

First Mennonite Church

Primera Iglesia Menonita

Pastoral Team: Gary Knarr

Catherine Hunsberger

Rene Baergen

Anna Janecek

David Penny

January 29, 2012

NOTES

UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- Maurice Martin has joined us as the Mennonite Church Eastern Canada representative.
- We have a number of applicants for each of the pastoral roles and have begun the review of applications. Our plan is to focus initially on the lead pastor role, but we will also be taking some steps on other roles before finishing the lead pastor process.
- On behalf of our committee Rebecca will be attending a prayer day Wednesday Feb. 1. Join us in prayer– a few minutes over lunch, a time at home - so that we can join each other from wherever we are on that day in praying for wisdom for our committee. You may wish to use a prayer that our committee has found helpful:

God of light, illumine our search, that we may see rightly, love deeply, and act justly.
- Feel free to speak to Rebecca Yoder Neufeld or Sharon Lamont about any questions you have

INFORME DEL COMITÉ DE BÚSQUEDA PASTORAL

- Maurice Martin se nos ha unido como el representante de la Iglesia Menonita del Este de Canadá.
- Tenemos un número de aspirantes en cada uno de los roles pastorales y ya empezamos la revisión de estas solicitudes. Nuestro plan es enfocarnos inicialmente en el rol del(a) Pastor(a) Líder de Equipo, pero también tendremos en cuenta los otros roles antes de terminar el proceso del(a) Pastor(a) Líder de Equipo.
- Rebeca participará en un día de oración el miércoles 1^o de febrero en nombre de nuestro comité. Únete a nosotros en oración pidiendo sabiduría para nuestro comité – unos minutos a la hora del mediodía, un momento en casa – de tal modo que estemos juntos en oración, dondequiera que nos encontremos. Podrías usar esta oración que en nuestro comité ha sido útil:

Dios de luz, ilumina nuestra búsqueda, Que podamos ver claramente amar profundamente y actuar justamente.
- Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede hacerla a Rebeca Yoder Neufeld o a Sharon Lamont.
 blessing for Merlin and Mae as they make their adjustments.

COMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK (January 29-February 4)			
Day	Time	What	Where
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Property Management	West Hall
Thursday	5-7:30	Logos	Everywhere
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Pastoral Search	West Hall
Sábado	6:00 p.m.	Servicio en Español	Sanctuary
<i>Please remember to book your meetings.</i>			

Sunday, February 5, noon Mark your calendars now for the annual **Hispanic Fundraiser Lunch**.

Saturday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast. Please keep this date in mind. David Johnson will offer a presentation on, "Is this time different in Canada? — Thoughts on the recent recession and the

current recovery.”

WOMEN

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. WMCEC Breakfast here at First Mennonite. Guest speaker: Gloria Dirks. Tickets \$8 from Marg Woolner.

Mark your calendars for the **Women’s Salad Supper** on **Monday, March 26, 2012**. More details to follow.

PROGRAMACIÓN DE LA COMUNIDAD

Servicios en Español Sábados 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Servicios en Ingles Domingos 10:45-12:00 A.M.

Escuela Dominical 9:30-10:30 A.M. En los próximos tres meses tendremos como tema:

El Pueblo de Dios en una Situación de Cambio

29 de enero	Josué
5 de febrero	Rut
12 de febrero	Habacuc

Nos reuniremos en el **‘West Hall’, 9:30-10:30**, para compartir comida y para dialogar. Habrá una mesa de habla hispana. ¡Bienvenidos todos y todas!

Domingo, 5 de febrero: Recaudación de Fondos de la Comunidad Hispana. Todos estamos invitados a participar en este evento. Esta oportunidad nos permitirá profundizar nuestra identidad como comunidad de sanación y esperanza. También los invitamos a participar en las tareas requeridas para hacer del almuerzo todo un éxito. En particular, necesitamos ayuda preparando las mesas antes del almuerzo, sirviendo la comida y luego limpiando al terminarse el almuerzo. Queremos tener tres equipos de trabajo para estas tareas. **Todo lo que recaudemos irá directamente a proporcionar apoyo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de Guatemala y El Salvador quienes están sufriendo a causada de las lluvias que han causado no solo grandes inundaciones sino también enormes derrumbes en toda la región.**

CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (ONTARIO)

Waging Peace Tour A documentary about overcoming interfaith mistrust, featuring Ontario Christians and Muslims. A screening and panel discussion with Executive Producer Sheri Hartzler. Visit mcco.ca/events. *February 13, 7 pm* Floradale Mennonite Church (22 Florapine Road, Floradale). *February 16, (time TBA)* Rockway Mennonite Collegiate (110 Doon Road, Kitchener)

ROCKWAY MENNONITE CHURCH:

Saturday, February 4. Dinner, Film and Poetry at Rockway Mennonite Church, Enjoy a dinner catered by John Bergen, at 5 pm. Screening and discussion of a comedy drama for an adult audience at 7 pm. Dinner costs \$15/person. Reserve by calling Scott Albrecht at Rockway Mennonite Church, 519-578-4900, or e-mail rmchurchadmin@bellnet.ca by January 31.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

“Youth Ministry as School of Love” is a youth ministry conference planned for **June 1 - 2** at CMU. The conference will feature Mark Yaconelli and Michael Hryniuk. Participants can register for this conference separately or participate in it as part of a week long course. Contact abergen@cmu.ca.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

MDS invites their volunteers to participate in MCC Ontario’s response to Attawapiskat. MCC Ontario will lead the response to an invitation from community leaders to erect modular homes in this isolated community. MDS supports and encourages skilled (licensed) volunteers to

participate. MCCO has nurtured relationships in Attawapiskat for 20 years. If you are interested please contact Lyndsay Mollins Koene, MCCO at 705-264-2494

Look for current MDS information on the **MDS website** at www.mds.mennonite.net or for pictures and other information you can also find **MDS on Facebook** at <http://www.facebook.com/MennoniteDisasterService>

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP

Registration is now open for summer 2012 with programming available for campers ages 6-16. Two all-inclusive "Family Camp" weekends are available for families wanting to experience camp together! Spaces are limited so be sure to register early. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact Dave Erb – silverlake@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate requires immediate casual and part-time custodial help for afternoons/evenings and some weekends. Interested applicants should send a resume to Jackie Keller, Business Manager at manager@rockway.ca.

YOUTH

The deadline for the service trip deposit (\$50) is Jan. 31, so make sure to get your money in by then!

WORSHIP THEME:

God's Faithful People in a Changing Neighbourhood

Adult Sunday School:

January 29	Joshua
February 5	Ruth
February 12	Habakkuk

Join us for coffee, tea and discussion!

Worship:

Jan 8	Our Changing Neighbourhood—Rene Baergen, Catherine Hunsberger
Jan 15	The Gated Community (Nehemiah) - Preacher: Gary Knarr
Jan 22	Surprises in the Neighbourhood (Jonah) Preacher: Gary Knarr (Communion Service)
Jan 29	Taking over the Neighbourhood (Joshua) - Preacher: Rene Baergen
Feb 5	Love Breaks Down Neighbourhood Barriers (Ruth) - Preacher: Catherine Hunsberger
Feb 12	The Neighbourhood has Changed (Habakkuk) - Preacher: David Penny
Feb 19	Challenges of Being Faithful in My Neighbourhood

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