

# Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Welcome to Wanner Mennonite Church  
to our Worship service

## **GATHERING**

Gathering music

Call to Worship & Prayer

Song – HWB 644 “When morning gilds the sky”

Conversation – previously in the story

## **LISTENING TO GOD**

Song – HWB 293 “God sends us the Spirit” verse 1

Story #1 – Acts 21:1-36

Song – HWB 293 verse 2

Story #2 – Acts 21: 37-23:11

Song – HWB 293 verses 1,2,3

## **SO WHAT? HOW DOES THIS STORY MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO US TODAY?**

1. Paul was given a prophecy about what was going to happen, and all his companions urged him to stay away from Jerusalem. What response is appropriate when we hear a prophecy or words from our friends?
  2. In the story today, and all through the book of Acts we have read stories and seen times when stories have been retold. When is it appropriate to tell stories of faith, and when not? How do we tell stories in a Mennonite way?
- Song – STS 119 “We believe as one by one”

**BRINGING OURSELVES BEFORE GOD**

Announcements – August 13-27 Wanner worship begins at 10:15 am

- Reminder Sept 10 Wanner worship questions to answer: watch for ways that God has been active in your life or for ways that you been acting with God in the world.

Sharing time

World prayer item

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week

Prayers from sharing time

**GOING**

Song – STJ 80 “Christ be near at either hand”

Sending

**POSTLUDE**

*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!**



## MISSIONS

**STRONGER TOGETHER--Six Nations Retreat**, August 14 to August 18, at Six Nations Polytechnic in Ohsweken. There is a day rate of \$100 for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, if you want to go for a whole day including lunch, open to all ages with field trips to Mohawk Institute and Mohawk Chapel, the Pauline Johnston House and Woodland Cultural Centre, and other teaching times by indigenous people. There will even be a river walk looking for medicinal herbs.

Tuesday, August 15, after the evening meal, groups of all ages will gather to plan on paper quilt patches that speak of "peace, respect and friendship" between us. The quilt will be made together with Six Nations people and settler people from the Haldimand Tract, in which we live, which will make a statement about the friendship between both groups. When the quilt is finished, it will travel to churches and Six Nations events, as a concrete expression of our friendship. This is free and Claire is driving there if you would like to be a part. You don't have to be artistic, since it will be a group deciding on the idea.

On Thursday, August 17, in the afternoon there will be an inter-generational summer tea with watermelon outdoors weather-permitting (at Polytechnic in case of rain) at no cost--a time for children, young people, middle aged people and older people to visit and make friendships. Claire will be driving there also and you are welcome to come with me.

Pray about this! Is God calling you to be a minister of reconciliation? Here's a start. Let Claire know if you would like to come.

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Claire** has been on holidays this past week with her family. She will return August 7.

**New Sharing Format** for the summer “**God moments**”, times that we see God at work. Each week we will have someone share a short “God moment” at the beginning of the service.

Short written prayer requests can be put in the white basket in the upper foyer before the service and will be brought up with our offerings for a time of prayer.

**The Fairview bus is not available** to be used for the next while. If you are able to pick up residents to bring to church, please stop by the apartment entrance by 9:20 am to see if anyone needs a ride. Thanks.

**Corn Roast for Games Night Folks** at Strom’s on Fri Aug 18 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Rain or shine. Preston and Wanner bring salads as well as lawn chairs and bug spray.

### **WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Langs** is hosting Free Drop-In Community Dinners for the summer: Next one is August 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Langs. Register: 519-653-1470 x 228 or drop in!

**MEDA BBQ** on Fri Aug 25 at 6 pm at Waterloo Park. Guest speakers Elaine Shantz and Miriam Turnbull. Adults \$25, child/students \$10. Bring chairs, plates and cutlery. RSVP by Aug 18 at [www.meda.org/waterloo](http://www.meda.org/waterloo) or 519-725-1633

**MC Canada Assembly Registration is open!** You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: [www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft](http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft)

**Future Directions Update:** Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and area churches are now available at [www.futuredirectionsmc.ca](http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca)

**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](http://www.mcco.ca/ride) or contact Jason Martin at 226-747-1833

## WANNER MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Joyce Wannop, August 11 and George and Grace Bechtel, August 11.

**Corn Roast for Games Night Folks** at Strom's on Fri Aug 18 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Rain or shine. Preston and Wanner bring salads as well as lawn chairs and bug spray. Questions? Contact Marg Strom or Cindy Gerber.

**Cornfest Saturday Sept 9, 5:30 pm** at Wanner Mennonite Church, Bring family, friends, neighbours, co-workers! Admission by donation (grocery or monetary) to Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank on site.

