

Calendar - This Week

Sun., Jan. 21	Following worship	Intergenerational time with PiE guest. All are invited to share a pie dessert in support of the ministry of PiE (Pastors in Exile). By donation. <i>Please make cheques payable directly to Pastors in Exile.</i> (Basement)
Mon., Jan. 22	9:00 a.m.	SJMC Women Extra Quilting and Knotting Day (Gathering Room)
	2-9:00 p.m.	Private Booking - Music Lessons (Basement Sunday School Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Private Booking - Crokinole Group (Basement)
Tues., Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Council (Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry. New knitters are always welcome. (Gathering Room)
Wed., Jan. 24	8:30 a.m.	Auditors from McClurkin Ahier and Company at the church all day.
	4-9:00 p.m.	Private Booking - Music Lessons (Basement Sunday School Room)
Thurs., Jan. 25	1:15 p.m.	"Solo" Group. (Basement)
	2:00 p.m.	Seniors' Progressive Crokinole (Basement)
Fri., Jan. 26 - Sun., Jan. 28		SJMC Silver Lake Snow Weekend. Come out for a weekend of outdoor fun, games, fellowship, food and simply relaxing together as a church community. Talk to Monica Cressman or Mark Diller Harder for more information. Sign-up sheets and Information Sheets are on the foyer table.

Calendar - Coming

Jan. 28 Regular Worship Schedule.

Church Winter Retreat Weekend. No Junior Sunday School.

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship.** Covenant New - The Journey Continues: "Mentoring". Speakers: Sue Shantz, Maya Morton Ninomiya, Mark Diller Harder.
- 11:30 a.m. **Worship Response.**
- **Youth and Adults** (Basement)

Feb. 11 - Junior Youth Group Cinnamon Bun Sale: Junior Youth will again be making Cinnamon Buns to raise money for their MCEC retreat at Silver Lake. Come and enjoy a cinnamon bun and coffee before and/or after the Worship Service (if there are any remaining), or pre-order so you have some in the freezer for a later date. The Order form is on the foyer table. Why not buy one for your Valentine??? There is no set charge but the Junior Youth appreciate your donations.

- 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. See the updated announcement with more information under "Notes" on this Announcement Sheet.

Feb. 13 - 5:30-7:00 p.m. Free Community Pancake and Sausage Supper hosted by SJMC. Sign-up sheets for Topping Donations and Volunteers are on the table in the lower foyer. Monetary and Non-Perishable Food Item donations in support of Woolwich Community Services will be graciously accepted. Please make cheques payable to Woolwich Community Services. Invite your family and friends to join us. (Kitchen and Basement)

Mar. 14 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Quilting and Knotting with St. James Lutheran Church Women's Ministries. SJMC women are invited to join St. James Lutheran Women's Ministries for all or part of a day of Quilting and Knotting to make quilts for CLWR. Lunch will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet on the foyer table. (St. James Lutheran Church, St. Jacobs)

Apr. 8 - Hold the Date! Esteemed 80s, 90s and 100s. A special morning Worship Service celebration of appreciation for those SJMC seniors who are 80+! Further details will be announced soon. In the meantime, mention this date to your children for their calendars and an invitation of welcome to attend.

Especially for Junior Youth

Feb. 10/11 - Junior Youth Sleepover. A time to make cinnamon buns to raise money again for our MCEC Weekend retreat at Silver Lake in May. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the church. You should have received an email, if you didn't talk to Anita Schroeder Kipfer or Monica Cressman.

Especially for Seniors

Jan. 25 - 2:00 p.m. SJMC Seniors Progressive Crokinole. Please contact Erma Baker (519-664-2834) if you can bring a crokinole board and card table. Refreshments to follow.

Beyond Ourselves

Jan. 25 - 7:30 p.m. Conrad Grebel University College Fretz Visiting Scholar Lecture with Russian history scholar Aileen Friesen. Aileen will explore Mennonite colonization on Muslim land in her lecture, "Muslim-Mennonite Encounters in the Russian Empire". See poster on the bulletin board. (Grebel Great Hall)

Jan. 27 - 7:00 p.m. Fundraiser in Support of MennoHomes. Roast beef dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Rescue Junction in Concert. Dinner Tickets: Adults - \$30; Children 10 and under - \$10. The concert is open to all with a freewill offering. Floradale Mennonite Church will double the offering collection (up to \$5,000). See poster on bulletin board for ticket information. (Floradale Mennonite Church)

