



**Home Street Mennonite Church**  
**February 4, 2018**  
**Welcome to Worship**

**Encounters with Jesus: The Woman at the Well**

**Focus Statement:** The meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is an encounter that crosses many divides and creates a space for reconciliation. How does Jesus call us to bridge differences? To welcome one another? To see Christ in the midst of our diversity?

**Gathering**

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Call to Worship

We come to you at the well, Jesus,  
 from all walks of life,  
 in different seasons of life,  
 from many places and circumstances.  
**We come to sit with you at the well.**

Some of us are eager and curious.  
 Some of us are worried and afraid.  
 Some of us are tired or lonely.  
 Some are joyful, and some grieve.  
**We come seeking living water.**

Draw us together here at the well, Jesus,  
 With all that we carry,  
 From all the places we've come,  
 Across all that separates and divides us.  
**Let us drink together from the well of living water.**

Prayer  
 Hymns: *Here in this Place* HWB 6  
           *Here, O Lord, your servants gather* HWB 7

**Confessing**

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 42:1-3  
 Words of Assurance

**Hearing**

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-42  
 Children's Story  
 Song: *How great is our God*  
 Message

**Responding**

Hymn: *O praise the gracious powers* HWB 111  
 Offertory  
 Prayers of the People

**Sending**

Hymn: *I heard the voice of Jesus say* HWB 493  
 Benediction  
 Postlude

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**Worship Participants:**

Worship Leader: Judith F.E.	Speaker: Rod R.
Song Leader: Meara S.	Pianist: Gina L.
Children's time: Rod R.	Scripture reader: Arlyn F.E.
Singers: IVEP participants	Visuals: Viola K.
Offertory and Postlude: Davi B.	Sound Technician: Grant K.
Ushers: Nettie V. & Bryan V.	
Greeters: Heather S. & Sarah J.	

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**This Week at Home Street**

Feb	4	9:30 am	Sunday School for children, youth & adults
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Young Adult Potluck (downstairs)
		2:00 pm	Laotian Worship Service (downstairs)
	5	6:30 pm	Sonolux rehearsal (sanctuary)
	5	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	8	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (upstairs)
	9	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
	9	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	10	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)

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**Prayer Concerns:**

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Pray for the participants in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). We're grateful for the many gifts they are sharing with us across Canada and the United States. May their time in North America be full of many blessings.

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**Inside Our Doors**

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1. **Encounters with Jesus** is our worship theme now through February 11. This Sunday our scripture comes from John 4:1-42. As you read through the scripture, take note of the vigorous theological discussion between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, who was so different from Jesus. Somehow they bridged the sharp divisions between them, with the grace they extended to each other. What barriers are we being asked to step over? Where are we being asked to extend and receive grace?  
  
**This morning** we extend a warm welcome to guests from MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program: Davi (Brazil), Natalia (Colombia), Julia (Palestine), Mina Emil (Egypt), Mandla (Swaziland), Nontokozo (Zimbabwe), Katie (MCC IVEP & Summerbridge Provincial Coordinator). We're grateful for the gifts they are sharing with us in worship.
2. **Young Adult Potluck today after church:** Young Adults are invited to lunch after church, together with the IVEP participants. Join us in the basement to share food and conversation together!
3. **Sr. Youth: Saturday, February 10, 7:00 – 10:00 pm:** Meet at the church for games, crocheting with Sarah, and snacks.
4. **Jr. Youth: Friday, February 9, 7:00 – 9:30 pm:** In solidarity with Olympic athletes around the world, Team Home Street kicks off its own Olympic Games – Lego Olympics!
5. **Melissa Miller** is away until February 9, visiting family in Pennsylvania.
6. **Sunday Feb 11:** Special meeting of members immediately following the service on Feb 11, to vote on two motions related to our current pastoral leadership team.

1. Leadership Council is recommending that the congregation call Pastor Judith for a second 3-year term of ministry at HSMC. Pastor Judith has received overwhelming support. In particular, congregants are appreciative of her personal qualities, pastoral leadership, outreach, youth leadership as well as preaching & worship contributions.

2. Leadership Council is recommending an extension to our agreement with Pastor Melissa Miller to continue to serve as intentional interim minister for another 12-month period or until the second pastor has been hired and a start date confirmed. Pastor Melissa continues to serve Home Street congregation effectively in her intentional interim role, and this extension will provide the stability we need to continue our journey to a new pastoral team.

7. **Ted&Co TheatreWorks** is coming to Winnipeg on Sunday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Douglas Mennonite to present "**Boots, Buckets & Barrows**". This is a Dessert night and Fundraiser put on by **Mennonite Disaster Service**. Tickets are \$10, talk to Dave Braun.
8. **HSMC 55+ Event, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.** The seniors are invited to gather at the church to share a lunch of soup, bread & desserts and some reflections on the theme of love! Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 13 to Cindy by calling the office, 204-783-1721 or emailing administrator@hsmc.ca. See you all there!
9. **All church potluck** on Feb. 18, 2018. Serving Group B. is on for set up, serving & clean up. If your last name starts with A-O please bring a please bring a main dish & dessert, P-Z please bring a main dish & a salad, bring enough for your family size plus a little extra. Singles please just bring one item.

**Lenten Spiritual Practices**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We invite you to participate in an intentional spiritual practice during these six weeks. If you are practicing a spiritual discipline during Lent and would like to invite others to join you, please let Judith Friesen Epp know. Here are a few invitations to consider:

**Lenten walks.** 10:00 am Saturday during Lent, beginning Feb. 17, A one-hour outdoor walk in locations to be determined. Optional brunch afterwards. For more information, speak to Melissa Miller.

