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

Pray for our International Witness workers who will celebrate this Christmas season apart from their families (including adult children and grandchildren) during the holiday season: Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park; Mike and Cheryl Nimz; Dann and Joji Pantoja; Tom and Christine Poovong and George and Tobia Veith. Pray that each worker couple/family will experience Emmanuel, God with us, this year.

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

MCC Manitoba welcomes applicants for the following positions:

Volunteer Youth Engagement Coordinator, and Manitoba MCC Thrift Coordinator. Applications for both positions are accepted until December 28.
Donor Engagement Manager and Shared Program Accountant.

For full details and to apply, visit mccmb.ca/serve.

The MCC Furniture Thrift Shop welcomes applicants for a Truck Assistant. Applications should be emailed to Laurie at mccmgr@shaw.ca. For full details visit thrift.mcc.org/jobs.

This Christmas, give a gift that gives twice! Through MCC's Christmas Giving projects, you can bring joy to the people you love and transform lives around the world. Each gift comes with a card that explains the gift you've given. Choose from a variety of gift options that will be meaningful to friends, teachers, co-workers or family! Visit mccmb.ca/christmas today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

MCM Winter Youth Retreats are coming! Sr.High Jan.25-27 and Jr.High Mar.8-10. Both at Camp Assiniboia, both feature special speaker Paul Loewen, both will include worship, learning and a ton of fun. Contact Kathy Giesbrecht kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca for all the details.

Caring for our community:

Please note: Home Street Mennonite Church is a scent-free facility. Due to health difficulties, we ask that individuals refrain from wearing strong scents or from using such products within the building. This can include perfume, after-shave lotion, and hand cream, for example. Thank you for your participation in reducing the problems caused by strong scents.

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Home Street Mennonite Church December 23rd, 2018 4th Advent, Welcome to Worship

Longest Night Prayers with Anointing

Focus: In these longest nights of the year, we, like Mary and Elizabeth, gather to seek God's presence in the both the joyful and painful parts of our lives, and to locate our own stories within the larger story of God's love and mercy.

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

One: Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

All: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

One: The little baby in his mother's womb, he will be the Saviour of this hurting world.

All: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer

Song *My soul proclaims with wonder* HWB 181

Confession & Assurance

As the pauper waits for plenty STS 9

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Hearing

Scripture *Psalms 80:1-7; Luke 1:39-56*

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's time

Offering

Sermon

Instrumental reflection

Responding

Longest Night Prayers

Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB 176
O come, O come, Immanuel HWB 172
Peace before us STS 16

Sending

Song *Oh, how shall I receive thee* HWB 182
 Benediction

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Melissa M. **Song Leader:** Matthew F.
Speaker: Judith F.E. **Children's time:** Melissa M.
Offertory: Maureen E. **Visuals:** Christina J.
Scripture Reader: Dean P. **Sound:** Grant K.
Accompanists: Ruth T. and Maureen E.
Candle Lighters: Abby & Jaron F. & family
Greeters: Larry S. & Claudette B.
Ushers: Nettie V. & Bryan V.



Christmas at Home Street

December 23 4th Advent Worship Service, Anointing
 December 24 6:30 pm Lessons & Carols, Candlelight service

This Week at Home Street

December 23	9:30 am	Coffee and conversation Christmas Breakfast (downstairs)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
27	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
28	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
28	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (upstairs)
29	9:00 am – 2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)

In Prayer:

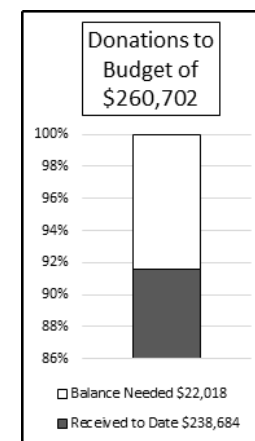
Remember those who carry grief, loneliness, or pain in this season. Pray that the love and care of Emmanuel, "God with us," may surround them in these days.

Inside Our Doors

1. **The Pastoral Search committee** (Terry S., Buetta W., Randy P., Lindsay S. and Phyllis W.) continues their work in search of a new pastor for our congregation. If you know of an interested candidate or would like any additional information, please contact a member of the search committee.
2. **Advent Giving Project.** During the four Sundays of Advent, we will be gathering **special donations for Mennonite Central Committee's work in Palestine and Israel.** MCC works with some 20 Palestinian and Israeli partners in the areas of food security, access to water, youth and women's empowerment, trauma coping and healing, justice advocacy, and nonviolent peacemaking. Please give generously. At the Advent giving table this Sunday, check out olive oil products from Zatoun, a Canadian organization that distributes free-trade products from the West Bank, in Palestine.
3. **There is no Sunday school** Dec 23 and 30, classes will resume January 6.
4. **Save The Date:** HSMC's Annual general meeting is planned for Feb.2, 2019, 9 a.m. until noon. **Committee Chairs please note:** Reports for the annual report book will need to be in to the office by Jan 3, 2019.
5. **\$10,744! That's how much our offerings have averaged for the past three weeks.** If we can give slightly more - \$11,009 - today and next Sunday we will reach our goal for the year! All donations are tax receiptable. We issue receipts in February for donations made in the previous year.

There are several ways to give:

- Cash, placed in the small offering envelopes found in the pews, with your name and address on it for receipting purposes.
- Cheque, payable to Home Street Mennonite Church
- Pre-authorized debit through your financial institution. Contact the church office to get a PAD form
- Electronic Transfer. Send your donation to administrator@hsmc.ca.
- PayPal, available at www.hsmc.ca. Please note that the church pays a 3 per cent administration fee on every donation through PayPal.



6. **Holiday Office hours:** Dec. 27 9am -12pm, Jan. 2-4 9am-12 pm. Cindy will be away until Jan 22, Diane Hiebert will be in the office during this time.