Feb. 3 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (MCRS) Annual Meeting. Guest speaker: Dr. Vinh Nguyen, 2017 recipient of the John Charles Polanyi Prize in Literature, whose research exploring the journey and contributions of refugees in Canada spans decades of the rich contribution of refugees to the history and day-to-day life of this country. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. (The Schlegel Community Education Room, Conrad Grebel University College)

Feb. 9-11 - Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Women's Retreat. Relax in the new sauna, enjoy a massage, read a book by the fire, snowshoe or ski through the woods, stargaze on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savour exceptional food. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. To register visit www.sjmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

Beyond Ourselves (Continued)

- Feb. 15** - 7:30 p.m. *2018 Rodney and Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholar*. Conrad Grebel University College is pleased to welcome Don E. Saliers. Catch his free lecture "Psalms in a Difficult Time: the Rhythms of Doxology and Lament". See poster on bulletin board for more information or go to grebel.ca/events. (Grebel Great Hall)
- Feb. 19** - 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres Camp*. Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Bring your own equipment for sledding and skating, enjoy roasting bannock around the campfire, warm up inside with pretzel-making, crafts, ping-pong, and much more! Some activities are weather dependent. Choose a hot lunch for \$3/person or bring a bagged lunch (peanut-free). RSVP to info@hiddenacres.ca or call 519-625-8602 (Indicate if you are bringing your own lunch). See poster on b.b. (Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp)

Notes

SJMC Emergency Contact Information: SJMC has discontinued the church cell phone for emergency contact purposes. In the case of an emergency, please contact the pastors via their personal cell phones. Their numbers are listed below.

Note of Thanks and Call for Volunteers: After many years of volunteering to fold the SJMC worship bulletins each week, Alice Brubacher and Marie Snider are retiring. I want to extend a special thank you to Alice and Marie for their faithful and dedicated volunteer service. If you would like to volunteer to fold the bulletins, please contact Karen Sauder in the church office (519-664-2268 or karen@sjmc.on.ca).

Reading the Bible - A New Year's Invitation. Are you interested in spending more time with scripture in 2018? Join others in a plan to read the whole Bible over the course of the year. Sign up on the foyer table, where you can also pick up a daily reading schedule. Talk to Ian VanderBurgh for more information.

House of Friendship 2018 February Potato Blitz. House of Friendship will use 300,000 pounds of potatoes this year to feed those in need. You can help meet this need by giving cash or spuds at these events. See the poster on the bulletin board to see where you can volunteer and/or donate to this blitz.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp: Registration opens February 1, 2018 for Summer 2018 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Leadership Programs, Out-trips and much more. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. For more information, please visit www.sjmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@sjmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

NEW UPDATE: SJMC SPICE OF LIFE VARIETY SHOW. . .

"Silly, Serious, Somewhere In-Between": Sunday, February 11, 2018 (2:30 p.m.), followed by 'Savouries and Desserts' potluck. A fun Sunday afternoon together as a church-family - *Nothing more, but definitely nothing less!*

VARIETY SHOW ACTS NEEDED: Sign up your Act by Sunday, January 28 to allow planners lead time to coordinate the program. Looking for **ALL AGES** to participate with an "act", whether you're experienced or stretching your comfort zone: magic tricks, music, reading, skit... limitless ideas! If you are "shy", go for it! Give it a try!! Mark is!!!

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Sign-up by Sunday, January 28. No experience necessary. A great way to get to know others by getting involved for a short commitment. 1. **Food:** Receive/oversee food coordination, 2. **Drink:** Prep and Serve, or 3. **Tables/Chairs** set-up/take-down (and vacuum).

NEW POTLUCK MENU: **Savouries is added** to the desserts potluck selection with **simple items** e.g. sours, veggies/dip, cheese/crackers, cold meat, devilled eggs, etc. **No ovens or crock pots, please.** **A reminder:** There will be plenty of food to share, *so please do come and enjoy*, even if food prep isn't possible for you.

EVENT DETAILS: 2:30 p.m. - Arrive with potluck items. 2:45 p.m. - Variety Show begins. *****Please, bring your own plate, utensils, mug.***** **INVITATION:** Extend the hand of friendship and hospitality to others from SJMC and beyond.

PLANNERS/QUESTIONS?: Mark Cressman (professed "shy guy" magician), Pam Derksen, Marcia Shantz.

***** In case of inclement weather: *****

In the case of severe winter weather conditions, church cancellation information will be broadcast on 570 NEWS and on 96.7 CHYM and will be listed on our church website (www.sjmc.on.ca).

NOTE: We have no control over the radio stations' timing to update their lists.

Always evaluate your own travel conditions before venturing out on a Sunday morning.

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. Especially needed at this time are cookies and small and large canned fruit. 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.

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

St. Jacobs Mennonite Church

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