

Beyond the Congregation – November 22, 2015

EVENTS – LOCAL & BEYOND

- **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
- **Make-A-Difference Market**, Christmas shopping, food & music. Nov. 28, 10:30am—2:30pm, Conrad Grebel University College, Upper Atrium, 140 Westmount Road North, Waterloo peace@grebelife.com
- **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.
- ♪ **Three Choirs at Christmas**, featuring the **Menno Singers, Intermennonite Children's Choir** and **Menno Youth Singers**, on Sunday Dec. 6, 3:00pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Tickets (adult \$15, student \$5, family \$35) are available at Music Plus, at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com.
- ♪ **Rockway Christmas Concert**, Tues. Dec. 8, 7:30 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 54 Benton St. Kitchener. All are welcome!
- ♪ **Handel's Messiah**, Sat. Dec 12, 7:30 pm, Centre in the Square
- ♪ **Christmas Worship Tour** with Jason & Charmaine Brown Sunday, December 13 at Koinonia Christian Fellowship in Blomingsdale. For more info & tickets go to www.uniteproductions.com Tickets: \$20, \$25 & \$30.
- ♪ **The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** is pleased to present “Follow the Star.” The concert will take place on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm, at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 for children (5-18) at the door or from a chorister. Come and join us for some Christmas music!
- ♪ **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.
- ♪ **Menno Singers** is sponsoring a Messiah Sing-a-Long with orchestra and soloists at St. Jacob's Mennonite Church on Sunday Dec. 20 at 3:00pm. Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Tax receipts available for donations over \$20. www.mennosingers.com
- ♪ **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.
- **The Mennonite Studies program** at Conrad Grebel University College is offering a 12-week course on **Mennonite Literature** in Winter 2016, taught by Dr. Rob Zacharias. Wednesdays, 7-10 pm. Community participants are welcome. Contact Marlene Epp, mgepp@uwaterloo.ca, 519-885-0220 x 24257

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- **Giving Tuesday Dec 1** is the opening day of the giving season. It's a great opportunity to support MCC and easier than ever online! MCC Ontario is highlighting our Circle of Friends program, a program which supports individuals and families transitioning from homelessness and shelter-living back into the K-W community. www.givingtuesdaywr.ca/charity/mennonite-central-committee
- **Kit Bags Needed!** Can you sew? We are in urgent need of kit bags, and you can help. Instructions for the bag are available at www.mcco.ca/kits. Completed bags can be dropped off at our warehouse or regional offices. Drop off locations are listed at www.mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/dropoff