

**Home Street Mennonite Church**  
**February 3, 2019**  
**Welcome to Worship**



**Focus:** *And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.* –1 Corinthians 13:13

**Gathering**

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Prayer

Songs            *Come, let us all unite to sing*            HWB 12  
                      *Love divine, all loves excelling*            HWB 592

**Confession**

*Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,*  
***forgive us;***

*For the things that we have failed to do that we regret,*  
***forgive us;***

*for all the times we have acted without love,*  
***forgive us;***

*for all the times we have reacted without thought,*  
***forgive us;***

*for all the times we have withdrawn care,*  
***forgive us;***

*for all the times we have failed to forgive,*  
***forgive us.***

*For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,*  
*for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,*

***God of all time, forgive us***  
***and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.***

**Assurance**

**Hearing**

Scripture    *John 13:33-35; 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21*

Children's feature

(Children under 5 yrs. may go downstairs, childcare will be provided.)

Song            *Jesus loves me*            HWB 341

Scripture    *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

This is God's word to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon        *Love: The Most Excellent Way*

**Responding**

Song            *Holy Spirit, gracious Guest*            HWB 542

Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

**Sending**

Son:            *Go, my friends, in grace*            STS 57

Benediction

**Worship note 5.** "Singing can gather the congregation; it can become the vehicle of praise, confession, and intercession; it can speak the word of God; it can transform and empower a people. It not only carries the actions of worship forward, it is the primary action of worship." –Singing: a Mennonite voice, by Marlene Kropf and Kenneth Nafziger (Brief notes from the worship committee)

**Worship Participants:**

**Speaker:** Dan E.T.

**Scripture Reader:** Stefan E.K.

**Worship Leader:** Melissa M.

**Greeter:** Heather S.

**Song leader:** Pearl T. N.

**Visuals:** Viola K.

**Accompanist:** Gina L.

**Ushers:** Don & Jan M.

**Offertory:** Madelyn M.F.

**Sound:** David S.

**In Prayer:**

Pray for the Lindenwood Retirement Community. On Sunday afternoon, Chuck and Cindy P., Olga T., Lawrence K., and Melissa M. will be leading worship there, on behalf of Home Street.

Pray for those who struggle with health challenges, and remember those who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings.

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## ***Inside Our Doors***

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1. **This Sunday the Junior and Senior Youth, Sponsors, and Pastor Judith** are attending Sargent Mennonite Church for Sunday School and participating in worship. On February 24, the Sargent youth will join us here at Home Street for worship. These church visits are one way of sharing with our congregations the growing youth ministry partnership between our two churches.
2. **Photos, take 2:** Stop by the foyer before and after the worship service today **Sunday, Feb. 3** for a quick photo shoot for the new digital photo directory. We missed some of you last fall and we would like to include you in our updated directory. No appointment needed.
3. **Next Sunday, February 10 All church Potluck:** Everyone is invited to share food and conversation together. Please bring enough food for your family size plus a little extra. If your last name starts with A-O please bring a main dish & dessert, P-Z please bring a main dish & a salad or side, singles please just bring one item. **Group B** is on for set up, serving and clean up. Extra help is always welcome!  
Remember to take home your dishes afterwards and please check the kitchen for containers you may have left from donating cookies to Home Plate or to-go cups you may have left at church.
4. **Home Street and Climate Change** - Please join us for lunch after church on Sunday, February 17th, as we engage in an intergenerational conversation about how our church community can respond to the climate crisis. Food will be provided. Questions? Talk to David Neufeld or Allegra Friesen Epp.
5. **The MCM annual gathering will be held on March 2, 2019 at Steinbach Mennonite Church in Steinbach.** If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please contact a member of Gift Discernment Committee: Kathy Giesbrecht, Curt Warkentin, Bernie Baergen
6. **Save the Date! Mar.10, 2019:** We have rented an indoor combined curling and skating rink in Sperling, Manitoba from noon-6. Sperling is on the way to Carmen, less than an hour from church. Sloppy joes will be served when people arrive (around 1 or 1:15). Please bring a dessert or salad, and some snacks for later in the afternoon. Feel free to come a bit later in the afternoon if that works best for your family. Bring skates if you have them; there are some skates there and curling brooms. There is also a large warm lobby for watching the curlers and skaters or playing games and relaxing. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we know how much food to make, and if you need a ride or have room for passengers. We hope many of us can make it.

7. **Winter is here** and these past days have been extremely cold . . . there are many folks who are experiencing their first winter in a colder climate. If you have winter clothing for adults and/or children that you'd like to part with, please come and talk to me, Celia Enns. I'm collecting sweaters, warm pants, warm socks, mittens, scarves and hats, snow pants, winter snowsuits and parkas - anything in good clean condition. I'd be happy to pick it up from you here at church or you are welcome to drop it off at my house. Thank you!



And a **special thank-you** to those who have already made beautiful knit hats, scarves and mittens ~ these were very quickly accepted and taken home for family members.

