

Beyond the Congregation – November 8, 2015

EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

- ♪ **Fourth Annual Male Chorus Sing** – Sing the old gospel songs and anthems from music that will be provided. Led by Bob Shantz. Sunday, November 8, 2:30 p.m. at Detweiler Meeting House, Roseville. Some hymnbooks will be provided. A freewill offering in support of Meetinghouse operations will be held. Everyone welcome. Sam Steiner, 519-884-1040.
- **Interfaith Prayers for Peace in Israel and Palestine.** All are welcome to join an evening of prayer and hope as we reflect on writings from various traditions. Wednesday, November 11, 7pm in the Conrad Grebel Chapel.
 - **Spirituality and Aging Lecture** with Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov "Dignity in End-of-Life Care" Friday, November 13, 8:30am in the Conrad Grebel University College Great Hall. For more information and to register visit www.grebel.ca/sa or call 519-885-0220 x24270 or email infoqguc@uwaterloo.ca \$50 registration.
 - **Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada Day of Quiet Prayer** Thursday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Each Day of Quiet Prayer begins with the leader orienting the group to God and the theme of the day. Prayer suggestions are offered which may then be used in long periods of quiet reflection. The day concludes with a time of group reflection. During the quiet times, the leader is available for private conversation (spiritual direction). Bring your own lunch. Leader: Patricia Wagler.
 - **Where Two or Three are Gathered, but Who's Counting? Discipleship as if I am Multiple Agencies.** Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 pm, Grebel Chapel. In this lecture, Peter C. Blum will discuss the individual disciple and the gathered community (church) as understood in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition.
 - **Retreat at Six Nations of the Grand River Nov. 12 – 14** Please consider joining us for this ecumenical post-Truth and Reconciliation retreat, which will include 2 ½ days of teaching, conversation and relationship building as we consider how churches and Indigenous people within the Grand River territory can work at relationships which stretch toward reconciliation. Register at <http://events.mennonitechurch.ca/RegistrationNew.aspx> See the poster on the bulletin board.
 - **Celebrating 100 Years in the Village: 100th Anniversary Worship Service and Choir** (10:00 am); followed by "Simpler Times: Stories and Songs for the Soul" (2:45 pm), with donations accepted for Woolwich Community Services. Sunday, November 15: St. Jacobs Mennonite Church - Full details at: www.sjmc.on.ca, including choir invitation.
 - **The Syrian crisis: What is a small player to do?** Nov 16, 7 pm, Great Hall, Conrad Grebel University College. Join Rami Shamma, Program Manager for the Lebanese NGO "Development for People and Nature Association", MCC's peace specialist Krista Johnson Weicksel, and Kaylee Perez, MCC Ontario's Refugee Program Associate to learn about MCC's ongoing humanitarian and peacebuilding response to the Syria and Iraq crisis. Please register and find more info at mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/syrian-crisis-what-small-player-do
- ♪ **Steve Bell 25th Anniversary Solo Concert** Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 at Country Hills Church, Kitchener. Tickets \$20. Featuring the Steve Bell Trio and special guest Alana Levandoski. www.stevebell.com
- ✳ **Fairview Home Handicraft Sale** Saturday, November 21, 9:00-1:00. Christmas decorations, gifts, Santa's Sweet Shop, wreaths, knitting, woodworking, used books, yarn sale & more. Fairview Auxiliary Tea Room & Bake Sale. Tea room tickets available at the door.
- **MennoHomes AGM and fundraising concert** featuring Janice Jo Lee, at Waterloo MB Church, Wed. Nov.25 at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! For more information, visit www.mennohomes.com.
 - **Discover Rockway Open House**, Thursday, November 26. 7:00 PM. All are invited to visit us at our annual Open House to learn about the exciting opportunities offered at Rockway. Meet teachers, students and parents while you discover our excellent academics, enriching extra-curriculars, scholarships and assistance programs plus a world more. Further information and registration information can be found at www.rockway.ca
 - **Advent Preparation: Making Room** - November 28, 9:00 to 12:00 N; W-K United Mennonite Church
In the period leading up to Christmas, our lives often resemble the busyness of the Bethlehem Inn with all of its comings and goings, leaving little room for the coming of the Christchild. Advent is an "alternate space" in this season to make room for welcoming the birth of Christ in our lives. Come prepared for individual reflection as well as sharing your experience of practices you have engaged in to prepare space in the Advent season. Register with Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada, Amy Kuepfer, Retreat Coordinator; Ardith Frey, Leader. mennospiritdir@gmail.com / (519) 301-9137. Event does not include lunch, please bring a "bag lunch," Bible, journal, walking shoes. Register by Nov. 23. \$20
- ♪ **Fourth Annual Welcoming Advent** - Enjoy Christmas music sung by Lifted Voices. Laurence Martin will also lead congregational singing. Sunday, November 29, 2:30 p.m. at Detweiler Meeting House, Roseville. Some hymnbooks will be provided. A freewill offering in support of Meetinghouse operations will be held. Everyone welcome. More information: Sam Steiner, 519-884-1040.
- ♪ **The Jubilation Male Chorus Annual Christmas Benefit Concert** Sunday, November 29 at 3:00 at W-K United Mennonite Church, Waterloo. Guest soloist Jennifer Enns-Modolo and the Freewill Offering will go to support the MCC - Syrian Refugee Resettlement Fund. Directed by Robert Shantz and accompanied by Karen Enns.
- ♪ **Schneider Male Chorus with Waterloo County Teachers' Choir** – *Celebrate the Season* Wed. Dec. 2 at 7:30 at Grandview Baptist Church, Kitchener. Tickets \$15, 12 & under free. Call Jan 519-745-1375 or wt-choir@rogers.com
Donations to the Waterloo Region Food Bank gratefully accepted.
- ♪ **Christmas Worship Tour** with Jason & Charmaine Brown Sunday, December 13 at Koinonia Christian Fellowship in Blomington. For more info & tickets go to www.uniteproductions.com Tickets: \$20, \$25 & \$30.

