

**WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**March 1, 2026**

**Jesus Washes Feet: Obvious and Hidden**

Prelude Linda Shantz

**We Gather**

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Ross Shantz

We come to worship  
**with expectations that may or may not be met;**  
**with questions that might be answered;**  
**and answers that might be questioned.**

We come seeking God.  
**Seeking a taste of truth;**  
**seeking a glimpse of divine presence;**  
**seeking to make sense of the world.**

We come to journey with Jesus,  
**allowing ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,**  
**moved and confused**  
**by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.**

Let us worship God.

Song Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

Psalm 51:7-12

Confession poem

Jesus, you don't always act  
the way we expect,  
the way that seems right and proper  
and reasonable and wise.

We feel for Peter.  
In our confusion  
we too may say,  
"I'm sorry, God. What?!"

We may say,  
"No way. Never!"  
But you are persistent.

You remind us  
that we don't have to understand everything  
right now.

You invite us  
to simply take off our sandals  
and experience your love.

Scandalous as it is.  
Jesus washes Peter's feet

Song Will You Come and Follow Me VT 540

**We Hear God's Word**

Scripture John 13:1-17  
video by Saddleback Kids Prod.

Song Christ, on the Night He was Betrayed VT 491

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

## We Respond

Meditative Response Jesus Took a Towel VT 490

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song Thuma mina (Send Me Lord) VT 834

Sending Blessing

As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant  
melodies of your life,  
in the knowing and not knowing,  
Experiencing Jesus' love for us  
and his invitation to go and to do likewise,  
may you go, with Christ's peace surrounding you,  
to practice acts of love.

Postlude

## Lent - Dwelling in Dissonance

Lent 3 Mar 8 Peter's Denial: Standing Up and Standing Back  
John 18:12-27 (Psalm 17:1-7) Jim Loepp Thiessen

Lent 4 Mar 15 Jesus and Pilate: Submission and Power  
John 18:28-40 (Psalm 145:10-13) Susan Allison Jones

Lent 5 Mar 22 Jesus Condemned: Complicity and Innocence  
John 19:1-16a (Psalm 146) Susan Allison Jones

## Birthdays

Bev Koenig March 1

Sandra Bean March 7

## Lenten Lunches

The churches of the Wilmot Ecumenical Ministerial invite you to join in weekly gatherings at noon for a light meal and a short devotional/time of corporate worship.

12 noon. Cost of lunch by donation.

March 4 – Shantz Mennonite Church

2473 Erbs Road, Baden

March 11 --Zion United Church

215 Peel St., New Hamburg

March 18 – New Hamburg Christian Centre

177 Jacob St., New Hamburg

March 25 – Steinmann Mennonite Church

1316 Snyder's Road W. Baden

## Prayer Requests

Ray Brenneman has had continued health concerns this week. Thank God for the medical care that he has received, for the wisdom of his doctors, and for God's healing presence.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for Church of the Living Word in Ottawa, ON. Getachew Woldeyes provides pastoral support for this congregation. Pray for them as they minister in our nation's capital city.

## Congregational Notes

You will find in your mailbox the donation receipt for your calendar 2025 giving. Receipts have been mailed to those members who had requested such action to happen. Please contact Michael or Lia Fewkes if there are any questions about the receipt. Thanks.

Join Susan after worship during Lent to discuss the week's Lenten theme. We will also use the Lenten material from the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada.

The Gospel of John will be the focus of the Lenten journey this year with the 2026 Narrative Lectionary scripture readings. You are invited to participate in a Wilmot Ignited Bible Study, led by pastors Kathryn, Kevin, and Greg. This will be an in-depth study of John's gospel, starting Thurs, Feb 26 and running weekly for 5 sessions. We will meet at Hillcrest Mennonite Church from 7:00-8:30 pm.

## Beyond The Congregation

**MCEC Idea Exchange - Churches Caring for Creation, March 7, 2026, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 800 King St. E., Kitchener, ON.** Join A Rocha Ontario and MCEC for our morning event to explore how Christian communities can make creation care part of the way they serve God and neighbour. A morning of stories and insights from experienced panelists.

### Repair Café - Saturday, March 28, 2026

Do you have a household item that's broken or needs repair? We'll show you how to fix it for free!

Nith Valley EcoBoosters will be hosting our 2nd Repair Café

- Saturday March 28, 2026
- 9:30am – 12:30pm
- Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg

We'll have skilled volunteer fixers on hand for mechanical, woodworking, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry, and book repairs. Do you have questions? Please contact us at: [nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.nvecoboosters.com](http://www.nvecoboosters.com) To learn more about the Repair Café movement visit [Repaircafe.org](http://Repaircafe.org)

Stay tuned for more details! Spread the word!

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

**Finance** - Lia and Michael Fewkes

**Worship** - Bonnie Lee Bowman

**Facilities** - John Good

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To Book the Church call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030

## A Poem for Lent

As we step into Lent,  
we say “welcome” to the dissonance.  
We reserve a space for lament and grief,  
to stay a while and do their work.  
We release our nice little pictures  
of perfect selves, perfect faith, perfect world,  
and look for God in the heartache.  
We listen for God in discordant melodies.  
And follow Jesus to the cross,  
though we don't understand  
and it doesn't compute.  
As we step into Lent,  
we say, “welcome” to the dissonance.  
Trusting that God is here.  
Now. In the mystery.  
Before it is resolved.