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

Fundraising hymn sing for the new Mennonite Hymnal. Douglas Mennonite Church. March 11, 2018. 7:00pm. Join three current members of the hymnal committee for singing and reporting on the progress of the new hymnal, due out in 2020. For more info on the project, visit www.mennomedia.org/resonate. Special Guests: Marilyn Houser-Hamm and Henry Engrecht will lead a number of songs. Freewill offering.

Camps with Meaning online registration is open! This is our ministry together as Mennonite Church Manitoba. Please visit 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.

17th Annual Birding Retreat at Turtle Mountain Bible Camp, May 24-27th (Koinonia is unavailable this spring). Key activities: birding around camp, a visit to Whitewater Lake, and worship times. Choose an early start Thursday evening and spend all-day Friday on a special trip to the Melita/Pierson area. Dennis Fast, well-known birder and photographer and Heidi den Haan, biologist and birder will be leading us in sessions on birding. Brochures and more info to come.

Mennonite Church Canada.....News....Notes.....

Tom & Christine Poovong (Witness workers – Thailand) shared recently that they have been working with the Blu tribal people in northern Thailand. These mountain people are subsistence farmers mostly and are treated lower than “second-class citizens” in Laos and Thailand. Tom said that in his recent visit to a village of the Blu people, he saw a need for water – more wells to be dug; more adequate sanitation given that there are many sanitation-related diseases and for prayer, these mountain people are persecuted and treated as outsiders, even as criminals. Tom and Christine have a heart for sharing Christ with the Blu people and already are envisioning how they can mobilize other Christians and organizations to provide some of the basic human needs of these people. Please pray along with the Poovongs for the Blu mountain people and for this new opportunity to demonstrate the love of God.

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Home Street Mennonite Church
Lent 4, March 11, 2018
Welcome to Worship

Focus statement: Allowing darkness and negativity to come in between people or in between people and God is sometimes easier than the vulnerability and humility of being exposed to the light. What are the things that we don't want to see that may be standing between you and me?

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Leader: Who comes in the name of God? Step into the light and be known

People: **We are coming, through darkness and fear. We come into the light by the power of God.**

Leader: People of God, God has heard your cries and is opening a way for you.

People: **We are here, through darkness and fear. We come into the light of this day by the power of God.**

Leader: You are here, and God is here. What will you do?

People: **Together we will worship our God.**

Prayer

Songs: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* HWB 13
Longing for Light STJ 54

Confession & Assurance

Hearing

Scripture Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; John 3:14-21

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's feature

Song: **Between Me and You**

Between me and you,
with pain and darkness clouding your view,
I'll give you courage to face what is true,
I choose to be there with you.

Sermon

Responding

Song *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* STJ 95

Offering

Prayers of the people & prayers for the world
The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Sending

Song *The Lord lift you up* STJ 73

Benediction

We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Ken N.	Speaker: Kathy G.
Song Leader: Meara S.	Offertory: Hannah B.
Scripture reader: Jonathan K.	Sound Technician: Eric S.
Children's Feature: Jaron F.	Pianist: Ruth T.
Organist: Maureen E.	Visuals: Viola Klassen
Ushers: Randy & Janet P.	
Greeters: Michael H. & Heather S.	

Prayer Concerns:

Remember in prayer all those dealing with ongoing illnesses in our congregation.

Inside Our Doors

1. **Indigenous-settler relations committee (ISRC).** Earlier this year, we, as a congregation, dedicated two works of indigenous art and displayed them with a plaque, reminding us of the indigenous peoples of Canada and as a symbol of our desire to work towards reconciling indigenous-settler relations. Soon after they were displayed, they were removed by unknown persons, and have not been returned. We grieve this loss, and also recognize it is an opportunity for us to be stretched to learn more about compassion, empathy and "ownership". We welcome your reflections as well. Esther Epp-Tiessen chairs the ISRC.
2. Pastor Judith will be away on vacation from March 5 – 13.
3. **HSMC 55+ gathering.** On March 15, 9:30 am, all are welcome to come to Smitty's (St. James & Ellis) for a time of food and fellowship. RSVP to Cindy ([204-783-1721](tel:204-783-1721)) in the church office by Tuesday, March 13. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, wear something green (if you wish).
4. **Christian Peace Maker Teams Ceiledh,** Sunday, March 18, 7 pm, Home St. Mennonite Church, downstairs. Come out for a time of story, song, punch & fundraising. Hosted by a gang of Home Streeters.

