

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is going SOLAR! Join us, Thursday, January 16 at 7 pm to learn how we could afford to install 873 solar panels. More information at rockway.ca/events

Exciting News! The New MCC Meat Cannery is ready! *Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 65 Heritage Dr., New Hamburg* After months of hard work and anticipation, the MCC Meat Cannery in New Hamburg is complete—and it's time to celebrate! **Join us for the grand dedication event.** Explore the new facility. Discover the life-changing impact of MCC's canned meat around the world. Enjoy delicious refreshments and appetizers. No need to RSVP—just come as you are and be part of this special moment. For details, visit mcc.org/meat-cannery-dedication

January 21, 2025 marks the 500th Anniversary of the first re-baptisms of the Radical Reformation. To mark the occasion the movie "The Radicals" will be shown at Hillcrest Mennonite Church on January 21 at 7:00pm. The Radicals tells the story of the early Anabaptists through the lives of Michael and Margaretha Sattler. The movie does depict scenes of violence including murder, torture, and execution and is therefore not suited for children. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

Join our comforter knotting blitz! *January 25, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the MCC Hub, 65 Heritage Dr, New Hamburg.* Enjoy hot beverages, great company, and the joy of giving. No experience needed - knotting comforters is fun for all! Go to mcc.org/events for more info.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is turning 80! Join us on Friday, February 14, 2025. Morning: Chapel with guest speakers Ray Boehm '84 and Mary Groh '49. Evening: Soup Supper Fundraiser and Alumni Sports Challenge. Learn more at rockway.ca/events!

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, February 27 - March 1, 2025. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.rockway.ca/events. Our cast and crew looks forward to welcoming you and your family into Wonka's world of Pure Imagination!

Upcoming Worship Services:

Jan 12: Pastor Jim

Jan 19: 500th anniversary of Anabaptism at Mannheim, 9:45 am. No service @ St. Agatha

Jan 26: Pastor Jim

Future events

*Thanks to all who helped in the spring cleaning of the foyer, office and sanctuary!
The basement cleaning is on hold until construction of the ramp is completed.

Birthdays: Dianne Pitcher (02), Diane Heyer (08), Wayne Leis (19),
Phyllis Miller Martin (23), Hailey Matthews (25)

St. Agatha Mennonite Church

Order of Worship: Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown (519) 590-9386

Worship Leader: Karen G

Speaker: Pastor Jim

Scripture Reader: Brenda J

Music: Mary G. Brenda J

Song Leader: Heather M

Coffee: Brenda J

Greeter: Marilyn Z

Zoom: Minnie M

Worship theme: Today's continuing look at the story of Jonah includes a massive storm at sea. Where is God and what is God's part in this storm? How do we usually face the storms that crash into our lives? What is God's part in these storms? What are our options when they feel overwhelming? Are there ways we can equip ourselves to face them?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #353 HWB - Lord, listen to your children praying

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Psalms 55:1-8 (NIV)**

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me.

My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught because of what my enemy is saying, because of the threats of the wicked; for they bring down suffering on me and assail me in their anger.

My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen on me.

Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me.

I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm."

Hymn: Will your anchor hold (see below)

Scripture: **Jonah 1:10-17 (NIV)** Brenda J

This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.)

The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" "Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for You, LORD, have done as You pleased."

Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to Him. Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Message: *When storms are overwhelming ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #558 HWB - When the storms of life are raging

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #428 HWB - Lord let us now depart in peace

Benediction

Postlude

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow? [Refrain]

3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore? [Refrain]

*Please join us downstairs for sermon discussion/coffee time.

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**Announcements**

**Jan 19 invite:**

**Please join us at Mannheim Mennonite Church** January 19<sup>th</sup>, for an international potluck following the service, to celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. We encourage those who are able to prepare and bring an international potluck dish to share. A celebration cake will be provided as dessert as well as beverages.

Everyone who is planning to attend the potluck, we ask that you please bring the following for each person attending;

- Plates, cutlery and beverage cups.
- If providing a potluck dish, any serving utensils needed for your dish.

If you are planning to attend please let Pastor Jim know by Tues Jan 14 so he can inform the host group of numbers.