

Advent and Christmas Events Beyond Our Doors

The choir of First Mennonite Church, [922 Notre Dame Ave](#), with a small orchestra under the direction of Yuri Klaz, invite you to their Advent Concert featuring Vivaldi's Gloria as well as smaller works by Dvorak and Pergolesi, on Sunday Dec. 3rd at 7pm. Admission is free; a donation will be taken.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites you to an evening of music celebrating Christmas on **Monday, December 4th, 7:00 pm** at Westminster United Church. This special evening will feature our Junior students, Senior School Chorus and Senior Concert Band. All are welcome. Admission is free. An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the event with the remainder being donated to a local charity.

Faith and Life Choir Christmas Concerts, "The Glory of the Lord", on Saturday, December 16, 2017, 7 p.m. at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, and Sunday, December 17, 2017, 3 p.m. at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Altona.

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will once again be putting on Handel's **Messiah!** Performances are on December 15 & 16 at 8PM. and features the WSO Chorus. They are offering individuals from our church a 20% discount on each ticket and 20% of all sales from our church will go back to our church. Just book your tickets directly through the box office or go online at www.wso.ca and give the Coupon Code **HOME**. See the poster for more details.



Christmas at Home Street

December 3	11:00	1st Advent, Parent-Child dedication
December 9	3:00 - 5:30pm	Christmas Party
December 10	11:00am	2nd Advent, Choir sings
December 17	11:00am	S.S. Christmas program & Choir
December 22	6:30pm	Longest Night of the Year gathering
December 24	11:00 am	4 th Advent Worship Service
December 24	6:30 pm	Candle Light Service

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Home Street Mennonite Church

December 3, 2017

Welcome to Worship

First Advent and Parent-Child Dedication

Focus Statement: "We awaken to God's purpose, which begins in darkness – whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful, and resistant, yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty."

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Candle-lighting

Come, Light of the world

solo

Prayer

Hymn *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

STS 1

Dedicating

Hymn *Jesus, friend so kind and gentle*

HWB 621

Parent-Child Dedication

Hymn *Child of blessing*

HWB 620

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

Children's Story

Message: *Let it be*

Responding

Hymn *How can we be silent*

STJ 61

Offering

Prayers of the people and prayers for the world

Sending

Benediction

Hymn *O come, O come, Immanuel* verses 1 & 6

HWB 172

Wisdom and Wonder

Canadian Mennonite University News...Notes...

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre presents the book launch of ***Life at the End of Us vs Them***, by Marcus Peter Rempel. Thursday Dec. 7, 7:00 PM at CMU's Marpeck Commons. For more information go to www.commonword.ca/go/1410.

Consider enrolling in a 2nd semester CMU evening course for credit or audit. Choose from a range of options including: Principles and Paradigms of Youth Ministry; Who is Jesus?; Fundamentals of Marketing; Organizational Leadership; Advanced Journalism; History of North American Conservatism; Study of Voluntary Simplicity; The Art of Peacebuilding...and many more. Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.

CMU's **Sunday@CMU** radio program is featuring Dr. Andrew Dyck, Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, on the theme of Advent, Jesus Christ's second coming, and what it means to live as a faithful Christian. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio and online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

Mennonite Central Committee News...Notes

Christmas Giving - This Christmas, give a gift that gives twice! Through MCC's Christmas Giving projects, you can bring joy to the people you love and transform lives around the world. Each gift comes with a card that explains the gift you've given. Choose from a variety of gift options that will be meaningful to friends, teachers, co-workers or family! Visit mccmb.ca/christmas today.

MCC Canada welcomes applications for Director of Fundraising & Communications based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until December 22. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/director-fundraising-communications

SALT - If you're interested in a year long cross-cultural internship or work experience in a faith-based context, consider applying for SALT 2017-18! We're looking for communicators, educators, French or Spanish speakers, development grads, peacebuilders, nurses, IT experts, social workers, and more. Young adults ages 18-30, apply today at <http://mccmb.ca/salt>.

Indigenous Settler Relations



Join ***Friends of Shoal Lake 40*** in hearing updates and stories about the progress of the road from the Shoal Lake 40 community: Chief Erwin Redsky, Angelina McLeod, and Karine Duhamel from Canadian Museum

for Human Rights.

Saturday December 9

1pm to 3pm

Circle of Life Thunderbird House (715 Main St)

There will be coffee and snacks, and child-minding will be available during the event.

Parent-Child Dedication Litany

Pastor: Today we celebrate the lives of Emery, Perrin, and Nikolas, who have joined our community of faith. Each one is a miracle of life, a unique expression of the Creator's love. Adrienne and Aaron, Amy and Matthew, Lindsay and Cory, together with their daughter Jane, are committing themselves to raise these children in the way of Jesus, supported and nurtured within this faith community. As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we dedicate ourselves to walk with you as you raise these children to be people of faith, hope, and love, who will share God's peace in the world.

Parents: As parents, we dedicate our children to God in your presence here at Home Street Mennonite Church. Our children are gifts from God, entrusted into our care. We commit our home as a primary place for faith to unfold and grow, and we will nurture our children in Christian love, peace, and service. We welcome the support of our families, friends, and church community as together we raise our children to become people of faith.

Pastor: Extended family, close friends and caregivers: Please stand and speak your commitment to support and care for these families.

