



Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, cards, food and well wishes for our family during Laurie's surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Pastor Fred for his prayers and phone calls.

Ken & Laurie Erb

The 1st OMRS with the new format replacing the former Heifer Sale was held at OLEX in Waterloo in Feb. raising approximately \$77,000.00. It included cash donations; 53 donated animals; OLEX donated their commission; ads for the sale were sponsored; truckers donated their services. Special thanks to the buyers! Blessings on all who participated!

Your Local Rep – Norm Roes

"The Big Cheese" challenge, Missions is organizing a fundraiser to sell Millbank Cheese to raise funds to help the homeless in Stratford and area. To make this a success we need as many people as possible from



our congregation helping to sell cheese. There will be a prize for the person/family who sells the most (dollars' worth) of cheese. Missions will have order forms with instructions available Sun. March 27th, so get your list of potential customers ready. Ryan Erb from United Way will be at Poole April 3rd to discuss homelessness with us.

As our pandemic is changing & community services will be expanding in-person services, we need to hire a coordinator for the ESL program at Poole. The expected hours of work fluctuate from season to season and we hope to begin classes in the early fall. More information about this position please contact Janet.

Coming Events

Apr. 3: Guest Speaker - **Ryan Erb** - Working at United Way for the last 11 years.

Apr. 7: Church Council – Reports due on Mar. 28

May 8: Parent/Child Dedication - Let Pastor Fred know if you want to participate.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre's 38th Annual Fundraising Bowlathon.



This is one of the camp's main annual fundraising events and we look forward to the continued support of our community. Last year over \$29,000 was raised! Please show your support by donating on-line at hiddenacres.ca/donate, and select "Annual Bowlathon" or mail a cheque - 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, On. N3A 4B5.

Grebel Lectures:

Sawatsky Lecture: Regina Shands Stoltzfus "Resistance Strategies" - March 24, 7:30 pm (in -person or virtual)

MCC is looking for auction items for the New Hamburg relief sale please contact barryroth@nhmrs.com if you would like to donate. **The Promotion Dinner is April 26th** at 6:30 at Bingeman's, tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online <https://nhmrs.square.site/> or by calling **519-745-7458 (press 3)**. Full details for these events are on the bulletin board.

New Hamburg thrift is in major need of Volunteers!! With society opening up and the busy spring season ahead, we are looking for people available through the week during regular business hours. Our Receiving manager is asking for people who can sort and help with receiving donations as they come. Please reach out to Jennifer Woolner at jenniferwoolner@mcco.ca or 519-662-2867. You can also go to newhamburgthrift.com and fill out a Volunteer application. Thank-You

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