

**Home Street Mennonite Church**  
**January 7, 2018**  
**Welcome to Worship**

**Focus Statement:** Drawn by the light, we, like the magi, are sent forth in new directions. We are empowered to be God's illuminating presence in the world. Arise, shine, for the mystery of Christ has been revealed!

**Gathering**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Wonder & Wisdom  
Call to Worship

Leader: Yes!  
The light is here. We carry it within us.

**People: It is the star of the East;  
it is the rising sun.**

Leader: It is as enduring as the moon,  
throughout all generations.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.  
You have torn open the heavens,  
and your glory reaches the earth.

**People: May we, like the magi,  
seek you until we find you.  
May we offer our gifts in your presence,  
no matter where you are found.**

Leader: You can be found in Bethlehem,  
in an unlikely place.

**People: May we, like the magi,  
journey toward justice and healing,  
even if the path to reconciliation leads  
us into unfamiliar territory.**

Leader: You can be found in Winnipeg,  
in an unlikely place.

Prayer

Hymns      *Arise, your light is come!*      STS 30  
                 *'Twas in the moon of wintertime*      HWB 190

Confession & Assurance

**Proclaiming**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
This is God's word to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Story

Hymn:      *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*      STS 32

Message: What about the gifts?

**Responding**

Hymn:      *Lord, whose love in humble service*      HWB 369

Dedication of Indigenous Art

Hymn:      *Father God, you are holy*      HWB 78

Offering

Prayers of the people and prayers for the world

**Sending**

Hymn      *The virgin Mary had a baby boy*      HWB 202

Wonder & Wisdom

Benediction

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***Worship Participants:***

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Worship Leader: Dean P.

Song Leader: Joyce S.

Pianist: Aaron L.

Children's time: Celia E.

Scripture: Bryn F.E.

Speaker: Melissa M.

Offertory: Wayne G.

Drama: Ken and P.

Sound Technician: David S.

Ushers: Curt W. & Meg G.

Greeters: Heather S. & Sarah J.

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## Inside Our Doors

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1. **Adult Sunday School Series -- Mental Health: Opening the Conversation.** From January 7 – March 18, we will hear speakers, share stories, and be in conversation about mental health and mental illness. While this affects all our lives in a variety of ways, it is a topic we rarely discuss. How might we, in the church, speak openly and honestly about mental health? How might we support and care for one another in times of mental illness? And how might the church become a place of safety and healing for those struggling with mental illness? We invite you to engage in this conversation during the Adult Sunday School hour, beginning each Sunday at 9:30 am.
2. **Membership Transfers:** Sue Sorensen and Kelsey Enns have asked to become members of Home Street Mennonite Church. Pastoral Care Commission will be meeting with them as we look forward to welcoming them as members of our church family.
3. **The PCRC (Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee)** was set up to care for the relationship between our congregational members and pastors. We are available to hear your feedback, appreciation, questions and comments, and to facilitate conversation. Face-to-face dialogue is ideal, but you are welcome to send us a note, phone, or e-mail us. Lois Edmund, Barry Suderman, and Marlene Wagner.
4. **Junior and Senior Youth:** Friday, January 12, 7:00 – 9:30 pm, is Quiz Night at Charleswood Mennonite Church.
5. **A special refugee sponsorship potluck** will be held at church, on January 14 at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to get to know the folks from City Church, who are partnering with us on this project, and to learn about Myanmar (Burma), the home of the two refugee families. Let Esther know if you plan to come.
6. **Save the Date - Jan 20 Chili Cook off, 5:30 pm, \$5 per person (or group of 4, \$15).** If you would like to bring chili for 20 people, please email Monica Heinrichs .Veggies/Buns/Dessert will be provided. We have the basement for the evening, so if you would like to linger for the evening and socialize or play board games, you are welcome to stay as long as you would like!
7. **Save the Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018** the church's Annual general meeting will be held at 9 am until 1 pm **Committee chairs** please note that your Reports will need to be in to the office by Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Thanks!

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## Canadian Mennonite University...News...Notes....

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Come learn about the **history of the Peguis students** who live and study at CMU. A 1-hour lecture on **'The Illegal Surrender and Relocation of the St Peter's Band'** will be presented by Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair (Anishinaabe; St. Peter's / Little Peguis; Assistant Professor in Native Studies at UM) on Friday, Jan. 12, Chapel, 10:00 – 11:15 AM, followed by conversation, bannock, schnetje, jam, and tea.

The public is invited to **'Science as a Way of Knowing: the Pursuit of Truth in a Post-Truth World'** with Dr. Rick Lindroth on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7:00-8:30 PM in Marpeck Commons (2299 Grant Ave.). Dr. Lindroth, Professor of Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the 2018 CMU Scientist in Residence. For more information, including other addresses by Dr. Lindroth, see [cmu.ca/sir](http://cmu.ca/sir).

CMU's **Face2Face** Community in Conversation Series continues on Monday, Feb. 5, 7:00 pm in Marpeck Commons. **'The Bible Tells Me so...Doesn't It? A Conversation with Young Adults on the Tensions of Taking Scripture Seriously'**. Join five CMU Undergraduate students from diverse Christian traditions in a conversation about the Bible and how we approach and discern its significance in our lives. See [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face) for details.

**Worship with us at CMU Vespers on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 7:00 PM** in the Laudamus Auditorium. Alisa Wiebe will lead the choir and John Brubacher will be the reader. See [cmu.ca/vespers](http://cmu.ca/vespers).



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**Camps with Meaning Summer Leadership** applications are due January 19, 2018. Applications and job descriptions are on the website for you or a young adult you think should apply. Please visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) to learn more about this unique summer ministry owned by your church.

**Camp Assiniboia** is in need of a volunteer nurse for the upcoming ADV Winter Retreat, February 21-23, 2018. If you or someone you know might be able to help, please contact the Camps with Meaning office at [204-895-2267](tel:204-895-2267) or [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca)



**Mennonite Prayer Concerns  
Disaster  
Service**

As the New Year begins, please pray for our volunteers as they return to MDS projects in Canada and the U.S. and continue their commitment to respond, rebuild and restore.

We ask for prayer for the ongoing hurricane response, five project sites in Texas responding to Hurricane Harvey, one project in Florida responding to Hurricane Irma and volunteers heading to Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria.

See the website for opportunities to volunteer and donate.

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

*Mennonite Disaster Service would like to invite to their All-Unit Meeting in Winkler, MB on Feb 9-10. This event is a time of sharing and celebration of the work of MDS the past year. For more information or to register please visit our website, [mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting/](https://www.mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting/) or call us at [1-866-261-1274](tel:1-866-261-1274).*

For those that live near Winkler, please note there is an option to come for only Friday evening, or only Saturday. We would also like to note that Friday evening will include a theatre production by Ted & Company and walk-in's are welcome for the evening program which begins at 7:00pm.

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**Mennonite Central Committee ...News...Notes....**

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**SALT** - If you're interested in a year long cross-cultural internship or work experience in a faith-based context, consider applying for SALT 2018-19! 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>

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