray for Shim Beack and Joon Park of Emmanuel Mennonite Church (Abbotsford, BC). The couple had planned to serve in a long term assignment in China with Mennonite Church Canada, but Shim was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for wisdom as they make decisions about the future, treatment plans, and implications for their potential assignment.
- **Celebrating Mom! – Support MCC** -- April 18, Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener Book a photo session with your Mom. (\$100 per session). All proceeds toward purchasing hygiene kits to help Moms around the world keep their families healthy (you receive a \$50 tax receipt). This is a Jennie Wiebe Photography benefit event in support of Mennonite Central Committee. Contact Jennie at 519-584-2078 or [cnjwiebe@distributel.net](mailto:cnjwiebe@distributel.net)

### Mennonite World Conference

- **Experience an Assembly Scattered event:** The North American church is ready and eager to host you in their communities. Consider planning a few extra days, either before or after PA 2015 in Harrisburg, to see God at work at one of 15 Assembly Scattered locations. From the Pacific region's multi-cultural gateway of Los Angeles to the east coast historic city of Philadelphia, and from the far north in Anchorage, Alaska to the southern metropolis of Miami, Florida, the church is beckoning you. Experience firsthand the complexity of immigration issues at the Texas-Mexico border with the San Antonio Mennonite Church. Learn about Mennonite Brethren churches started in North Carolina during segregation in the south and their vibrant ministries in the mountain communities, or the work of churches in Central Kansas or Harrisonburg, VA. For more information on these and other incredible opportunities to experience the rich diversity of MWC churches in the US, go to <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/pennsylvania-2015/assembly-scattered>
- **Call for Worship and Contemporary Art** -- Art of many kinds will be on display at PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference that will be held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. Artists are invited to submit contemporary art for a juried exhibit. Churches are invited to display worship art (banners, tapestries, or other
- **Thinking of registering for PA 2015?** The time is now! Register while options are still available for tours and service opportunities. PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference, will be held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/PA2015>

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Floradale Mennonite Church Positions Available** - We are looking for an Associate Pastor, a Music Ministry Worker, and a Youth Worker. Please refer to [floramc.org](http://floramc.org) for complete job descriptions. Send your questions and/or resume to [fmcjobsearch2015@gmail.com](mailto:fmcjobsearch2015@gmail.com). The application deadline is May 1, 2015
- **MCEC's interactive web space**, theexchange is a place to connect with others and to find and to share resources. A 10 hour/week contract position is being established to promote and assist in its use. Individuals who have expertise with social media technology, are comfortable communicating with congregational leaders and pastors, and who have an awareness of the MCEC ministry context are invited to inquire. Contact Jeff Steckley, Congregational Ministries Minister - [jsteckley@mcec.ca](mailto:jsteckley@mcec.ca) (226) 476-2500 ext. 707