

# Preston Mennonite Church

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

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## Acts of the early church

### Acts 15 & 16

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 311    "The church's one foundation,"  
verses 1-3

Praising    (*responsive—see back page*)

Opening prayer

Psalm 145:8-14

"God moment"

Hymn: STJ 4    "You've got a place"

#### **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

Children's time

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Acts 15:1-21 *The church makes some decisions over a  
controversial subject*

Message: "The 1<sup>st</sup> Jerusalem Council"

Acts 15:30-35 God blesses the church with unity and joy

Hymn: STJ 72 "One is the body"

Acts 15:30-35 *More arguing causes a split!*

Confessing (see back page)

Acts 15:36-40 *Paul did learn something from Barnabas!*

Message: "The early church had good times and bad times!"

**WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

Hymn: HWB 311 "The church's one foundation,"  
verses 4-6

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer (see back page)

Prayers of the people

**SENDING**

Announcements

Hymn: STJ 87 "Put peace into each other's  
hands," verses 1-2, & 5

Sending (see back page)

**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!**



## WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Mennonite Church Canada's 2017 Annual General Meeting**

will be streamed online on July 12 from 6-7 pm. Join in!

[www.home.mennonitechurch.ca/2017AGM/](http://www.home.mennonitechurch.ca/2017AGM/)

### **Detweiler Meetinghouse Folk & Gospel Songs with Mike &**

Diana Erb, on Sunday July 9 at 2:30 pm.

**Langs** is hosting Free Drop-In Community Dinners for the summer: July 25 and August 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Langs. Register: 519-653-1470 x 228 or drop in!

**Peace is Possible (PIP)** is an 8 week long hands-on peace program for ages 8-18 on Wednesday mornings, July 5-Aug 23 at MCC, 50 Kent Ave. Learn how to knot comforters, pack relief kits and hear first hand stories from incredibly brave individuals about their journeys to safety and peace. More info at [www.mcc.ca/pip](http://www.mcc.ca/pip)

**Daily Hymn Festivals** July 16 to July 20, Free entry, all welcome! For times and locations see poster on bulletin board or go to [www.thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo](http://www.thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo)



**MennoHomes** would like to thank volunteers, participants, and donors for making this year's bike-a-thon, Out-Spok'n VII, a success. Your efforts have combined to contribute over \$35000 towards new affordable housing in Elmira.

**Volunteers Needed at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** to work in the kitchen or to help with maintenance projects for the weeks of July 16-22 and August 6-12. More info, please contact the camp 519-422-1401 or [www.slmc.ca/volunteers](http://www.slmc.ca/volunteers)

High School students—are you already missing the music program at school? Young adults—do you need more music in your life? Consider joining the dynamic and growing **Menno Youth Singers**, a choir committed to choral excellence, to praising God, and to have a great time (and lots of snacks!) doing so. More info at [www.mennosingers.com/mys/](http://www.mennosingers.com/mys/) Register now!

**Kindred Credit Union** offers you a unique way to invest through Church Builder GICs. You invest in a guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) that earns a competitive rate and, in return, Kindred donates an additional 0.25% interest to the church of your choice. If you are interested in investing, please contact Kindred before July 31 and consider naming Preston Mennonite Church as the bonus interest recipient. More info at [www.kindredcu.com](http://www.kindredcu.com)

**The Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Centre** will be holding its annual volunteer training Tuesdays, July 25, Aug 1 and Aug 8 from 9:30-12:30 for those interested in volunteering at the Centre. If you have a passion for this ministry and want to be a blessing to their clients in a mentoring capacity, this training is for you! More info 519-620-0204

**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)

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is growing! Due to increased demand, Rockway has added a second section for its Grade 8 program for the 2017-2018 school year. If you know of anyone who is considering switching schools, please pass on this good news, class sizes will be between 14- 18. Contact [admissions@rockway.ca](mailto:admissions@rockway.ca) to book a tour.

**Ride for Refuge** is scheduled for Sept 30. Dust off your bike and get a team together. More info at [www.mcco.ca/ride](http://www.mcco.ca/ride)

**The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who is enrolled in a full-time music program, is affiliated with an MCEC congregation, and who has demonstrated musical involvement in church and community. Application deadline is Sept 15. More info contact [lbrubacher@sympatico.ca](mailto:lbrubacher@sympatico.ca)