8. **Refugee Sponsorship Update** -- A year ago our congregation sponsored, together with City Church, two families from Myanmar/Burma. Khua and Lien with son John, as well as Gin and Luan with daughter Glory, are doing well in their adjustment to life in Canada. The two men are working (with Haywood Construction and Palliser Furniture, respectively) and the women continue their language studies. John attends school and Glory is in daycare. Our official sponsorship obligation to the families ends on February 6, but our friendship will continue. Many thanks to everyone who contributed financially or materially and/or offered volunteer time to support the resettlement of these two wonderful families.

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## ***Outside our Doors***

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**Winnipeg Mennonite Theatre** as part of the RMTTC Master Playwright's Festival presents **Ghosts** by **Henrik Ibsen**, February 6,7,8,9,11,12, and 13 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m., in the Salle Martial-Caron Theatre, 200 Rue de la Cathedral.  
Tickets: \$20Adult and \$15 Students and Seniors.  
Free parking in the lot south of the university. Tickets available online at [winnipegmennonitetheatre.ca](http://winnipegmennonitetheatre.ca) or 204-786-2311 or at the door.

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

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**Camps with Meaning Summer Camp Registration is open.** Visit [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org) to sign your children/grandchildren up for a great week at Camp Koinonia or Camp Assiniboia. You can also call the office for more info. 204-895-2267

**The Mennonite Heritage Archives (610 Shaftesbury Blvd.) invites you to the launch of Werner Toews' book "Sketches from Siberia: The Life of Jacob D. Sudermann" on February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Aileen Friesen from the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies will also speak about the KGB Archives project in Ukraine. This project will be an important development in our understanding of Mennonite life in the early Soviet era. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

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### ***This Week at Home Street***

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<b>February 3</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 – 4:00pm	Laotian Worship
<b>4</b>	6:30- 7:30 pm	Sonolux Rehearsal
<b>4</b>	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
<b>5</b>	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
<b>7</b>	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
<b>8</b>	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
<b>8</b>	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
<b>9</b>	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)

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

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**High school students**, are you looking for a life changing one-year discipleship, travel, service, and learning program? Come to the CMU campus on Saturday, Feb. 9 to *Discover Outtatown*. See [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

Join us for a free public lecture entitled "*Fearfully and Wonderfully made? Adam, Eve, and Evolution*" offered by **CMU Scientist in Residence**, Dr. Dennis Venema (Professor of Biology at Trinity Western University). Christians hold that God is the Creator, and that God brought the world and life into being as an intentional act of design. Modern genomics strongly supports the hypothesis that random mutation and natural selection are a key part of evolution, including for humans. Are these claims at odds with each other? Is it possible to view evolution as a form of design? Wednesday, Feb. 6, 7:00 PM, Marpeck Commons. This is a *live-streamed* event. See [cmu.ca/events/sir](http://cmu.ca/events/sir).

**Face2Face**, CMU's series of public conversations, hosts a conversation entitled *Let's Talk About Death...It Won't Kill You* on Monday, Feb. 11, 7:00 PM at Marpeck Commons. Join us as we explore our fears about death *and* our culture's sometimes ghoulish obsessions involving death. This is a *live-streamed* event. See [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face).

Discovery can be a life-long delight. CMU's **Xplore program** offers courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it -- all without any assignments or tests! Enjoy classes such as ***What the Church Believes: Five Theological Themes with Harry Huebner***, beginning Mar. 6 at CMU. See [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

View '*I Am Rohingya*', a **documentary hosted by CMU** at UofW Eckhardt-Gramatte Hall on Feb. 13 at 7:00 PM. The evening includes Q&A with film producer and panel members from Bangladesh, Myanmar, David Matas, and Stephanie Stobbe

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### ***Westgate Mennonite Collegiate ...News...Notes....***

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**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate** is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2019-20 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).

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

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Bock Ki Kim (Witness worker in South Korea) shares that: "One of my roles for developing Anabaptist-Mennonite Resources is to find good books and translate. I thank God for giving me a passion to do this ministry. About 20 years ago, South Korean Christians could not find a proper Anabaptist book except William Estep's *The Anabaptist Story*. Now we can find more than 150 Anabaptist works, including Hutterite, Amish, Bruderhof, and Mennonite."

**Prayer:** Tom and Christine Poovong invite prayer support for their new church plants and continuing to develop income-generation ministry initiatives. "In this New Year of 2019, we will focus on the new church plant in Prathai Korat. Our goal is to invest in new believers' lives there, working with them to get them out of what I call "poverty spirit"; teaching them about how to live out Anabaptist/Mennonite faith, where Jesus is the center of our faith."

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

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**Learning Tour: Indigenous Initiatives Winnipeg** - On February 27, you're invited on a one-day [learning tour](#) of local Indigenous-led initiatives, ministries and organizations in Winnipeg. For more information contact Kerry Saner-Harvey at 204-925-1911 or visit [mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events).

**Current openings with MCC Manitoba** – MCC is hiring an [Administrative Assistant](#) and a [Co-Associate Program Coordinator](#) in the Migration & Resettlement program. Both positions are located in Winnipeg. Visit [mcccanada.ca/openings](http://mcccanada.ca/openings) for full job descriptions.



#### **MDS Urgent Needs:**

[Lake Isabella, California – 2016 Fire \(California Unit Project\)](#)

\*Project Director, February 27 – March 16

\*Head Cook, March 2-16 Contact Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274 or email [kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net)

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### ***Caring for our community:***

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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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