

# Preston Mennonite Church

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

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## Mennonite World Conference Peace Sunday

### *A renewed peace church builds bridges*

In a world divided by difference, it is not easy to be a peace church dedicated to the ways of Christ's peace. As we mark 500 years since the birth of the Reformation, Mennonite World Conference recommits ourselves and our congregations to the work of peace by building bridges. Indeed, our desire for Christ's peace requires us to embrace those who are different.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 407      "We are people of God's peace"

Gathering      *(responsive--see back page)*

Opening prayer

"God moments"

"Piecing together community": Germany

Hymn: HWB 346      "Dona nobis pacem"

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer      *(see back page)*

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

Interview: Charlie's time at Silver Lake Camp

Children's time: "Bridges between people"

Epistle reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Message: "Like a bridge over troubled waters, I will lay me down"

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

Confessing (see back page)

Hymn: "Let there be peace"

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, All one family.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me,  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

Sharing time and concerns in our world

"The spirituality of a stranger"--Indonesia

Hymn: HWB 322 "For we are strangers no more"

Prayer for us to be agents of peace and reconciliation

**SENDING**

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 429 "Go now in peace"

A Franciscan blessing

**POSTLUDE**

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*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**

**Please continue to pray** for survivors impacted by hurricanes and storms in the South.

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

**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](http://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](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/peace-week) to learn more about how you can get involved.

**Conrad Grebel's Peace Week:** Tues Sept 19 at 3 pm, a free screening of *Tickling Giants*, a movie about Dr. Bassem Youssef, who leaves his job as a heart surgeon to become a late-night comedian in Egypt. Refreshments provided.

**Langs Community Dinners!** From 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Sept 19, Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 19, drop in for a free dinner!

**Call to Prayer**, a retreat to provide an opportunity to reflect on scripture and prayer. 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](mailto:mennospiritdir@gmail.com)

**Gleaners Open House Tours:** Sept 21, Oct 10 & 20, Nov 8 & 28 at 10:30 am. Special Sat Tour: Sept 16 from 10am-5pm

**Conrad Grebel Planting:** Fri Sept 22 at 12 noon. Gather to plant a new sign in the commemorative garden. As we educate ourselves about injustice towards indigenous peoples and recognize their history on this land, we acknowledge the need to change the historical narratives of Mennonite settlement in the region.

**Men's Retreat** at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Sept 22-24. Resource person is Chip Bender. Cost \$195. Register online at [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call 519-422-3200

**Mini KW Pilgrimage in Support of Bill C262 and the Adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:** Saturday Sept 23 from 10 am to noon. join a guided walk from Joseph Schneider Haus (466 Queen St. S Kit) to Waterloo Park, with stops along the route to learn about the settlement of the Haldimand Tract. Plan to stay for the St. Paul's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Questions: [josie@stirlingmennonite.ca](mailto:josie@stirlingmennonite.ca)

**Taizé Ecumenical Worship Service** on Sun Sept 24 at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Kitchener. On Sun Oct 22 at 7:30 pm it will be held at Conrad Grebel Chapel in Wat.

**Mayor's Night at the Movies!** Hosted by the City of Cambridge, on Mon Sept 25 at Galaxy Cinemas in the Cambridge Centre Mall. Langs has been chosen as the charity recipient. Tickets to this event are \$25 and include: appetizers, door prizes, as well as pop, popcorn and a popular movie option. Purchase tickets online at [www.evenbrite.com](http://www.evenbrite.com) or call 519-653-1470 x 264

**Lunch and Listen Events:** Bring your lunch and listen to our guest speakers in the 50 Kent community room at noon. On Sept 26, MCC's refugee sponsorship team shares news and stories about the refugee sponsorship program. More info at [www.mcco.ca/events](http://www.mcco.ca/events)

**Reading the Bible with Jesus,** an inspirational four-session bible study on Matthew with Bryan Moyer Suderman. Starting Tues Sept 26 till Oct 17, 7 to 9 pm. First two weeks at Elmira Mennonite Church, second two weeks at St. Jacobs. Pick up a brochure by bulletin board.

**“Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way We View Racism”**, an evening discussion to be held at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Wed Sept 27 from 7-8:30 pm. Sponsored by Mennonite Church Eastern Canada.

**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!

**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/agm](http://www.mcco.ca/agm) or call 519-745-8458

**Conrad Grebel University College Annual General Meeting** on Sat Sept 30 at 4 pm in the Great Hall at Conrad Grebel.

**Water Ceremony**, join us for an evening of Ceremony & Friendship, beginning at 6:15 pm at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris on Sat Sept 30. See poster on bulletin board for list of what to bring.

**Fall Seniors’ Retreat** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, Oct 2 or Oct 3 (same program offered both days). Theme is “Food and Community” a day of worship, learning and fellowship! Space is limited, register by Sept 25 at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or call 519-625-8602

**Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario** Fall Meeting on Sat Oct 14 at 2 pm in the Community Room at MCC, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. “Celebrating a Century of Mennoite Sewing Circles in Ontario” The event is free, donations accepted.

**Empty Bowls for Haiti:** Local potters donate bowls, local restaurants donate soup, entertainment by local musicians. You pay \$30, eat the soup and take home a beautiful bowl. Help support sustainable change in Haiti. At Steinmann Mennonite Church on Sat Oct 14, seatings at 5 and 7 pm. Tickets: [emptybowlsforhaiti.eventbrite.ca](http://emptybowlsforhaiti.eventbrite.ca) or call MCC.

**“Calm in the Storm: Stress Management for Students”** Shalom Counselling is offering a group for high school aged youth on Tuesday evenings, 6-7:30 pm from Oct 17 to Dec 5. No cost to participants, generously supported by a grant from

Shantz Mennonite Church. Register at 519-886-9690 or at [admin@shalomcounselling.org](mailto:admin@shalomcounselling.org) Poster on Bulletin board.

**Future Directions:** Covenant New – Update to Congregations. In October, delegates to the MC Canada Special Assembly in Winnipeg will be asked to approve the new proposal for re-visioning our denominational structure. Immediately following the Assembly, MCEC is holding a series of regional meetings to introduce and review the actions taken at the Assembly and their implications for MCEC, congregations and the future of MC Canada Witness initiatives. Pastors, council chairs, treasurers, other church leaders and interested individuals are welcome to attend. KW Perimeter Ministerial Group meets on Tues Oct 17 at 7pm at Rockway Mennonite Church, 47 Onward Ave. Kit.