

# Beyond the Congregation – August 16, 2015

## EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

- **Woolwich Community Services** is organizing a **Back Pack program** to provide for less fortunate children and youth, in Woolwich and Wellesley Township. There is a need to fill 175 backpacks with “supplies required” for school this fall. Supplies can be dropped off at the Woolwich Community Services office Mon. to Fri. 9 - 5 pm. Please deliver donations before **August 17th, 2015, (note new location 5 Memorial Ave)**. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our office at 519-669-5139 or email [kelly\\_wcs@yahoo.ca](mailto:kelly_wcs@yahoo.ca)
- **The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$5000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2015-16; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Application deadline is Sept 15, 2015. For more info and/or an application form, contact Lewis Brubacher at [lbrubacher@sympatico.ca](mailto:lbrubacher@sympatico.ca)
- You are invited to attend the **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp final concert!** On August 28 at 7:00pm at Conrad Grebel University College, Great Hall. Reception to follow. For details email [ommcgr@waterloo.ca](mailto:ommcgr@waterloo.ca)
- The Singer’s Theatre will present Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical *The Boys In The Photograph* at The Conrad Centre in Kitchener, August 21-23. The story revolves around a boys’ soccer team in Belfast, Northern Ireland during the height of the Catholic/Protestant conflicts. Directed by Gord Davis (Elmira Mennonite Church) and Amanda Brunk (Rockway Mennonite Church), Tickets: \$21 [www.ticketscene.ca](http://www.ticketscene.ca) or [www.thesingerstheatre.ca](http://www.thesingerstheatre.ca)

## SUMMER CAMPS

- **Building Community Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp**, September 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A retreat for individuals with disabilities, their family, friends and supporters. Come join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, worship, learning and fun! This year’s theme is “God Restores Our Souls” with resource person Cheryl Weber Good. For more information visit the Hidden Acres website, [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca), email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or call [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602). (August 14<sup>th</sup> early bird, August 28<sup>th</sup> registration deadline).

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

- **Do you have a passion for sewing or quilting** and love to share your skills with others. MCC Ontario is seeking volunteers to run several sewing and quilting classes at 50 Kent. If you are interested please call Wendy Cotter at 519-745-8458 x 248 or go to [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/sewing-quilting-teachers](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/sewing-quilting-teachers) for more info.
- **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. Come early for a bus tour of the local area and experience the diversity of the Aylmer area **Low German Mennonite Communities'** businesses, churches, schools and culture. Up close and personal with your guide, Abe Harms. The cost will be \$10 per person.

- **Work on Wednesdays** 1:30 – 3:30pm, Aug 19 and 26. Children and young, have you experienced volunteering for MCC? Join us at 50 Kent Ave for our annual Work on Wednesday child and youth volunteering events? Participate in knotting comforters, packing kits, and other activities as available. Registration is limited, so sign up early! More info at [mcco.ca/events](http://mcco.ca/events) or by contacting Wendy Cotter 519-745-8458
- **October 3, 2015 at locations across Ontario** Join us at any location offered by the **RIDE FOR REFUGE**. Don't have a team to ride with? You can join our team "MCC Ontario Program Pedallers". More info at [mcco.ca/events](http://mcco.ca/events)
- Enjoy food, fun, music and quilts all in support of MCC on the grounds of the historic Black Creek Pioneer Village at the **Toronto Mennonite Festival** (traditionally known as the *Black Creek Pioneer Village MCC Relief Sale*). September 19, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto [torontomennonitefestival.ca](http://torontomennonitefestival.ca)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES