

**Calendar - This Week**

Sun., Nov. 19	Following worship	<b>"Amahl and the Night Visitors" Tickets are on sale in the lower foyer. Adults: \$20.00; Students: \$10.00; Children (12 and under): \$5.00.</b>
	Following worship	<b>SJMC Christmas Dinner Tickets are on sale. Tickets: \$30.00 each.</b>
	3:00 p.m.	<b>"Amahl and the Night Visitors" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Informal Potluck Supper and Sharing with Wendy, Chip, Levi and Kai upon their return from Benin. Please bring food to share and your own table service. (Basement)</b>
Mon., Nov. 20	2:00 p.m.	<b>Private Booking - Music Lessons (Basement Sunday School Room)</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Private Booking - Crokinole Group (Basement)</b>
Tues., Nov. 21	7:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry. New knitters are always welcome. (Gathering Room)</b>
Wed., Nov. 22	Noon	<b>Private Booking - PMS Trio (Sanctuary)</b>
	4-9:00 p.m.	<b>Private Booking - Music Lessons (Basement Sunday School Room)</b>
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Spiritual Friendship Group. (Prayer Room)</b>
Thurs., Nov. 23	10:00 a.m.	<b>English Classes, a program of WCS Family Support Centre. (Gath. Rm., Basement, Kitchen)</b>
	1:15 p.m.	<b>"Solo" Group. (Basement)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>"Amahl and the Night Visitors" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
Sat., Nov. 25	9:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>"Amahl and the Night Visitors" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Private Booking - Wideman Family. (Basement/Kitchen)</b>
	4-6:00 p.m.	<b>"Amahl and the Night Visitors" Rehearsal (Gathering Room)</b>

**Calendar - Coming**

**Nov. 26 Regular Worship Schedule.**

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship.** Eternity Sunday. Speaker: Wendy Janzen.
- 11:15 a.m. **Sunday School - Age 2-Gr. 8** (Gathering Room)
- 11:30 a.m. **Worship Response.**
- **Youth** (Youth Room)
- **Adults** (Basement)

**Dec. 2 & 3** - 7:00 p.m. **SJMC presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors"**, a one act Christmas opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, directed by Stephanie Kramer with cast and crew from SJMC. Tickets are available through the church office during regular office hours. Adults: \$20.00; Students: \$10.00; Children (12 and under): \$5.00.

**Dec. 11** - 6:30 p.m. **SJMC Christmas Dinner**, catered by Grace Frey. After-dinner Christmas program will feature the PMS Trio (Peggy, Mush and Sandy) with contributions from Orvie, Stephanie and Trevor. Tickets: \$30.00 each available from Brenda Poole, Margaret Metzger and the church office. (Basement and Sanctuary)

**Dec. 17** - 3:00 p.m. **Messiah Sing-a-Long** with orchestra, soloists and conductors Brandon Leis and Mark Diller Harder. Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Attendance is by donation with tax receipts available for donations over \$20. SJMC is helping to host this event. (Sanctuary)

**Feb. 11, 2018** - 2:30 p.m. **SJMC Spice of Life Variety Show..."Silly, Serious, Somewhere In-Between"**: Looking for all ages and a variety of "acts". See the foyer table sign-up sheet for more information. A dessert fellowship potluck follows the variety show.

***Especially for Junior Youth and Youth***

**April 6-7, 2018** - **Mark Your Calendars to host another Senior and Junior Youth Group at our church for a sleepover.**  
 More details to follow.

***Beyond Ourselves***

**Nov. 22** - 4:00-6:00 p.m. *MennoHomes Open House at The Foundry.* Join in the celebration of the opening of The Foundry. (7 Memorial Dr., Elmira)

**Nov. 23** - 7:00 p.m. *Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Annual General Meeting.* In addition to the regular annual business, there will be a vote on a proposed change to Rockway's By-Laws to include two non-Mennonite representatives on the Board of Directors. All are welcome. (Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, ON)

**Nov. 25** - 7:00 p.m. *MennoHomes Fall Concert and Annual General Meeting* featuring Inshallah Ensemble Choir. Everyone welcome. See poster on bulletin board or go to [www.mennohomes.com](http://www.mennohomes.com). (Rockway Mennonite Church)

**Nov. 26** - 2:30 p.m. *Fifth Annual Welcoming Advent, featuring the music of Lifted Voices from First Mennonite Church in Kitchener.* Some of the music will have a particular Advent theme. See poster on bulletin board. (Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Rd., Roseville.)

**Dec. 2** - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. *Make-A-Difference Market*, hosted by Conrad Grebel University College students. This charity Christmas market supports Direct Relief, an organization that provides emergency healthcare in disaster zones. Come listen to live music, get some Christmas shopping done, and enjoy baked goods and hearty soup all while supporting a good cause. (Conrad Grebel University College)

- 2:00 p.m. *Yuletide Favourites* featuring Twin City Harmonizers with special guests, Ripple Effect, 2017 Mixed Quartet Champions. See poster on bulletin board. (Calvary United Church, St. Jacobs)

**Dec. 3** - 3:00 p.m. *Three Choirs at Christmas: "Come Emmanuel"*. Join Menno Singers (Brandon Leis), Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir (Carolyn Neumann VanderBurgh) and Menno Youth Singers (Steve Surian) for this Christmas Concert. Tickets: Adults - \$15; Children/Students - \$5; Family - \$35 available from choristers, at the door and online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com). (St. Johns' Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St., Waterloo)

**Beyond Ourselves** (Continued)

**Feb. 27-Mar. 11, 2018** - *Learning Tour to Guatemala*. Hear stories, meet the people, participate in the wonderful culture and witness the efforts of Guatemalans who are striving for positive change. For more information, contact Bernie Burnett (226-235-4711, bernieb747@gmail.com) or Katie Buchnea (katiebuchnea@mcco.ca) or visit mcco.ca/events. Deadline for registration is Monday, January 25, 2018.

**Notes**

**Mark Diller Harder will be on vacation November 21-26** and traveling to Bluffton, Ohio with Rachel and Nathan for American Thanksgiving.

**SJMC Prayer Chain:** Did you know that SJMC has an active Prayer Chain of over 50 participants. Congregational members can contact a pastor and ask for people to pray for them in times of need, crisis or celebration. These prayers go to the prayer chain either by email or phone call. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please contact Doris Pfohl (519-664-2070 or wdpfohl@yahoo.ca) or Vera Buehler (519-747-4190 or mjbvrb@golden.net).

**401 Eastbound Care Meals** are being organized by Marcia Shantz on behalf of Tonya Martin and Tilak Dutta, and their two sons: Avery (2) and Cayden (7 months) who live in Toronto. Cayden was born in April 2017 bringing much joy and love to the family and also significant infant health challenges. He requires intensive 24/7 medical care at home. **Tonya and Tilak write: "We continue to be humbled and deeply grateful for the unwavering support from SJMC."** (View blog at: <https://caydendutta.ca>.) **For those interested in preparing a homemade freezer care meal** (recyclable containers/SJMC cookbook recipes all provided: casserole, soup, cookies, muffins), **please follow the easy process outlined on the foyer table.** (There are no dietary restrictions.) **Return the frozen container to church on either Sunday, December 3 or December 10 and meet Marcia in church parking lot between 9:30-9:45 a.m.** And your prayers require no organization. (fyi: Tonya/Marcia were a 6-year SJMC Youth/Mentor pair in 1990s.)

**House of Friendship Cookie Collection:** In support of our annual cookie drive for the House of Friendship Christmas Food Hamper program, you are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of cookies. (Collection jars are provided on the foyer tables.) This year, home-made cookies will not be eligible to be included with the hampers but would be appreciated by the volunteers packing the hampers. Trays are available from the lower foyer. Please return any cash donations or baked cookies to the church by December 5.

**If anybody knows or has connections with a family who owns a "Sugar Bush"** and would be willing to give a tour to a youth group (April 6 or 7, 2018), please contact Monica Cressman.

**Calling Licensed Electricians.** MCC is retrofitting the fluorescent fixtures in their 50 Kent offices with more efficient LEDs. A work weekend is planned and your help is needed. The retrofit will happen Friday, November 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 25 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The job will finish up on Saturday with a delicious lunch and great fellowship. For more information please contact Bob Lebold (boblebold@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458, ext. 224)

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for a Donations Coordinator.** The Coordinator ensures our four Auctions (Indoor, Outdoor, Silent and Children) have enough items for auction and each auction is run effectively. For more information see [www.nhmrs.com/news](http://www.nhmrs.com/news) or contact John Reimer at [john.b.reimer@outlook.com](mailto:john.b.reimer@outlook.com) or 519-662-4315.

**Woolwich Community Services Goodwill Program:** Woolwich Community Services is again organizing the Christmas Goodwill program to assist families in need, in Woolwich and part of Wellesley Township. If you would like to support this program, you can donate gifts of new clothing, new toys or money, or you can sponsor a family or child. Volunteer help is another way to donate. Please see the guidelines in the bulletin board racks. All gifts should be delivered to either Woolwich Community Services office (5 Memorial Ave., Elmira) by Friday, December 8 or to the Lion's Hall (Sunday, December 10 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.). Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

**Rohingya Refugee Crisis:** The Canadian government announced that it is matching donations designated for the Rohingya refugee crisis. For every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians until November 28, the government will contribute an equal amount to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund. Learn more about MCC's response at [mcco.ca/stories](http://mcco.ca/stories).

**KW Mennonite Campfire.** You are invited to an informal Friday evening of sing-along music and storytelling. Feel free to bring an instrument, tap your toe, or just listen. Please bring a nut-free snack to share. Starts at 7:00 p.m. on November 24 (W-K United Mennonite). For more information contact Matthew Bailey-Dick at [nevertheless@rogers.com](mailto:nevertheless@rogers.com).

**SJMC Missions Corner Bulletin Board:** Check out the Missions corner in the lower foyer for local and global projects.

**SJMC Perpetual Food Bank:** Woolwich Community Services (WCS) is thankful for our ongoing support of their food bank. For the most part, their shelves are in good shape BUT especially needed at this time are crackers and egg cartons. Items are collected in the grocery cart in the lower foyer.

**See the bulletin board for information and posters of concerts happening in the community.**

**St. Jacobs Mennonite Church Photo Directory available from the church office.** Cost: \$20.00 each.

**Cookbooks available:** Copies of the St. Jacobs Community Cookbook are available from the church office. Cost: \$15.00.

**Volunteer / Employment Opportunities:** Check bulletin boards for Volunteer and Employment opportunities.

**St. Jacobs Mennonite Church**

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