

WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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Joshua Renews the Covenant

Prelude Susan Cressman

Call to Worship Wolfgang Dreshke

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

— written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the **Worship Connection** page of the Ministry Matters website.

Opening Prayer

God,

After a week of expected and unexpected events

- some joyful, some challenging and unwelcome we come to you this day with open hearts.

Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives.

Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us.

May this time of worship renew and refresh us and our relationship with you. AMEN.

Songs Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT 88

O God Beyond all Praising

VT 814

Psalm 78:1-7

Song Lead us, O Father

HWB 359

Sermon & Scripture Joshua 24:1-26

Susan Allison-Jones

Song of Response We've Come this Far by Faith VT 599

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song Guide My Feet

VT 816

Benediction

God has called and chosen you to be witnesses to hope and peace in God's world. Go in peace and this same healing, reconciling love and peace will be with you. Go and serve the Lord your God in all that you do.

Upcoming Worship Services

Oct 25 Solomon's Wisdom 1 Kings 3:4-9,(10-15), 16-28
(Matt 6:9-12) Susan Allison-Jones

Nov 1 HopeCo (Tanzania)
Guest Speakers: Regina & Tenzi Chacha

Nov 8 Mennonite Church Witness Sunday
Doug Klassen (video)

Upcoming Events

Nov 1 Lunch with Regina and Tenzie Chacha (City of Hope)

Nov 22 Annual Meeting

Dec 2 Christmas Lunch at Schmitzville Family Restaurant

Dec 13 WI Women's Retreat

Birthdays

John Good October 19

Anniversary

Bob & Anne Thaler October 18

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Hillcrest Mennonite Church** in prayer. Kathryn Cressman and Kevin Peters Unrau provides pastoral leadership to this community in New Hamburg, ON. Lord, empower Hillcrest Mennonite Church to grow in faith as they gather and to serve with hospitality, generosity, justice and peace as they are scattered into their community and world. Amen.

Congregational Notes

Pastor's Reduction in Time Susan will be reducing her work time to 60 percent on November 1st.

Women's Retreat (Wilmot Ignited) Sat. Dec 13, 10am-4pm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. \$48 Lunch supplied. Set a day aside to join other women in a "time out" from the busyness of the Christmas season as we ponder the beauty of the Incarnation - the gift of God becoming fully human. RSVP by Nov 22
[Women's Retreat Registration](#)

Volunteer Roster Please check the volunteer roster that is on the bulletin board in the library. If you wish your name to be removed from a volunteer position, indicate so on the roster or talk to Susan. An additional member for the Worship Ministry Team and the Good Samaritan Committee would be helpful.

Beyond the Congregation

Elder Nina De Shane-Gill and other local Indigenous people and allies are working on a series of fundraisers, and will send 100 percent of what is raised to help rebuild Trout Lake/ Collins Lake First Nations (Ontario). The first event will be held at Steinmann Mennonite Church, on Sat., Oct. 24 5-8 pm. For more information, or to donate or be a performer, please contact Nina DeShanel at troutlakefundraiser@gmail.com. See attachment.

Feeling anxious about the current political climate but unsure of how to respond? You are invited to be part of the second **SiNG in SOLIDARITY** event, happening **Oct 25, 4 - 6 pm** at Trillium Lutheran Church. We are coming together to learn songs of LOVE, RESISTANCE, and HOPE to stand in solidarity with our neighbours, both near and far. We will begin our singing at the church, and then travel by foot to Waterloo Town Square to finish our singing there. Please dress accordingly. This is a free community event, open to all. No musical experience necessary. Learn more: <https://trilliumwaterloo.ca/event/sing-in-solidarity/>

Rescue Junction Bluegrass Band at Rosebank Church
1434 Huron Road, Petersburg Sunday, October 25 6:30pm
no cost to attend. Freewill offering

Ministry Team Leaders Ross Shantz (chair), Fern Good,
Florence Scheerer

Worship - Bonnie Lee Bowman

Finance & Facilities - John Good

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