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

Grace Mennonite Church is actively living into the exciting and unsettling changes that this post-Christendom season has brought to the people and space called Brandon. We're a healthy congregation with a strong faith formation culture. The music, singing, and biblical storytelling inform and guide our interactive sermons as we encounter Jesus in our weekly worship gatherings. We're also busy connecting with what God is up to here in the city through our ministries of employment and presence and outreach. Thank you Creator for this garden on which we live life!

The Faith and Life Choirs invite you to their Spring Concerts: "Come Let Us Sing". May 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm. First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg; May 12, 2019 @ 7:00 pm. Morden Mennonite Church, Morden, MB. A freewill offering will be received.

2019 18th Annual Birding Retreat at Moose Lake May 24-26 will include stories and teachings from Pastor and Elder Norman Meade and various other birding activities. For more details, please go to: <http://www.campswithmeaning.org/news/birding-retreat/>

Camp is a great place to make new connections with God, people and creation. Some spaces still available in most weeks for campers Gr 1-12. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org for more information.

On Wednesday May 15 at 7 pm, the Mennonite Heritage Archives is helping Helen Ens launch her book *My Sojourn in Mexico from 1955 to 1995*. Helen Ens describes her experiences as an educator and community worker and recounts the early stages of the development of the Alvaro Obregón school and the Blumenau Mennonite Church in the Cuauhtémoc area in Mexico. Come to 610 Shaftesbury Blvd. to enjoy some of Helen's stories.

Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM) invites applications for the new 0.5FTE Director of Church Engagement job position. Responsibilities will include: nurturing relationships with congregations and our Mennonite Church Canada International Witness workers; promoting and supporting the ministries of MCM; and developing relationships with donors. For more info, visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca or contact Ken Warkentin at [204-896-1616](tel:204-896-1616).

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Home Street Mennonite Church
May 12, 2019
Welcome to Worship



Focus statement: The people gather around Jesus in the temple and ask: "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." And rather than telling them plainly, Jesus invites them to belong to his sheep: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." - *John 10:24-27*

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Prayer

Songs *Praise God, the Source of life* HWB 95
 Like a mother who has borne us STJ 91

Confessing our Faith

Faith Sharing: Erin H.

Affirmation of Faith *If you believe and I believe* STJ 32

Hearing

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:22-30

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 *I was there to hear your burning cry* STJ 89

Sermon

Responding

Song *The Lord's my Shepherd* STS 99

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

Inside Our Doors

1. **Today: In a Glaze of Glory!** The youth and their families are getting up super early to fry up warm, fresh doughnuts for your enjoyment after church. In return, they invite your generous donations to help them attend "Shake," a prairie youth gathering in Saskatchewan this summer.
2. **Sunday May 19, Victoria Day Weekend: There will be no Sunday School** for children, youth or adults. The last Sunday school and wind up before the summer break will be on June 9, 2019.
3. **Please plan to attend The Spring Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, May 15** at 7:00 PM, here at the church. Documents have been emailed out, for those without email please check your mailboxes. If you need a ride call the church office on Tuesday morning.
4. **Many people generously share their gifts in creating worship at Home St.** as musicians, artists, scripture readers, worship leaders, preachers, children's storytellers, ushers & audio-visual technicians. The worship committee coordinates the scheduling of these abundant offerings. If you have interest in sharing your gifts in worship, trying something for the first time or know of someone to recommend, please speak to a member of the committee: Ken Warkentin, Viola Klassen, Janet Penner, Ruth Toews, or pastors Judith or Melissa.
5. **Fundraiser for Camp Workers**
We are looking for **New/Unused** items that we can raffle off at the fundraiser. Contact Peter Funk about your donation.
Cash donation gratefully accepted.
6. **Save the Date: On Saturday, June 1 at 6:30 pm, plan to attend "A Homie Coffee House!"** Come hear music, poetry, and more, shared by Home Streeters and friends. This is a community-building event, and a fundraiser in support of our young people working at Camps with Meaning this summer.
7. **College and University Graduates:** We'd like to celebrate the achievements of our post-secondary graduates in our May 26 worship service. If you, or someone in the congregation whom you know, have graduated in the 2018-2019 year, please contact Judith Friesen Epp by May 14.
8. **Pastoral Care Commission** is pleased to recommend Erin Hipfner for membership at Home Street Mennonite Church. Erin will be received into membership on June 9.
9. **Junior and Senior Youth: Friday, May 24, 7:00 - 9:30 pm** - It's time for the Spring Scavenger Hunt as we explore the neighbour in Junior Youth teams and Senior Youth teams. Drop-off and pick-up is at Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church.

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10. Office this week:

Pastor Melissa will not be in the church office on Wednesday May 15, but will be attending an MCM prayer retreat.

*Please note bulletin items will need to be in by Thursday at 9:am., as Cindy will not be in the office on Friday, May 17. Thank you.

Pastor Judith will be away from the office from May 17-27.

