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

Charleswood Mennonite Church was started in 1963 with a charter group of 31 members. Currently the congregation has 300 members. The congregation has been involved in various ministries including refugee sponsorship, inner city ministries, thrift store ministries and cross cultural ministries. Charleswood has a pastoral team of two – John Braun and Jeff Friesen. This summer John Braun will be retiring after 42 years of ministry including 25 of those at Charleswood Mennonite Church. Pray for God's spirit of discernment as the congregation moves through this time of pastoral transition.

We are in need of Head Cooks at both Assiniboia and Koinonia for the spring and summer months. For more information contact Matt Heide at campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com or David Hogue at assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org.

The camp community is not complete without support staff to work on site as maintenance and kitchen staff, health officers and camp pastors. If you have time to spend a week at camp this summer, please contact Jesse at 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca.



Dear Friends,

We are beginning to schedule for our spring & summer projects! Please consider becoming an MDS volunteer at one of the many project locations.

For more information or to serve please call:– Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274 or email kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net

Please join Mennonite Disaster Service for an Awareness and Fundraising Evening on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church (340 2nd Street, Steinbach, Manitoba). Come fellowship over dinner and hear stories from volunteers as they talk about experiences with the Williams Lake, BC Wildfire rebuilding, Puerto Rico Hurricane repairs and more. Musical entertainment will be by Travis and Kenton Bergman. Call the MDS office (866-261-1274) before March 22 to reserve your seats.

Caring for our community:

Please note: Home Street Mennonite Church is a scent-free facility. Thank you for your participation in reducing the problems caused by strong scents.

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Home Street Mennonite Church

March 17, 2019

Welcome to Worship

LENT 2



"Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast" is our theme in this Lenten season, as we examine our hungers and remember that God sustains us. Each Sunday there will be a ritual of confession & reconciliation following the sermon. This will be offered by an individual from the congregation, and opens us to acknowledging our need to confess, and God's abundant grace. The basket on the table, filled with bread after the confession, symbolizes our hunger and God's provision. Today, we remember, "When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together in safe shelter. We seek the light of God's face."

Lent 2

Focus statement

When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together in safe shelter. We seek the light of God's face.

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

(based on Psalms 63 and 27)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: The Lord is our light
and our salvation—
we shall not be afraid.

**People: We will wait for the Lord,
and take courage,
for we will see God's goodness.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls
as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings,
we sing for joy, and you uphold us.**

Prayer

Songs: *Blessed Jesus, at your Word* HWB 13
Lead me, Lord HWB 538

Offering

Hearing

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's feature

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

Song: *A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord* (v.1 and 3) HWB 598

Sermon: *Darkness from another perspective*

Responding

Leader: Psalm 27:7-9

Confessional response

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: We are all invited to seek the Lord
today. Let us bring ourselves to God
in prayer.

**All: Sheltering God, we seek you, for you
alone are our light and salvation.
When darkness moves into our lives,
we seek your face.**

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us
(*pause*), we seek your face.
When our souls hunger for your shelter
(*pause*), we seek your face.

**All: In the morning and in the evening, we
will seek the face of our God.**

Assurance:

Leader: Our generous God provides bread for us.

Song: *Fill us with your Feast* (Insert)

Prayers of the people & prayers for the world

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Sending

Song: *O God, how we have wandered* (v1 and 3) STS 58

Benediction

Worship Participants:

Speaker: Phil C.E.

Children's Time: Michael V.

Confession: Byron R.B.

Scripture Reader: Michelle M.

Accompanist: Lilli W.s

Greeters: Kathy R. & Peter S.

Prayers of the people: Judith F.E.

Worship Leader: Dan N.

Visuals: Viola K.

Sound: Grant K.

Song leader: Brenda Sch.

Offertory: Lilli W.

Ushers: Nettie V. & Bryan V.

Inside Our Doors

1. **A Congregational Vote** on the recommendation to call Phil Campbell-Enns as our Co-Pastor with responsibility for Faith Formation will take place March 24 immediately after the worship service. Only members who are present can vote, but we invite members who cannot be present and participants who are not members to express their concerns or support to members of the Leadership Council in person or in writing before the meeting.
2. **There will be no Sunday School for children, youth or Adults on March 24th.**
3. **Interested in becoming a member of Home Street?** If you are a baptized participant in this community, we invite to you to consider membership. Please speak with Pastors Melissa or Judith if you're interested or would like more conversation about this.
4. **Musings on Faith:** Join some conversations about faith over a cup of coffee or tea or hot chocolate. Come because you're curious; or come because you want to wrestle with questions of faith; or come because you might consider baptism and membership. Contact Pastor Judith for more information (Judith.friesenepp@hsmc.ca).
5. **Youth:** We're celebrating the beginning of Spring Break by heading onto the trampolines at The Flying Squirrel! Bring \$8 for admission and socks, plus some money for snacks. All youth must have an electronic waiver form filled out by a parent/guardian in order to jump: <https://winnipeg-waivers.idealss.net/> The dates are:
Senior Youth: Thursday, March 21, 7-9 pm
Junior Youth: Friday, March 22, 7-9 pm
6. **Please note: The March 24 Lunch with Francisca Ibanda**, Mennonite World Conference leader from the Congo has been cancelled due to visa difficulties.
7. **Did you know that there is still a men's slow pitch team playing under the Home Street name?** We play in the Winnipeg Men's Slow Pitch League. We are in need of some more players for the 2019 season. All games are played on Monday nights at the John Blumberg softball complex. The league begins in early May and ends in late August. For more information and to register interest, speak to Peter Sawatzky Sr. or contact Marv Thiessen (call the office if you need contact information).
8. **Lenten Retreat: "Wanderer, Come Home."** In keeping with the Lenten season of reflection and repentance, you are invited to take in a 3-hour retreat of prayerful contemplation on Henri Nouwen's interpretation of Rembrandt's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. It will take place on Sunday, March 31, 2-5 pm. Location TBA. Please contact the facilitator, Lilli Williams, if interested (204-779-8425, ljw@swilliams.ca).

