

Order of Worship: Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: As you look at the journey of your life, what lessons have you learned along the way? Our Hebrews scripture talks about our Christian life as a race. What are things we have or need to "throw off" in order to run a good race? Are there things we have or could equip ourselves with for our race? How might the armour of God described in our Ephesians reading fit in?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV) *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #413 HWB - Faith of the martyrs

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV) Yvonne - *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Hymn: #598 HWB - A wonderful Saviour is Jesus

Message: *Lessons from the Road ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #545 HWB - Be Thou my vision

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #546 HWB - Guide my feet

Benediction

Postlude

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

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**Announcements**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7pm - coordinating committee meeting at the meeting house.**

**Thursday the 11th of September, 7 pm, Detweiler Meetinghouse**, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr, ON, we will welcome local folk/country Menno-cult darlings NDK (No Discernible Key).

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is hosting a free *Family Festival***, followed by a ticketed *Food Market Fundraiser* at J. Steckle Heritage Farm on **Saturday, September 13** to celebrate 80 years of Rockway AND to raise the last funds needed to complete our Capital Campaign!

**Come to Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Sunday, September 14** for an 80th Anniversary *Open House and Hymn Sing*. Drop in for the Open House between 1:30 - 4:30 pm to check out the memory displays, connect with old friends/teachers and see what changes we've made around the school. At 2:30 pm, Mark Diller Harder will lead our *Hymn Sing*, accompanied by Ann L. Schultz, current and former music faculty members, alumni and current students. For more information and to RSVP and suggest your favourite hymn, visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events).

**Mark your calendars for Friday, October 17** and let Rockway Mennonite Collegiate prepare a delicious Spaghetti Supper for you! More information at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

**Doors Open Waterloo Region: MCC Hub September 20, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.**, 65 Heritage Dr., New Hamburg. The MCC Hub is a participating site of Doors Open Waterloo Region. Tour the home to MCC's material resources and thrift processing, including the innovative new meat cannery; explore behind-the-scenes operations and pack a relief kit for someone affected by conflict or disaster. See how we meet urgent needs and make a global impact — one can, one kit at a time. There's fun for the whole family with a bouncy castle and face painting, too.

**Save the Date: Sunday, September 21, 3 pm:** “Music for MCC Meat Cannery”. Come enjoy vocal and instrumental music offered by a variety of people. Concert will be held in the Steinmann Mennonite Church sanctuary. Cost by donation – all proceeds going to MCC Meat Cannery. Everyone is welcome.

**You're invited to the Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre's** 31st annual Community Fundraiser (Poor Boy's Luncheon), Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the New Hamburg Community Centre @ 251 Jacob St. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. / Dinner: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets available online (scan Or code) at the door: \$10/person; \$35/family.

Thank you for your ongoing support in building strong and healthy communities where all individuals are accepted and have opportunities to participate and grow.

**October 1 at 7 p.m., Shantz Mennonite Church, 2473 Erbs Rd, Baden**

**October 2 at 7 p.m., Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo**

You're invited to join author and notable speaker Sarah Augustine, together with Adrian Jacobs and Mennonite Action, for two evenings of conversation about Indigenous justice and decolonization. These events are free but require registration. Learn more and register here. Capacity is limited.

**On Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at Marshall Hall, Bingemans,** we will gather for a three-course dinner and meaningful reflections under the theme:

***Rooted in Legacy, Growing Tomorrow.*** Together, we will reflect on 16 years of remarkable leadership and transformation at House of Friendship, 3A-236 Victoria St. N. Kitchener — a time marked by bold new initiatives like ShelterCare, the Live-In Addiction Treatment Centre in Cambridge, the vision for Friendship Village, and the continued growth of our Community Services. We'll honour CEO John Neufeld's legacy of innovation and celebrate 86 years of House of Friendship's service — a legacy built on the shoulders of those who came before, marked by creativity, compassion, and care for community. Most importantly, this evening will look ahead with hope — inviting you to be part of the next chapter as we continue responding to the challenges in our community with the same courage and compassion that began our journey. We would be honoured to share this unforgettable evening with you.

[fundraising@houseoffriendship.org](mailto:fundraising@houseoffriendship.org)

**Save the date! Sat. Dec. 13. Wilmot Ignited Advent Women's Retreat** at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Sept 7 - Pastor Jim

Sept 14 - Robert Mann

Sept 21 - Pastor Jim

Sept 28 - Pastor Jim

**Wilmot Ignited joint services**

Oct 5 - World Communion Sunday

Dec 28 - Mannheim