

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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End-of-Year Church Picnic

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: STS 101 "The risen Christ"

Gathering (*responsive--see back page*)

Opening prayer

Gospel reading: John 17:1-11

Breath of Spring congregational prayer

Hymn: STJ 54 "Longing for light"

SHARING AND PRAYING

Christian Education presentations to graduates and teachers

- Shelby Steckly from University of Waterloo
- Sebastien Deschenes—a Bible

Moments for mission: Gardening Kits for MCC

Indigenous Neighbours Program

May birthday offering for camp scholarships for local children

Children's time: MCC Gardening Kits

Coin offering for the Gardening Kits (*another on Father's Day*)

Invitation to offering

Offering hymn: HWB 119 "Praise God"

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Message: The stoning of Stephen from the Book of Acts:6-8

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn: STJ 34 "Loving Spirit"

Confessing (see back page)

Sharing our joys and sorrows and prayer requests

- Blessing on our relationship with Living Bridge Assembly
- Travelling mercies for Carl & Jessica to Mozambique

Prayers of the people

SENDING

Announcements

- There is a note from Council in your mailbox with a working copy of a possible welcoming statement for you to review and give your feedback over the summer.

Hymn: STJ 77 "The peace of the earth be with you"

Sending

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: Opening prayer—adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*, © 2008 Abingdon Press; Breath of Spring—Carol Penner; Prayer of the people—from the Baptist Union of Great Britain website. <http://www.baptist.org.uk/>

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children: Classes (ages 3—5 and Primary) Today is the last week of Sunday School.

Adult Christian Formation: Adult SS will resume in September.

MISSIONS

MCC Indigenous Neighbours: The Mission Commission has placed a box in the upper foyer where you can place your items for the gardening kits for northern indigenous communities. To assist with the \$30 cost of shipping each kit, we will be having a coin offering on two Sundays—May 28 (SS picnic) and June 18 (Father's Day). Save your loonies and toonies. For each kit we need:

- 2 new hand trowels (metal)
- 2 new hand garden forks (metal)
- 1 set of men's large gardening gloves
- 1 set of women's large gardening gloves
- 2 packets of wildflower seeds
- 5 packets of vegetable seed (carrots, beans, beets, radishes, zucchini or cabbage)

MCC will be adding ten pounds of seed potatoes to the kit.

MDS needs **VOLUNTEERS** to respond to May flooding in Ontario and Quebec for the week of May 28. For more: Nick at hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com or Martin at cmdurksen@gmail.com

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Detweiler Meetinghouse, “A Community Memorial Service” on Sun May 28 at 2:30 pm. Other summer events listed on poster on bulletin board.

Walk'n'Roll Fundraiser/Awareness for Stroke Recovery on Sat June 3 from 11 am to 2 pm at Langs. Gather pledges and join us on the Walking Track!

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Ultimate Alumni Picnic on Sat June 3, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, rain or shine at Rockway. Bring snacks and beverages, BBQ lunch available for a small cost. RSVP by May 31 advancement@rockway.ca

Schneider Male Chorus and The Ontario Male Chorus present *Our Home, our song* on Sun June 4 at 3 pm at First United Church in Waterloo. Freewill offering.

Ralph & Eileen Lebold Fundraising Dinner: The Dramatic Arts and Christian Formation with Alan K. Sapp. Tues, June 6 at 6:30 pm at Conrad Grebel University College. . How does the work of the stage relate to Christian formation? How do drama teachers and students contribute within the life of faith? A short sketch with Rockway alumni will be included in the evening. A fundraising dinner in support of leadership development through the Anabaptist Learning Workshop. Tickets available online.

Rockway's Spring Concert is Thurs June 8 at 6:45 pm, join us at Rockway for this night of vocal and orchestral music.

Shout Sister Choir Fundraiser Concert on Thurs June 8 at 7:30 pm at Breslau Mennonite Church. Tickets \$10 at door.

Mennonite Men Retreat on Fri June 9—Sat June 10 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Scott Brubaker-Zehr and Bryan Moyer Suderman will lead. More info: www.eventbrite.ca

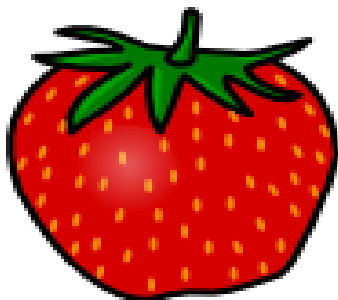
Hidden Acres 51st Annual Chicken BBQ and 11th Annual Pie Auction on Tues June 13 from 5 to 7:30 pm. All proceeds support Hidden Acres ministry to children, families and individuals. Advance tickets only! See Laverne & Elsie or call 519-625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca \$15 regular size, \$12 small size, Take out meals also available!



Theatre of the Beat, a critically acclaimed drama troupe, along with musical group, *No Discernable Key*, will be presenting “**Yellow Bellies**” at Steinmann Mennonite Church on Fri June 16 at 7:30 pm, a historical drama that highlights the response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. A thought–provoking theatre experience. Free!

Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Annual General Meeting on Sat June 17 at 1 pm at Floradale Mennonite Church followed by performance of “**Yellow Bellies**” at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 with proceeds towards a commemorative plaque at the Montreal River conscientious objector camp. More info at www.mhso.org

MennoHomes Out-Spok’n Bike-A-Thon in support of affordable housing. On Sat June 17 at 9 am at Elmira Mennonite Church. Register at www.mennohomes.com



Fairview Home Strawberry Social on Wed June 21. Fairview Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs Present: “God’s Beautiful Creations” at 2 pm and 7 pm. Advance tickets required! Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12, Strawberry Pie included!

Family Camping Weekend June 30-July 2 @ Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp (tent, trailer or cabin). For info or to reserve a cabin call 519-625-8602

Love to sing? The Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir offers a chance for children ages 6-14 to have an excellent music education experience while singing with their friends. Registration for Fall 2017 has begun! Register at www.mennosingers.com/imcc