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

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"The strength of the **Altona Mennonite Church** lies not in its uniformity, but in its diversity, both in people and ideas. The diversity allows us not only to learn from one another, but to practice extending grace and acceptance to each other as we walk and worship together." Pray for Altona Mennonite Church as they continue to extend grace and live in diversity.

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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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## **Home Street Mennonite Church** **February 10, 2019** **Welcome to Worship**



**Focus statement:** "Today I live, but once shall come my death." And then what? We can face the mystery that lies beyond this life with the "sure and certain hope" of resurrection. And in that light, we live fully and faithfully in the present.

### **Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

1: O Lord our God, we come together with songs of praise in our hearts, because of your unfailing love and faithfulness.

**2: Even though we struggle with life's issues, your mercy blesses us.**

<silence>

1: Listening God, we come together with prayers of thanks in our hearts, because you hear and answer our prayers.

**2: Even though life is sometimes difficult, your strength blesses us.**

<silence>

1: Welcoming God, we come together in reverent worship filling our minds, because your faithful love endures forever.

**2: Even though we are fragile people who sometimes feel lost and abandoned, God's love blesses us and never changes.**

**Thanks and praise be to our glorious God for ever and ever. Amen.**

HWB 99

We praise thee, O God

STJ 14

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Confession – HWB 706

### **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-9, 12-19,  
v. 50-58 HWB 852

This is God's word to the people

***Thanks be to God.***

## Children's Feature

(Child care is provided in the basement for children under 5 years of age.)

HWB 166 I'll praise my Maker

Message - The "Sure and Certain Hope" of Resurrection

## Responding

HWB 607 Today I live

Offering

Prayers of the people and prayers for the world

The Lord's Prayer HWB 731

## Sending

HWB 614 In the bulb

Benediction

Postlude

**Worship note 6.** "Singing functions for Mennonites as sacraments do in liturgical churches. Singing is the moment when we encounter God most directly. We taste God, we touch God when we sing. It is an occasion of profound spiritual experience ..." –Singing: a Mennonite voice, by Marlene Kropf and Kenneth Nafziger (Brief notes from the worship committee.)

## Worship Participants:

**Speaker:** Dan N.

**Children's Time:** Janet P.

**Worship Leader:** Lindsay S.

**Scripture Reader:** Pearl T.N.

**Song leader:** Brenda Sch.

**Visuals:** Viola K.

**Accompanist:** Ruth T.

**Ushers:** Nettie V. & Bryan V.

**Offertory:** Ruth T.

**Sound:** Grant K.

## This Week at Home Street

<b>February 10</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 – 2:00pm	Potluck
<b>11</b>	6:30- 7:30 pm	Sonolux Rehearsal
<b>11</b>	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
<b>12</b>	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
<b>13</b>	2:30	Home Plate ( foodbank downstairs)
<b>13</b>	7-9:00PM	Sound Meditation(sanctuary)
<b>14</b>	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
<b>15</b>	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
<b>15</b>	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
<b>16</b>	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA (sanctuary & downstairs)

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

**Face2Face** is a CMU series of public conversations on issues at the intersection of faith and life. On Monday, Feb. 11, 7:00 PM, Marpeck Commons, join a Face2Face conversation entitled *Let's Talk About Death...It Won't Kill You*. Join a casket maker, spiritual health practitioner, death café participant, and expert in culture and film studies as we explore our fears of conversations 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).

Come discover more about the **Redekop School of Business** at an Open House on Feb. 19 at Canadian Mennonite University. See [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit) for more information.

Feb. 28 is CMU's deadline for **Scholarships and Awards** for new students. See [cmu.ca/financialaid](http://cmu.ca/financialaid) for applications and information. CMU issued over 400 scholarships and bursaries to students last year, to approximately two thirds of the full time student body.

View 'I Am Rohingya', a **documentary hosted by Menno Simons College/CMU** at UofW Eckhardt-Gramatte Hall on Feb. 13 at 7:00 PM. The evening includes Q&A with film director Yusuf Zine, panel members from Bangladesh, Myanmar, David Matas, and event facilitator Dr. Stephanie Stobbe. See [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events).

Worship with us at **CMU Vespers**, a service of scripture, prayer, and song. Jesse Krause will lead the choir and Sue Sorensen will be the reader. Sunday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium.

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

**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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## Inside Our Doors

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1. **Everyone is invited to stay for lunch** after the service today!
2. **Photos, take 2:** Stop by the foyer before and after the worship service today 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. **Pastor Melissa Miller** is attending MennoMedia board meetings in Chicago this weekend. She will be in the church office February 12 & 13.
4. **Pastor Judith Friesen Epp** will be attending the ReNew Conference at CMU on "Death, Funerals, and the Christian Hope." She will be out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
5. **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.
6. **Jr and Sr Youth: Sunday February 24** is full of great things:
  - a) The Sargent youth will join us for worship here at Home Street, and we will together help lead worship.
  - b) 3:00 pm that same afternoon: Tales from the Table! Six other youth groups will join us at Sargent to explore questions about food production, food waste, reclaimed food... We'll worship, cook, explore, experiment, eat!
7. **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



8. **Winter is here** and it is a cold one . . . There are many folks who are experiencing their first winter in Canada. 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.

9. **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 RMTC Master Playwright's Festival presents **Ghosts** by **Henrik Ibsen**, February 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: \$20 Adult 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.

**Basketball Players:** Bethel Mennonite Church invites all interested basketball players, of all skill levels, to join in a pick-up basketball this Sunday, February 10, 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Westgate gym.

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

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### **Prayer:**

We join with MC Canada Witness workers **Dann and Joji Pantoja** as they continue to advocate for peace in the Philippines. On January 27, two bombings occurred at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the city of Jolo, on the island of Sulu of Mindanao. More than twenty worshippers were killed and dozens more were injured: the first blast happened inside the cathedral and the second blast was outside as armed forces arrived to investigate.

Sadly, three days later further destruction and bloodshed took place when an explosion at a mosque in Zamboanga City left two dead and four wounded. Pray for the many grieving families and loved ones affected by this violence and for the ongoing peacebuilding work of the Pantojas through PeaceBuilders Community and Coffee for Peace.

As a short-term Ministry Volunteer with Mennonite Church Canada, **Palmer Becker** is serving in a volunteer teaching role in Tanzania and Ethiopia from February 4 to March 4. At the invitation of both Meserete Kristos Church & College of Ethiopia and the Mennonite Church of Tanzania, Palmer will offer his gifts in teaching from his materials, Begin Anew and Anabaptist Essentials. Please pray for strength and health for Palmer as he travels and teaches Ethiopian and Tanzanian church leaders these next several weeks.