Indigenous Settler Relations



The Sandy-Sauteaux Spiritual Centre at Beausejour invites participation in its Spring Ceremonies on Sunday, March 18, 1 to 6 p.m. The event will include a sweatlodge ceremony, as well as a feast. More information -- including details of what to bring and what to expect -- can be found at <http://sandysaulteaux.ca/event/spring-ceremonies/> Please call [204-268-3913](tel:204-268-3913) if you plan to attend.

This Week at Home Street

March	11	9:30 am	Sunday School for children, youth & adults
		11:00 am	Worship Service
		2:00 pm	Laotian Worship Service
	12	6:30 pm	Sonolux rehearsal (sanctuary)
	12	7:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	13	7:00 pm	Palestine/ Israel Discussion (downstairs)
	14	2:30 pm	Home Plate (Food Bank)
	15	7:30 pm	Leadership Council Meet
	15	8-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (upstairs)
	16	7:15-8:15 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
	16	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	17	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)

Beyond Our Doors

Are you a University student who is looking for a place to live in Winnipeg? Students living at **Emmaus House** support each other academically, spiritually, in lives of service, healthy living and in life-giving relationships. If you are interested in exploring what it means to live intentionally in a Christian community, check us out at: emmaushousewinnipeg.ca. We are currently taking applications for just the summer months and/or the 2018/19 academic year.

The Mennonite Community Orchestra conducted by William Gordon, will be presenting its Spring Concert on Sunday March 11th at 3:00 PM in the CMU Chapel, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd.](#) south of Grant. The orchestra will perform Strauss' *Die Fledermaus Overture*, Mozart's *Piano Concerto #25* with soloist Shirley Elias, and Dvorak's *Symphony #8*. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and are available at the door. Children 12 and under, free admission.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Junior High Students Present Three One-Act Plays - Please join us on Thursday, March 15 and Friday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, [340 Provencher Blvd.](#) Please contact the school office at lh@westgatemennonite.ca or [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111) to purchase tickets (\$8).

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) or by calling the school at [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111)

MBCI invites applications for teachers interested in substitution. Applicants interested in this position should submit a letter of application, a current resume and a statement of Faith to Andrea Neufeld at 173 Talbot Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2L 0P6 or aneufeld@mbci.mb.ca.

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

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 to reserve a seat or cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to **CMU Open House** on Mar. 27. Meet faculty, student council, athletics staff, student life staff, and current students. Attend a class or chapel, enjoy free gelato, and learn about the printing press with students from Spy Tower Press. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.

Attend one of the upcoming **CMU musical events**. See cmu.ca/events for information.

- **CMU's Orchestra in Residence** with Shirley Elias Mar. 11 at 3:00 PM in Chapel
- **Vespers Service** "Preparing for Easter" Mar. 18 at 7:00 PM in Laudamus Auditorium
- **Bach at the Bridge** on Mar. 21
- **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached** Mar. 25 at 7:00 PM Laudamus Auditorium

See the bulletin board or the website cmu.ca for many more events & opportunities.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba News....Notes....

IVEP Night, Thursday, March 22, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg
Every year we welcome young adults from around the world through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). Join us at Sam's Place as Winnipeg IVEP participants share a taste of their home countries: Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Palestine, Swaziland and Zimbabwe!

From Our Family to Yours: Spring break kit packing - Looking for a meaningful way to spend time with your child or grandchild over the spring break? Come pack relief kits and learn about MCC's relief work around the world on March 28th, at 2 pm or 6:30 pm. Limited space, RVSP to Sophia Bezopenko at sophiabezopenko@mccmb.ca or 204-261-6381. For more details, visit mccmb.ca/spring-break-kits.

Sargent MCC Thrift Shop welcomes applications for part-time Assistant Manager. Applications will be accepted until a successful candidate is chosen. For more information and application instructions, please visit mccmb.ca/sargent-thrift-assistant-manager.

Film Screening: Seven Points on Earth, Thursday, March 29, 7 PM
159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg
Join us at Sam's Place as MCC Low German Mennonite Services hosts a screening of Royden Loewen and Paul Plett's film *Seven Points on Earth*, a documentary about 7 Mennonite farmers around the world.