

Beyond the Congregation – August 23, 2015

EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

- **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
- 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
- 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 or www.thesingerstheatre.ca
- **The Jubilation Male Chorus** is a trans-denominational choir of volunteer singers from a variety of careers who welcome the opportunity to sing in four-part male voice harmony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The music repertoire consists of contemporary and traditional hymns, southern gospel and spirituals, all directed by Robert Shantz. We sing at a variety of venues such as churches and Residential Care facilities, and also seek to provide support to local volunteer agencies through Christmas and spring benefit concerts.
If you or someone you know love to sing and could see yourself involved in a ministry like this, we invite you to simply "show up" for our "New Members Welcome night," at our first practice of the Fall and Winter season. That practice will be held Wednesday, September 2nd at the Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church, 15 George Street, Waterloo (come off Union or Allen Street East, due to road construction). All practices begin at 7:30 pm and usually conclude by 9:00 pm.
- Nine week **Suicide Bereavement Support Group**. Led by professional facilitators, this group provides a safe, confidential and non-judgemental place to share with others who are facing the unique challenges of traumatic grief after a family member or friend has died by suicide. To register, www.wrspc.ca or call Dena at 519-745-2195.
- **Sept. 19** - 4:30-7:00 p.m. St. Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs) invites you to their **Annual Chicken and Sausage BBQ**. Join us for this annual Church Supper featuring BBQ Chicken Leg, Sausage, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Corn, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Beverage. Tickets: Adults - \$15.00; Children (5-12 years) - \$7.50 are available from the SJMC church office during regular office hours, by calling 519-664-2268, emailing church@sjmc.on.ca, or at the door. Advance tickets purchases are encouraged. This event has been a sell-out the last couple of years.
- *Are you at least 14 years old but younger than 25ish?* You're invited to consider joining the **Menno Youth Singers choir!** We've got an awesome new conductor and there will be snacks.....along with singing and chilling and more singing and worshiping God through music-making. The music could be brand new, written just for the choir; it could be hundreds of years old. You'll just have to come and sing for yourself. Check out mennosingers.com/mys/
Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays evenings at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener, and begin on Sept 9th.

SUMMER CAMPS

- **Building Community Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp**, September 11th–13th, 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, email info@hiddenacres.ca or call [519-625-8602](tel:519-625-8602). (August 14th early bird, August 28th registration deadline).

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- **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 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 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 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 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
- 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
- The Board of Directors for **MennoHomes** is inviting you to submit suggestions for new Directors. Names should be submitted by Sept. 30th. View the website or contact the office for details. www.mennohomes.com 226-476-2535