11. **On June 2**, in the spirit of reconciliation and the "Sharing of Gifts," our worship and adult education hour will focus on Indigenous perspectives on creation. The morning is planned by the Indigenous Settler Relations Group, with the assistance of friends at St. Kateri Aboriginal Catholic Parish (our neighbour congregation at Home St. and Ellice Ave.). It will include the sharing of stories, drumming, smudging (outside, before the service, for those who wish to participate) and other Indigenous traditions as Indigenous expressions of praise to our Creator. More information will follow.
12. **Sunday, June 2, All church Salad Potluck:** Everyone is invited to share food and conversation together. Please bring a large salad & dessert, *note there will not be another main dish so some main dish type salads would be welcome. Singles please just bring one item. **Group A** is on for set up, serving and clean up. Extra help is always welcome!
13. **Save the Dates:**
On Sunday, June 16, we will host our annual block party for the neighbourhood. Please speak with Denise Pauls or Susan Reynar if you are available to help.
On Sunday, June 23, we will be celebrating and expressing our appreciation for Melissa's pastoral ministry among us. More details coming soon.
14. **Finance Update:**
Total operating donations to date May 5, 2019 -- \$78,319.00.
This is 28.6% of our annual budget received. Last year we had received 29.6% at this time.

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

WMSCI would like to announce the Annual General Meeting for the 2018 fiscal year, which will be taking place on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 7 p.m., in the Heritage Room at Lindenwood Manor, 475 Lindenwood Drive East.

The loss of a parent through death, or a changed parental relationship through divorce or separation, is a traumatic experience for youth and young adults. If you are experiencing this kind of challenge, and if you are age 16-25, join us for the **Young Adult Beginning Experience Weekend (YABE)** on May 17-19 at St. Benedict's Retreat Centre. For more details see: beginningexperience.ca/yabe Or contact us at yabe@beginningexperience.ca, 204-223-9970.

Join the Russländer Tribute Fundraising Banquet at Mennonite Heritage Village Museum in Steinbach on May 25! To commemorate the Mennonites who fled the Soviet Union in the 1920s and raise funds for our leaking roof. Tickets are \$75 and include a banquet, the grand opening of our 2019 exhibit "The Russländer," a commemorative service in the Lichtenau Church, and special programming/music. Tickets are limited. For more information and to buy online visit mhv.ca/events or call (204-326-9661) today!

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

Join us for Spring Fest! Come shake off the long winter at Spring Fest on May 24 and 25 and help provide relief kits to families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict and disaster. We'll have our annual quilt show & sale, plant sale, and BBQ all at 134 Plaza Drive. Find out more at mccmb.ca/SpringFest.

Calling all golfers! Dust off your clubs and bring your friends to MCC Manitoba's 17th annual Golf Tournament on July 10 at Bridges Golf Course for a Texas Scramble Tournament. Proceeds will support Sam's Place and provide youth and young adults with opportunities to develop skills and confidence for the workplace. Register and find out more at mccmb.ca/golf.

Sargent and Selkirk MCC Thrift Shops welcome applications for Assistant Managers. Applications are accepted until May 22. For more information visit mccmb.ca/openings. To apply submit your resume and cover letter to Vic Rempel, vicrempel@mymts.net.

#ChurchToo Conference: This conference will tackle difficult and often-avoided questions, providing theological insights, practical guidelines, and personal stories. Pastors, ministry leaders, and members of the Christian community are warmly invited to join us for a time of learning together around a crucial topic. Find out more at mccmb.ca/ChurchToo.

Learning Tour: This fall, join MCC on an eye-opening opportunity to hear from grassroots peacebuilders within the Palestinian and Israeli community. Dates are Nov. 1-13, 2019. Find out more by contacting Brad Reimer at 204-261-6381 or bradreimer@mccmb.ca.

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VBS and Sunday School Giving Options: MCC has a variety of giving options which can be used for vacation bible school, Sunday School classes and more. Visit <https://mcccanada.ca/media/resources/9515> to download more information.

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International Witness- Prayer:

Join Tom and Christine Poovong in prayer as they ask God to show them the families with which they will live and minister at the new church plant. The Poovongs and their team will teach these disciples of Jesus to go out and preach the gospel to their villages.

Pray also that the Ukrainian government will grant Mary Raber temporary resident status in Ukraine before her current visa expires. Rules in Ukraine's militarized zone keep changing and legal status has not been granted to any church. Pray for wisdom for the leaders, and that church life will be allowed to continue. (from Mennonite Mission Network's May 2019 Prayer Vine.)

Pray for church leaders from Japan, Korea, and China as they gather at the Forum for Reconciliation in Northeast Asia at the end of May 2019. Pray that God's spirit of peace will lead conversations and that relationships can lead to healing.



• **Shake: Rattled by the Radical**
Introducing our electrifying, ground-shaking theme for the all youth (gr. 6-12) gathering, July 28- August 1, 2019, at Shekinah Summer Camp, SK. Grounding ourselves in spiritual practices and the beauty of *Shekinah*, we will be invited to draw into deeper relationships with our Creator, and each other. Planned by MCM and MC Saskatchewan. Contact Kathy Giesbrecht, kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca Or visit: prairieyouth.ca

• **Igniting the Imagination of the Church**
Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2019
June 28 - July 1, Abbotsford, BC

 • Thursday Night June 27 : **Registration**
• Friday June 28: **Leaders Assembly**
• Saturday morning June 29: **Business / Delegate Meeting**
• Saturday afternoon June 29 -> Monday noon July 1: **Inspirational Conference**
ignitegathering2019.ca/ for all the info and registration.