Extended Family, close friends, etc: We accept the special relationship entrusted to us and commit ourselves to our unique roles as grandparents, family members, close friends, and caregivers. We will support you with our love, encouragement, time and energy, and prayers. We promise to enfold each child in love and acceptance, throughout his life journey. As God holds us, so we will hold them.

Congregation: (*Please stand*) As members of your congregation here at Home Street Mennonite Church, we share your joy and celebrate the dedication of your children to God. May God bless you and give you wisdom and grace. We commit to provide a caring community in which your children can grow and flourish. We promise to support you with our prayers and encouragement, through our worship and education ministries, with spiritual care and unconditional love. We pray that our shared life and witness will nourish and empower you as families. With open arms we welcome Nikolas, Perrin, and Emery into our church community.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Judith F.E.

Speaker: Melissa M.

Offertory: Wayne G.

Soloist: Emma S.

Children's Story: Brenda S.

Visuals: Viola K. & Janet P.

Drama: Ken N. and Pearl T.N.

Song Leader: Joyce S.

Scripture Reader: Christine E.

Sound: David S.

Greeter: Heather S.

Ushers: Curt W. & Meg G.

Organist: Maureen E.

Pianist: Ruth T.

Inside our Doors

- Advent begins on December 3 and so does our Advent Giving Project! This year, we invite your generous contributions to the following:**
 - 1) On December 3 and 10: Donations of unwrapped toys for the Christmas toy drive of the North End Family Centre.** Each year the Family Centre hosts a Christmas party for low-income families. Your donations of good quality toys (for ages 0 to 16 and valued at \$15 to \$20) will make the celebration special for those who attend. Toys should arrive at HSMC no later than December 10. For more information contact Kelsey Enns.
 - 2) On December 17 and 24: The Wider Church Ministries which HSMC supports: Westgate Mennonite Collegiate and Mennonite Church Manitoba.** Both of these institutions contribute in many ways to our congregation's faith, mission and witness. Please give generously so that we can make our 4th quarter contribution.
- An invitation to lunch!** HSMC seniors are invited to gather at the church at 11:30, Thursday, December 7 for a Christmas lunch. Wayne Guenther is our special guest! If you can bring a salad, or want to share some of your Christmas baking with the group, or if you need a ride, contact April Braun, Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 5. See you all there!
- Home Street Family Christmas: December 9th from 3:00 to 5:30 pm.**

Please come for an afternoon of Christmas music, crafts, cookie decorating and board games for all ages. We will be serving fropa: freshly baked buns and bread, meat, cheese, cookies, etc. all afternoon. We will be collecting toys for the North End Family Centre and invite you to bring a toy for ages 0 - 16, in the \$15-\$20 range. There will be a place to make donations to cover the cost of the event, the excess money going to wider church ministries. Please sign up by emailing or calling the church office.
- Melissa will be traveling** to Virginia and Pennsylvania December 5-12, attending a MennoMedia board meeting and visiting family.
- Home Plate** is a place where 25 families (mostly neighbors) come to pick up their hamper of food every other week on Wednesday afternoon. Some help sort food, and many linger over coffee and share stories and advice. On Wednesday, Dec. 20, the SDA church is donating a box of oranges for each family and we would like to add a plate of Christmas cookies/squares to each hamper. We will put on the Christmas music, decorate tables and serve Christmas goodies on that afternoon. Please contact Susan Reynar. if you are able to contribute a couple dozen cookies/squares.

- Longest Night service 6:30 pm Friday December 22 at the church.** Recognizing that the holiday season can be difficult for some, pastors Judith Friesen Epp and Melissa Miller offer this brief gathering to acknowledge the struggles and challenges in these days.
- Youth Christmas Parties:**

Friday, December 8, 7:00 – 9:30 pm: Junior Youth Christmas Party
Friday, December 9, 3:00 pm to evening: Jr and Sr Youth are invited to join the Home Street Family Christmas!
Friday, December 16, 7:00 – 10:00 pm: Senior Youth Christmas Party
- REJOICE! Devotionals:** It is time to renew yearly subscriptions for Rejoice, please make cheques payable to Home St, and put in the memo *Rejoice*. The price is \$37.44 for the year (4 devotionals). Please contact Cindy at the office if you wish to be on our subscription list or to confirm you want to stay on, email adminstrator@hsmc.ca, phone: 204-783-1721. Please respond before Dec.17, 2017.
- Home Street Mennonite Church Phone Directory 2018:** It's time to make our annual phone directory, if you are newer to Home St. and would like to be included or if you have any changes to be made to your phone, address, or email please email Cindy, call the office, or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the box or mailbox #107. Office phone # 204-783-1721, Email: administrator@hsmc.ca. Also if you are not receiving our weekly email and would like to be on the list please let Cindy know. Thanks.

This Week at Home Street

Dec. 3	9:30 am	Sunday School & Advent Choir Rehearsal;
	11:00 am	Worship Service
4	6:30 pm	Sonolux rehearsal (sanctuary)
4	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
6	7:00pm	Sound Healing Meditation (sanctuary)
7	11:30am	Senior's Christmas Lunch (downstairs)
7	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
8	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
8	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (Upstairs)
8	7:00 pm	Jr. Youth Christmas Party (downstairs)
9	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
9	3:00-5:30 pm	Home St. Family Christmas (downstairs)



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

Please see the latest MDS *Behind the Hammer* magazine at the following link:

<https://www.mds.mennonite.net/stay-connected/#bth>

And check the website for the many serving opportunities:

<https://www.mds.mennonite.net/>