♪ **Jazz Vesper Service** - December 16 at 7:00 in the Conrad Grebel Chapel. Need some calm in the midst of the hectic Christmas rush? Come for a service of reflections on the Christmas season through readings and music (in a jazz mode). Music by Paul Fehderau, Linden Gossen, Brad Moggach, Greg Stroh, and Tom Cummings.

♪ **Participate in a satisfying group music-making experience**, and learn about another culture and its music at the same time. Join Conrad Grebel University College's Community Gamelan Ensemble! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at Conrad Grebel in Waterloo. Free. No experience necessary. Register at uwaterloo.ca/music/community-gamelan or email music@uwaterloo.ca for more information.

• **Canadian Mennonite University** offers a comprehensive university education—one that will deepen understandings, develop character, nourish faith, and open future vocational paths. Discover CMU at cmu.ca and apply for free before November 30: cmu.ca/apply

• **CMU Study Tour to the Middle East** (Jordan and Israel/Palestine): April 25-May 16, 2016. Join Prof. Gordon Matties on a journey in time to the land of the Bible. Meet people working for peace and reconciliation today. For more information visit cmu.ca/studytour or email gmatties@cmu.ca.

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• **MCC Ontario Fall Conference** Saturday November 14 from 9:00 - 3:30 Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines Mennonite Central Committee works to bring relief, development and peace in the name of Christ around the world and here in Ontario. Fall Conference is your chance to see, hear, and experience first-hand how MCC is changing lives and communities through peacebuilding. Join us for fascinating seminars, powerful storytelling, interactive activities and more!

This year, we will be joined by Rami Shamma, an international partner with MCC. Rami currently works as a Program Manager in the Lebanese NGO Development for People and Nature Association which aims at reaching a non-violent democratic society where individuals enjoy all their rights and freedoms without discrimination. He is also a Trainer on conflict transformation, active citizenship, communication, needs assessment, municipal work, and youth engagement in public life. Rami's story is one you won't want to miss.

MCC is introducing our new Junior Peacebuilders Program for children ages 4 -10, so bring the kids along for an awesome day!

Plus, you'll enjoy a special Thrift On the Go pop-up shop with great clothes and accessories, with all proceeds supporting amazing projects around the world and here in Ontario. There will be a special art exhibit featuring the work of MCC Ontario program users and volunteers, and classic activities like comforter knotting with our Material Resource staff.

Mennonite Church Canada Short Term Ministry – Information is posted on the hall bulletin board.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg invites inquiries and applications for the full-time position of Student Advising Coordinator. To view the full job descriptions, please visit cmu.ca/employment. Applications should be submitted immediately and will be accepted until this position is filled. Inquiries should be directed to Dianna Robson, Director of Human Resources at drobson@cmu.ca or 204-594-0532.