9. **Visit to Portage la Prairie Indian Residential School**, originally planned for last fall, has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 28. Save the date—more info to follow.

10. Finance Update:

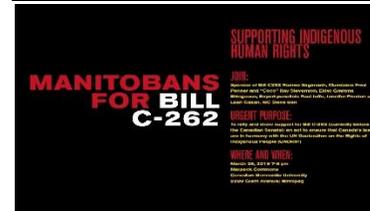
Total operating donations to date Mar 10, 2019 \$39, 128
Total Budget to date Mar.10, 2019 \$57, 282
Last Year Operating donations to Mar.10, 2018 \$42, 260
All donations are tax receiptable. We issue receipts in February for donations made in the previous year.

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.

~Thank you for your generous giving

Outside our Doors



Manitobans for Bill C-262; Supporting Indigenous Human Rights

Come show your support for Bill C-262; an act to ensure that Canada's laws are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Join host Steve Bell, Member of Parliament Romeo Saganash,

musicians Fred Penner and Ray "Coco" Stevenson and a great group of panelists on March 26th from 7-9 pm @ Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University.

Contact Allegra Friesen Epp to confirm your attendance. Let's get at least 30 Home Streeters out to this event!

Unsettling The Word - Bible Study

**How do we practice faith and diversity?
Is our faith shaped by our history?**

Can we decolonize how we read the Bible?

Mondays. 6:30-8:00pm, March 11, 18,15 , April 1,8,15
Mennonite Church Manitoba, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd) Basement lounge.

For more information contact: www.facebook.com/SCMManitoba
winnipeg@scmcanada.org

Outside our doors continued

Interfaith Dialogue on Truth and Reconciliation

Interfaith Dialogue on Truth and Reconciliation – Monday, March 18, 7 – 9 pm at Manitoba Buddhist Temple, 39 Tecumseh St. This is the second event in a four week series bringing together First Nations Elders and representatives of various faith communities to discuss Truth and Reconciliation in pursuit of active and meaningful participation in the ongoing healing process. Steve Heinrichs (Director, Indigenous-Settler Relations at Mennonite Church Canada) and Stan McKay (Cree Elder and former Moderator of the United Church of Canada) will be speaking. For more information, visit www.westworth.ca or contact Westworth United Church at (204) 489-6974 or office@westworth.ca.

Recovery of Hope is pleased to present a workshop with Dr Gordon Neufeld (author of *Hold on to Your Kids*) called “Raising Children in the Digital World.” The workshop will take place on **Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Ecole Charleswood School at 505 Oakdale Dr in Winnipeg.** Tickets are available online at edenhealthcare.ca for \$25/person until March 31 and \$35/person after April 1.

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

March 26: CMU Open House Drop in anytime between 10:00am and 3:00pm at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. Join tours, classes, rehearsals and chapel. Connect with faculty about learning opportunities at CMU. See cmu.ca/campusvisit.

Thurs. Apr. 4: Spring at CMU, 7:00pm. Please join many friends of CMU for this evening celebration in support of CMU. The 2019 PAX Award will be presented to Rudy Wiebe in honour of his extraordinary vocation as a writer. RSVP to Julie Derksen: j.derksen@cmu.ca See cmu.ca/springatcmu

Thurs. Mar 21: John and Margaret Friesen Lectures 11:00am (MHC Archives and Gallery) and 7:00pm (Marpeck Commons). Dr. Patricia Harms of Brandon University will speak on *A Twentieth Century Reformation: Anabaptism in Guatemala*.

Are you interested in nonviolent activism? **Then don't miss *Generous Dissent: Nonviolent Activism and Resistance*** with Emily Welty at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 17-21, 2019. For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca. Apply by Apr. 1 to avoid late fees.

Mar. 20 at 7:00 PM, Laudamus Auditorium, Verna Mae Janzen Music Competition Finals. Free admission. All welcome.

The final CMU Vespers service of the season will be a Taizê service. All are welcome to experience this reflective and meditative service of scripture, songs and prayer, led by Neil Weisensel and Rachel Landrecht, at 7:00 PM on Mar. 17 in the Laudamus Auditorium. See cmu.ca/vespers.

This Week at Home Street

March 17	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 – 4:00pm	Laotian Worship Service
18	6:30- 7:30 pm	Sonolux Rehearsal (sanctuary)
18	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
19	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
21	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
22	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
22	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
23	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA worship & Potluck (sanctuary & downstairs)