

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

CALENDAR

TODAY 9:45 am Junior Youth and Youth lead worship

Isaiah 40:28-31; Mark 1:29-39

10:45 am Sunday School/Christian Education for all ages.

Sobeys' and Zehrs' grocery cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

12:15 pm Christian Worship and the Arts Ministry meets in the David Eby room.

Feb. 7 9:00 am-4:00 pm Erb Street Women of Mennonite Church

Eastern Canada meet. Roll call: A childhood toy you have kept.

9:00 am Church Staff meet in the J. B. Martin room.

1:00 pm Pastoral Team meets in the J. B. Martin room.

6:45 pm Gift Discernment Committee meets in David Eby room.

Feb. 8 7:00 pm Christian Education and Formation Ministry meets in the David Eby room.

Feb. 12 9:45 am Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman, President Conrad Grebel University College, preaching

10:45 am Sunday School/Christian Education for all ages.

Sobeys' and Zehrs' grocery cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

Feb. 15 7:00 pm Cemetery Ad Hoc Committee meets in the Eby room.

Feb. 17 5:00 pm Intergenerational Supper & Games Night. We'll cook! - come any time after 5:00 pm,

we'll eat at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to the church office@erbstchurch.ca or

Nina Bailey-Dick or just show up.

Feb. 19 9:45 am Worship 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6,

2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9 Brian Laverty preaching

10:45 am Sunday School/Christian Education for children.

No adult education classes - fellowship time for adults.

Sobeys' and Zehrs' grocery cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

MINISTRY & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU for the delicious food contributions for our International Potluck lunch and for wonderful fellowship. Special thanks to the set-up and clean-up crews, Christian Community Ministry for hosting, and to those who provided child care during our Church Forum.

THANK YOU to our youth and junior youth for leading the service today. Elaine Ranney, Jenny Csinos, Tom Bileski, Richard and Shari Janzen helped to guide the youth and junior youth in planning and preparing worship.

LENTEN GUIDED PRAYER is an opportunity to pray contemplatively with Lenten scripture texts and your life experiences, and explore how God is guiding you. Gather for prayer and reflection weekly: **Wednesday 1-2 pm; OR Saturday 4-5 pm.** Or as a men's group meeting **Saturday February 25 and Saturday March 24, 7:30 - 9 am** facilitated by Bob Nally. Please let Eleanor Epp-Stobbe know of your interest eleanor@erbstchurch.ca



Erb Street Church Fun Weekend - Mark your calendars! Save the weekend of June 1-3 for the second annual Church Fun Weekend at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Last year's participants said it was a great time of relaxing, delicious meals, and enjoying nature and each other. Come for the weekend or come for a day. Our annual Sunday morning outdoor service will be at Hidden Acres on June 3 under the shade trees. More details coming later in February.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS MINISTRY

Waging Peace Tour - a documentary about overcoming interfaith mistrust, featuring Ontario Christians and Muslims. A screening and panel discussion with Executive Producer Sheri Hartzler. Visit ontario.mcc.org/waging-peace-tour. Local screening dates: February 13, 7:00 pm, Floradale Mennonite Church, February 14, 6:00 pm, Islamic Centre of Cambridge (1550 Dunbar Road, Cambridge), February 16, 7:00 pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, February 19, 7:00 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church, Baden.

House of Friendship February Potato Blitz Donate potatoes at the Supermarket Blitz, Saturday February 11 or bring 10lb potato bags to the food caddy at church. Come to the Community Potato Lunch, Friday February 24, 12 noon-1:00 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener.*

Thank you letter from **Mennonite Central Committee Ontario** on Christian Witness Ministry bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.*

Mennonite Disaster Service invites volunteers to participate in Mennonite Central Committee Ontario's response to Attawapiskat. If you are interested contact Lyndsay Mollins Koene, MCCO 705.264.2494. See information in church mailboxes and on the table in the foyer.*

Mary's Place Supper - Our youth, junior youth and mentors will be hosting the supper for the residents of Mary's Place on **Sunday March 4**. This is our church's 14th year of hosting this meal. Sign up lists for food items needed are in the Fellowship Hall. Christian Witness Ministry will provide the meat. Please mark your calendars. See information in church mailboxes and on the table in the foyer.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION MINISTRY

Get Outside and Have Fun- All junior youth are invited on Sunday, February 19, from 12:00-3:00 pm to the Laurel Creek Nature Centre. Bring your lunch and a sense of adventure. Karen Buschert will teach us how to snowshoe and make a fire. RSVP to Jane Snyder by February 12.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

GATHER 'ROUND: "Meet Jesus, Our Teacher"

Toddler and Family Connection Time (1-2 YEAR OLDS)	Room 4
PRIMARY (3 YEAR OLDS - Grade 1)	Room 1
MIDDLER (GRADES 1-5)	Room 5
JUNIOR YOUTH (GRADES 5, 6, 7, 8)	Room 6
ASSEMBLY (GRADES SK-Grade 4)	Room 2

YOUNG ADULT/ADULT ELECTIVES

6 week electives: January 8 - February 12, 2012

Classes begin at 11:15 am, following coffee and conversation

STREETS TO LIVE IN (Isaiah 58:12)

JB Martin Room

Each week will feature a different street in Waterloo. Walk, bike, or drive on the appointed street in advance, and then share observations, stories, and questions about that street.

Facilitator: Judith Jutzi

FAITH AND FILM

Fellowship Hall

We will watch and discuss two short films of Paul Plett, a Canadian Mennonite Film Maker.

Facilitator: Marg Hull

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Free public lecture: **David, Prophet and King: Three Perspectives**, February 8, 5:00 pm, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Room 201. Three speakers/perspectives: Carol McMullen (Jew), Derek Suderman (Christian), Idrisa Pandit (Muslim).

"Celebrating Mennonite Literature" the Grebel Wednesday evening public reading series continues with **Rob Zacharias: "Mennonite Literature as Communal Debate: Tracing the Collapse of the Russian Mennonite Commonwealth through Canadian Literature"**. Wednesday February 8, 7:00 pm, Conrad Grebel University College Chapel. Everyone is welcome.*

Family Day Open House, Hidden Acres, February 20 anytime between 10:00 am-3:00 pm, a fun, relaxing and **FREE** day with your family. Possible activities: sledding, skating, snowman building, games, floor hockey, crafts, pretzel making, a campfire with marshmallow roast and more!! A light lunch will be provided at 12:00pm. Any donations are appreciated. RSVP/ questions info@hiddenacres.ca or [519.625.8602](tel:519.625.8602).*

The Mayors' Dinner celebrates **The Working Centre's Community Building Efforts** with guest hosts **Margaret and Bob Nally** on **Saturday March 31**, 5:30 pm, Bingemans, Kitchener. For information/tickets (\$85/person) call 519.743.1151 ext. 119.*

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Registration is now open for summer 2012 with programming available for campers ages 6-16. Two all-inclusive "Family Camp" weekends are available for families wanting to experience camp together! Spaces are limited so register early. For information www.slmc.ca or contact Dave Erb silverlake@slmc.ca or 519.422.1401.*

Mark your calendars! **Hidden Acres 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** is **June 20-July 1**. Camping, cabins, retreat centre rooms and meal plans available for those staying over. Main events include: 50th Anniversary DVD Premiere, Saturday Evening BBQ, Floating Campfire and Sunday afternoon dedication service. Registration forms, full schedules available soon. Visit www.hiddenacres.ca or email infor!@hiddenacres.ca

Fairview and Parkwood Mennonite Homes Annual Report is posted.*

*Check bulletin board and literature table for more information.

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