

Preston Mennonite Church

*Being transformed by and extending God's love
through worship, hospitality and service*

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A Wild, Welcome Table: Come broken, and be transformed

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND THANK GOD

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”

Praising

Opening prayer

Gospel reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Proclaiming (*responsive—see back page*)

“God moments”

Hymn: HWB 654 “Sun of my soul”

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Children's time: More persistent women—acts of
dissent by Shiprah, Puah, and Pharaoh's sister
and servantas! (Exodus 1)

Acts 2:42-47

Moments for mission: The tears of brokenness that we hear

August birthday offering for camp scholarships for local children

Epistle reading: Romans 12: 1-8

Message: "Empathy for brokenness"

Hymn: STS 115 "Beauty for brokenness"

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer (see back page)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

"God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever."—Vance Havner

Communion confession

Before I take the body of the Lord, before I share his life in bread and wine, I recognize the sorry things within:

All: **these I lay down.**

The words of hope I often failed to give, the prayers of kindness buried in my pride:

All: **these I lay down.**

The narrowness of vision and of mind, the need for others to serve my will, and every word and silence meant to hurt:

All: **these I lay down.**

Offering each other reconciliation and healing: HWB 800 *We accept*

Invitation (ending with STJ 172)

Communion prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: STJ 88 "Hallelujah! We sing your praises!"

Sharing time

Prayers of the people

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 433 "Go, my children"

Sending (see back page)

POSTLUDE

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**NO SERVICE HERE AT PMC NEXT SUNDAY
SERVICE AT 10 AM AT ST. JACOBS MENNONITE CHURCH.**

Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer! God bless you and we hope to see you again!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN THE FOYER—ALL WELCOME!



WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cornfest Saturday Sept 9, 5:30 pm at Wanner Mennonite Church. Admission by donation (grocery or monetary) to Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank on site.



Lunch and Listen Events: Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers in the 50 Kent community room at noon. On Sept 13 speakers James & Joan Alty will tell stories of MCC's relief, development and peace work in Southern Africa. On Sept 26, MCC's refugee sponsorship team shares news and stories about the refugee sponsorship program and opportunities for churches, community groups, neighbourhood associations or groups of friends to get involved. More info at www.mcco.ca/events

Detweiler Meetinghouse: Free Talk about *Life in the Detweiler Neighbourhood 150 Years Ago* on Sat Sept 16 at 11 am.

Annual Chicken & Sausage BBQ at St. Jacob's Mennonite Church on Sat Sept 16 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Adults \$18 and Children \$10. Tickets available at 519-664-2268 or at the door but advance ticket purchases encouraged. Take out is also available. More info www.sjmc.on.ca

Family Fun Fair on Sat Sept 16 from 10 am to 3 pm at Countryside Camp, 1985 Beke Rd, North Dumfries, Cambridge. This is a fundraising event for the ministry of Countryside Camp with a Silent Auction, Cake Auction, Antique tractor show and lots for the kids to do!

Jim Reimer Memorial Bluegrass Concert, the award winning Canadian bluegrass band, Rescue Junction, with a special appearance from 5 on the Floor. Admission is free with donations to the Reimer Scholarship in Theological Studies. Sunday Sept 17 at 2:30 pm at Conrad Grebel Great Hall in Waterloo. www.grebel.ca/events

Peace Week - Will you play a part in peace? From Sept 17 to 23, you're invited to attend or host a peace-related initiative. Check out www.uwaterloo.ca/peace-week to learn more about how you can get involved.

Call to Prayer, a retreat to provide an opportunity to reflect on scripture and prayerfully move through the hours of your day. Thurs Sept 21 from 9 am to 3 pm at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, facilitated by Alicia Buhler. Cost is \$25. Bring a bag lunch, journal, walking shoes and Bible. Register by Sept 16 at mennospiritdir@gmail.com

Anna Magdalena Kokits, award-winning Austrian pianist will play modern and classical pieces as part of her nation-wide tour on Fri Sept 29, at 7 pm at Conrad Grebel Chapel in Waterloo. Free admission, reception to follow, All welcome!

Ride for Refuge is scheduled for Sept 30. It is a family friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with MC Canada to help the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. Be a part of the "Mennonite Church Canada" team. Register at: www.mcco.ca/ride or contact Jason Martin at 226-747-1833

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting on Sat Sept 30 from 12-3 pm in the Community Room at 50 Kent Ave. Cath & Peter Woolner will join MCC Ontario staff to update you on MCC's work in Ontario and around the world. More info and to RSVP go to www.mcco.ca/aqm or call 519-745-8458