THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

June 25-July 2, 2017

Today11:00 a.m. – **Church Picnic** @ Virgil Sports Park

 7:30 p.m. – CWOP Service

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

*Speaking:* Herb Sawatzky

*Theme:* To Be Determined!



**BETHANY MENNONITE CHURCH**

*WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:00 a.m.*

Offices on East/West Line at Creek Road468-3505

Office hours – Tuesdays – Fridays 8:30-3:30 p.m.

To receive a Bethany Bulletin by email, contact the church office.

Bethany Mennonite Church

***A place to belong and grow in faith***

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**Welcome here!**

We’re glad you came! Your being here is a sign of God’s love for the world and encourages other Christians. We hope our worship together helps you find

***A place to belong and grow in faith***.

Praise and Concerns

Congratulations to **Dora Fisch Willms** who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on June 30! May God bless you with health and happiness.

* Marg Dyck at Hospice Niagara – The Stabler Centre
* Art Bergen – who had a quadruple bypass

***Our missionaries:***

* Sarah Roberts, speaking at Bethany in September
* Nathan & Taryn Dirks – as they transition into their next steps
* Margaret De Jong – speaking at Bethany October 15
* Our sister church in Pereira, Colombia

**Our Donations Touching Lives:** Pray for positive engagement with Quest for Respect: The Church and Indigenous Spirituality, a special issue of Mennonite Church Canada’s magazine, Intotemak. This is the final of three special issues addressing Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. All three issues are available at www.commonword.ca/go/1204.

Bethany Announcements

The **BFC planning team** would like to thank those members of our congregation who participated in the recently concluded Being a Faithful Church Discussion series. We appreciated your honest and sincere comments and the love and respect with which they were received. We hope that this experience has helped us as a congregation to learn and grow together. Blessings to you all!

Next **Country, Folk and Gospel Sing-a-Long** will be Wednesday, June 28 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel at Pleasant Manor. EVERYONE WELCOME! his will be the last Sing-a-Long until September.

**Ordination Process** - in January 2016 Heather Whitehouse was licensed towards Ordination as Community Chaplain. We are currently in a review process and have asked several homes in which Heather works and volunteers to provide feedback regarding her potential ordination. In addition, former members of PCRT are also providing feedback. If you wish to provide feedback as well, you may do so by contacting our pastor, Herb Sawatzky.

**SIGHT AND SOUND!** Our Tech crew is in dire need of help for working the Sound Booth and Power Point during funerals and weddings.  Until now, members of the crew have had to take off time from work without pay, in order to perform these functions.  If we could find people willing to be trained, who are either retired, or self-employed with flexible work hours, this would solve our dilemma. Please give this serious consideration and contact Steve Goertz who would be more than willing to help train you for this important ministry in our church.

Mennonite Church

**Ten Thousand Villages** in Niagara-On-The-Lake will be hosting a **Fair Trade Rug Event** with over 250 rugs from Pakistan that come in a wide range of sizes and styles. We are looking for volunteers with strong arms and backs to help with loading and unloading the rugs on Mon. June 26th from approximately 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. If you would like to help, please contact Teresa Friesen at niagara@villages.ca.

**Famine Relief** – For every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to MCC until June 30, the government will set aside one dollar in the Famine Relief Fund. Donations can be made online, by calling 519-745-8458 or by mail to MCC, 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, ON, N2G 3R1. Please mark your donation "Famine Relief Fund".

**SAVE THE DATE!** *Seeking Understanding: Reading the Bible in light of same sex relationships.* A Seminar presented by Dan Epp-Tiessen, professor of Bible at Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg will be held on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Grace Mennonite Church, St. Catharines. The cost of $15 includes a coffee break and lunch. Planned by Grace Mennonite Church, The First Mennonite Church, & Vineland United Mennonite Church. Watch for more information.

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

Summer is an opportunity to take out the lawn chair or beach blanket and read!  CommonWord’s 9th annual Summer Reading list (items for sale or loan) is available here – [www.commonword.ca/go/1213](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1213).

Don Peters, long serving and now retiring **MCC Canada Executive Director** will reflect on his 16 years of leadership at 12 noon, Thursday, June 22, Community Room @ MCC, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. Can't attend in person? Watch live. More info at mcco.ca/events. MCC Ontario’s Executive Director, Rick Cober Baumanwill replace Don as newMCC Canada Executive Directoras of September 30th, 2017.

**Visit AMBS**! Consider scheduling a personal visit to learn more about how Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s on-campus and distance programs can serve your educational goals. Meet students and professors in person, attend classes, join us in worship and get first-hand information about financial aid and scholarships. http://www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit.

**Every Creature Singing** is a free online Canadian edition of Mennonite Creation Care Network’s new curriculum. Each of the 12 sessions include a biblical emphasis, a local community focus, suggested spiritual disciplines and recommended household practices. Guides, posters, handouts and resource sheets can all be downloaded here – www.commonword.ca/go/1054.

Broader Community

**Erie View United Mennonite Church** has enjoyed 70 years of serving our Lord and by faith in Christ anticipates another 70 years. Please consider this your invitation to celebrate this milestone with us Sept 10, 2017. The worship service begins for 10 am followed by a light lunch with an open mic for informal memory sharing. Seating for the lunch is limited. Please RSVP at your earliest to ptwarner1985@gmail.com.

53 June 25, 2017 11:00 Service No. 26

Prelude

Welcome Herb Sawatzky

Songs – “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”

 “We will dance”

Announcements

Ministry Time & Prayer

Scripture Reading – Genesis 1:27; Galatians 3:26-29 Lorrie Sawatzky

 Romans 12:1-2 Wendy Goertz

Message – **Faith foiled** Herb Sawatzky

Offering – “To God be the glory”

Closing Song – “In the sweet by and by”

Blessing

Band Members: Andrew Abfal, Bryan Dowd, Jessica Falk, Red & Suzanne Klassen

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus**

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

and to take Him at His word

Just to rest upon His promise,

and to know “Thus saith the Lord”

**Chorus**

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!

How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus

O for grace to trust Him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,

just to trust His cleansing blood.

And in simple faith to plunge me,

‘neath the healing, cleansing flood.

**Chorus**

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee

Precious Jesus, Saviour, friend.

And I know that Thou are with me

Wilt be with me to the end.

**Chorus**

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**We will dance**

Sing a song of celebration, lift up a shout of praise

For the bridegroom will come, the glorious One

And oh, we will look on His face

We’ll go to ta much better place.

Dance with all your might

Lift up your hands and clap for joy

The time’s drawing near, when He will appear

And oh, we will stand by His side

A strong, pure, spotless bride.

We will dance on the streets that are golden

The glorious bride and the great Son of man

From every tongue and tribe and nation

We’ll join in the song of the Lamb.

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**To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that he gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the Life Gate that all may go in.

**Chorus**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

To every believer the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**Chorus**

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

**Chorus**

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**In the sweet by and by**

There’s a land that is fairer than day

And by faith we can see it afar

For the Father waits over the way

To prepare us a dwelling place there

**Chorus**

In the sweet by and by

We shall meet on that beautiful shore

In the sweet by and by

We shall meet on that beautiful shore

To a wonderful father above

We shall offer our tribute of praise

For the glory as gift of His love

And the blessings that hallow our days

**Chorus**

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