

Advent and Christmas Events

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.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute invites you to attend the Christmas Concert, Thursday December 21 @ 7:30 in Buhler Hall, Gretna.

Beyond Our Doors

Recovery of Hope Counselling, together with the Neufeld Institute – Manitoba Chapter, is proud to announce that **Dr Gordon Neufeld, author of “Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers,” is coming to Morden on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018** to deliver a new full-day workshop called **“Keeping Children Safe in a Wounding World.”** Parents, educators, youth workers and caregivers will be interested to learn from Dr Neufeld, one of Canada's leading developmental psychologists, as he uncovers the keys to helping children thrive while living in a wounding world. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.edenhealthcare.ca or call [1-866-493-6202](tel:1-866-493-6202).

Mennonite Church Manitoba News...Notes...

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 Berghaler Mennonite Church, Altona.

Purchase gift certificates towards the payment of 2018 summer camp. A great way to encourage children (grandchildren?) to attend Camps with Meaning! Please contact the camp office for more information. Call [204-895-2267](tel:204-895-2267), email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca

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Home Street Mennonite Church **December 10, 2017, Welcome to Worship**

Focus Statement: We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready—the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choir *Angels we have heard on high*
— *Alice Parker and Robert Shaw*

Call to Worship

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,

To his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Amen.

Hymn *Hark! the glad sound* HWB 184

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8

Candle-lighting *Come, Light of the World*

Prayer of Confession

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Children's story

Choir *Silent Night— Franz Gruber and Joseph Mohr*

Message

Responding

Hymn *Comfort, comfort O my people* HWB 176

Offering

Prayers of the People (with the Lord's Prayer HWB 731)

Sending

Hymn *Oh, how shall I receive thee* HWB 182

Wonder & Wisdom

Benediction

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Jonathan K.

Speaker: Judith .F.E.

Choir Director: Meara S.

Children's Story: Brenda S.

Soloist: Matthew F.

Offertory: Daniel B. and Ruth T.s

Greeters: Michael H. & Heather S.

Ushers: Lucas R. & Allegra F.E.

Visuals: Viola K. & Janet P.

Drama: Ken N. and Pearl .T.N.

Song Leader: Matthew F.

Scripture Reader: David R.S.

Sound: David S.

Pianist: Gina L.

Inside our Doors

- For 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.
- Parents please note: Sunday, Dec. 17th** the Sunday school kids (excluding the 3/4-year-old class, I will give them special instructions) should be at church at 9 am for extra rehearsal time before the program that day. Thanks! ~ Angela.
- Thanks to all who planned and contributed of their time and energies to put on the Home Street Family Christmas!**
- 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. 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.
- Saturday, December 16, 7:00 – 10:00 pm:** Senior Youth Christmas Party at the church.
- 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, administrator@hsmc.ca, 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 on the back table in the sanctuary and drop it in the box or in mailbox #107 by Dec. 17. 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.
- Melissa travelled** to Virginia and Pennsylvania to attend MennoMedia board meetings and to visit family, she will be back in the office on December 13.
- Save the Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018** the church's Annual general meeting will be held. **Committee chairs** please note that your Reports will need to be in to the office by Jan. 8th, 2018 Thanks!



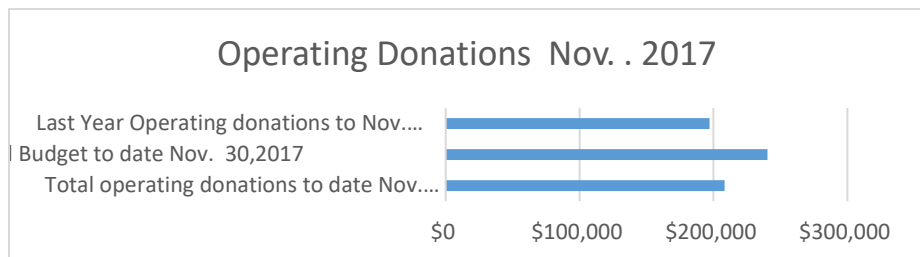
Christmas at Home Street

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	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

11. Finance Update:

Total operating donations to date Nov 30, 2017	\$208,354.00
Total Budget to date Nov. 30, 2017	\$240,341.00
Last Year Operating donations to Nov. 30, 2017	\$197,063.00

~Thank you for your generous giving.



This Week at Home Street

Dec. 10	9:30 am	Sunday School & Advent Choir Rehearsal;
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Laotian Worship Service
11	6:30 pm	Sonolux rehearsal (sanctuary)
11	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
14	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
15	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
15	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (Upstairs)
16	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)
16	7:00pm	Sr.Youth Christmas Party (downstairs)

Canadian Mennonite University News...Notes...

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.

Thinking about a unique option for after high school? Outtatown is a unique, one or two-semester certificate program of CMU. It's an incredible year for recent high school grads looking to travel, serve others, learn more about God and the world, make lifelong friends, and experience 'once-in-a-lifetime' adventure. Limited space is available so apply today! For more info: Outtatown.com.

Come to CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Leona Hildebrand will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow. See cmu.ca/vespers.

Give the gift of the arts this Holiday season. CMU's Community School of Music & the Arts still has a few openings for Individual lessons in various instruments. Or register now for classes starting in January including: Art for Kids, Adult Drawing and Painting, Teen Painting, and Music for Littler Kids. Visit cmu.ca/csma or call [204.837.4870](tel:204.837.4870) for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee News...Notes

MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Associate Editor-Die Mennonitische Post. The associate editor is responsible to assist with all aspects of the production of the bi-weekly newspaper, the Mennonitische Post, under the direction and supervision of the managing editor. Applications are accepted until December 20. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/associate-editor-die-mennonitische-post.

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 mccmb.ca/salt.