**Men's Prayer Group.** Join us for Lenten readings, songs and prayers from Take Our Moments and Our Days--An Anabaptist Prayer Book. Each Friday 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in the prayer room (use side entrance by the alley). For more information, contact Byron Rempel-Burkholder.

**Listening to Today's Contemplative Voices:** Listen – while you drive, while you cook, while you clean, while you relax in the evenings – to one podcast a week from modern contemplatives who invite us to deepen our spiritual lives. You're also invited, if you like, to engage in some weekly online conversation about the podcasts. For more information, contact Judith Friesen Epp.

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## ***Beyond Our Doors***

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“**Winnipeg Mennonite Theatre**, participating in the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre’s Master Playwright Festival, presents ***Doubt: A Parable*** by John Patrick Shanley. Set in a Catholic school in the 1960’s, Sister Aloysius is certain Father Flynn has crossed a line; Sister James has her doubts. Without giving any definitive answers, John Patrick Shanley explores what lies beyond knowable truths and even beyond faith.

**Doubt: A Parable** will be performed at the Universite de Saint-Boniface – Salle Martial Caron – February 7-9 at 8:05 pm and February 10 at 2:05 pm and 8:05 pm. Tickets are \$20 except on February 8 when tickets for students and seniors only are \$15. Tickets are available online at [winnipegmennonitetheatre.ca](http://winnipegmennonitetheatre.ca) or by calling [204-786-2311](tel:204-786-2311) or at the door.”

**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate** is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2018-19 school year. Applications are available on the Westgate website ([www.westgatemennonite.ca](http://www.westgatemennonite.ca)) or by calling the school at [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111).

**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate** is hosting a Welcome to Westgate event for current Grade 6 students on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 12:30-3:45. Please contact the school at 775-7111 or [jhp@westgatemennonite.ca](mailto:jhp@westgatemennonite.ca) to register.

### **Lease for reassignment**

Lindenwood Villa, 500 Lindenwood Dr. E.

Main Floor, 1173 sq. ft. “B” suite, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom  
Facing south

Open House Sunday, February 10, 2018 1p.m. to 3 p.m.

Please contact D’Anne Hansen at ReMax [204-979-0432](tel:204-979-0432) for further information.

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

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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**”. See [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face) for details and livestreaming options.

Prospective students (and their parents) - explore CMU through **Discover Outatown Visit Day Friday, Feb. 9**. Outatown is CMU’s unique, one or two-semester discipleship, travel, service and learning program. For information go to [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

CMU presents “**Journeying Together: Accompanying the Aging**”, a one-day workshop for deacons, caregiving teams, pastors, and Christians working in health care or other caregiving roles. Join John H. Neufeld, Heather Campbell-Enns, Kathleen Rempel Boschman, Charlene Epp, and more as we explore what it means for Christians to journey together with the aging. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information, and to register, please go to [cmu.ca/pastorsworkshops](http://cmu.ca/pastorsworkshops).

On **Thursday, Apr. 5, 7:00 PM**, plan to attend “**Spring at CMU**,” an evening of celebration in support of CMU. Featured: CMU PAX Award to Steve Bell; music by Steve Bell and CMU Singers; short reflections from faculty, alumni and students. Contact Joyce Friesen at [jfriesen@cmu.ca](mailto:jfriesen@cmu.ca) to reserve a seat.

**Xplore: Keep Thinking**: enroll in CMU’s 55-Plus Enrichment Program, offered Wednesday mornings at CMU from Mar. 7 – Apr. 11. Courses include **The Power of Song: How Worship Music Shapes Faith** with Christine Longhurst, Assistant Professor of Music and Worship. For information and to enroll go to [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

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## ***Mennonite Church Canada.....News....Notes.....***

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**Mary Raber** (Witness partner with Mennonite Mission Network - Ukraine) continues to teach at Odessa Theological Seminary (Odessa, Ukraine). Mary looks forward to teaching a course on women in church history as well as being one of the resource persons for a pastor’s retreat and their wives from the militarized zone in March. Please remember Mary in prayer for these upcoming teaching opportunities.

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## ***Mennonite Church Manitoba...News....Notes....***

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**Camps with Meaning online registration is open!** This is our ministry together as Mennonite Church Manitoba. Please visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) to register for summer camp. We want all families to afford camp. Note our new Campership Fund, which assists families at a much higher level than before.

**Job Opening: Mennonite Church Canada** (Wpg. office) invites applications for the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. See <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/jobs> for details. Applications are open now and will be considered until a suitable candidate is found. The start date will be arranged with the suitable candidate, as soon as possible.

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## ***Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba News....Notes....***

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### **MCC Canada welcomes applications for Administrative Services**

**Assistant** based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until February 9, 2018. For more information and to apply, please visit [mcccanada.ca/assistant-administrative-services](http://mcccanada.ca/assistant-administrative-services)

**Special Event: Wintertreffen**, Sunday, February 25, 2 pm, 287 8th Ave NE, Altona  
Join us at Altona Mennonite Church for an afternoon of music and sharing about refugee resettlement—in English and opp Plautdietsch—followed by a potluck faspal! For more information visit [mccmb.ca/wintertreffen](http://mccmb.ca/wintertreffen)

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### **Home Street Mennonite Church**

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Ministers: The Entire Congregation

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