
Mennonite Church Manitoba News...Notes....

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

Mennonite Church Canada

Indigenous-Settler Relations -NAIITS is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older, pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year's symposium on "White Supremacy and Indigeneity," June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). *Sponsorships will help cover the cost of registration and food.* If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

Witness workers:

Prayer:- May all of our Witness workers who have left their home communities and families to share the story of Jesus with others, be embraced by their global families and be truly refreshed and inspired through discovering anew the true meaning of Christmas.

Praise: Thankfulness for congregations like Elim Mennonite Church (Grunthal, MB), Springstein Mennonite Church (Springstein, MB) and Community Mennonite Fellowship (Drayton, ON) who are asking themselves how they can support our many Witness workers. If your congregation is also wondering how you might engage more intentionally with a Witness worker, please contact your Regional Church office.

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Home Street Mennonite Church
Welcome to Worship, December 24, 2017

Focus Statement: *Infused with God's vision, we proclaim with confidence, "Let it be with us according to your word!"*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 89)

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said,

C: **'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
"I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations."'**

Candle Lighting

Come, light of the world

STS 3

Prayer

Hymn *Hark the glad sound*

HWB 184

Confession & Assurance

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn *The angel Gabriel*

HWB 180

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Hymn *My soul is filled with joy*

STJ 13

Children's Story

Hymn *He came down*

STJ 31

Message

RespondingHymn *Come thou long-expected Jesus*

HWB 178

Offering

Prayers of the people and prayers for the world

Sending

Congregational Song *Der Friedensfuhrer*
Wonder & Wisdom
Benediction

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Ken W. **Speaker:** Sue S.
Scripture Reader: Joyce H. **Ushers:** Nettie V. & Bryan V.
Song Leader: Brenda S. **Pianist:** Lilli W.
Offertory: Ellis W. **Sound:** Grant K.
Greeters: Nick & Marge U. **Visuals:** Viola K.
Children's Story: Brenda S.
Drama: Ken N. and Pearl T.N.

This Week at Home Street

Dec. 24	11:00 am	4 th Advent Worship Service
24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
25	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
28	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
29	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
29	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
30	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)



December 24	11:00 am	4 th Advent Worship Service
December 24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
December 31	11:00 am	Worship Service
January 7	11:00 am	Epiphany Service

*Note there will be no service here on Christmas Day.

Inside our Doors

1. **Advent Giving Project:** On December 24 we are inviting donations to the Wider Church Ministries portion of our congregation's budget. This includes Westgate Mennonite Collegiate, Mennonite Church Manitoba and Mennonite Church Canada. These institutions contribute in many ways to our congregation's faith, mission and witness. Please give generously.
2. **Christmas Eve Candle light service tonight at 6:30pm.** Please join us for a special service of Lessons and Carols in celebration of our Lord's birth!
3. **Thank You!** We wish to express our gratitude to Meara Sparling and Maureen Epp for sharing their gifts by leading the Advent Choir this year. It was truly a blessing to hear such beautiful music.
4. **Nora Pederson and Matt Schellenberg** will be married during our 11:00 am worship service on December 31 here at Home Street. Communion will be served. Following the service, everyone is invited to a potluck downstairs. If your last name starts with **A-H** please bring a salad, **J-Z** please bring a main dish.
5. **Church office hours over the holidays.** During the week of December 25, the office will not be open during regularly scheduled hours. Cindy and the pastors can be reached through email. For urgent pastoral care, you can call Melissa or Judith at their homes. During the week of January 1, the office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00-12:00.
6. **Sunday school** for children, youth & adults resumes on January 7th at 9:30 am
7. **January 7.** In recognition that the church is located on Treaty 1 territory, and to symbolize our desire as a church to be people of reconciliation in word and deed, we will dedicate two pieces of Indigenous art during the worship service. This art, with accompanying plaque, will have an ongoing installation in the church building. It has been brought to the church through the Indigenous Settler Relations Group. For more information, contact pastors Melissa Miller or Judith Friesen-Epp.
8. **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!
9. **Finance Update:**

Total donations to date December 17, 2017	\$230,729
Total budget for 2017	\$262,194

Please keep in mind our church budget as you plan your year end donations.
~Thank you for your generous giving

10. Refugee Sponsorship Update

In the new year, we will be welcoming two small refugee families from Myanmar (Burma) to Winnipeg. A group from Home Street is partnering with a group at City Church to sponsor these two families. The families should be arriving before the end of February. One has a two-year-old girl and the other a six-year-old boy.

In the new year, we will be soliciting donations of furniture, household goods, children's items and other things. Please stay tuned.

Thank-you to the many people who have already pledged or donated funds for this undertaking, as well as those who have offered their time! If you would like to help in some way, please contact Esther Epp-Tiessen .

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).

Concordia Hospital is offering a 7 week Grief Support Group beginning Wednesday evening, January 10. If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with loneliness, hopelessness and uncertainty then you are welcome to join a supportive, safe and confidential group. There is limited enrollment. To register or enquire further, please call Bob Milks at [204- 661-7402](tel:204-661-7402) or cell [204-794-1913](tel:204-794-1913), or respond through email: bmilks@concordiahospital.mb.ca . Deadline for registration is Monday January 8.

Mennonite Central Committee News...Notes

Merry Christmas from MCC!

Thank you for the many ways you have supported and partnered with MCC this year. Your volunteered time, donations, and prayers are greatly appreciated. We pray you have a joyous Christmas!