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

Grace Mennonite Church in Steinbach seeks to create a community of inter-generational Jesus followers through worship, study, fellowship, service and justice. We work hard at trying to be a community where everyone can feel welcome. These days, a few things that give us life are hosting a bi-weekly soup kitchen, participating in a partnership with Pauingassi First Nation, sponsoring refugees, and serving at nursing homes. As a congregation, we've had a significant demographic change over the past few years with many new people coming to church, so our prayer request is for wisdom as we navigate some of the challenges that come with this.

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.

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).

Please note: Home St. 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
May 19, 2019
Welcome to Worship



Focus: Today's story from the book of Acts demonstrates the outpouring of the Spirit across boundaries of culture, religion and prejudice. As Peter comes to realize, "Who am I to hinder God?!"

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

**Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.**

He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Prayer

Songs: *God of our strength* HWB 36
I sing the mighty power of God HWB 46

Affirmation of Faith STJ 135

Hearing

Scripture Acts 11:1-18

Children's feature

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

Song: *Christ is alive* STS 89

Scripture: John 13:31-35

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Responding

Song: *Sing with all the saints in glory* STS 92

Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Sending

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

Benediction

Worship Participants:

Speaker: Melissa M.

Worship Leader: Jonathan K

Accompanist: Maureen E

Children's time: Marlene W.

Ushers: Randy & Janet P

Greeters: Kathy R., Peter S.

Song leader: David B.

Scripture Reader: Lucas R.

Sound: Grant K.

Offertory: Wayne G.

This Week at Home Street

May	19	9:30 am	Sunday School for children, youth & adults
		11:00 am	Worship Service
	20	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	21	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
	22	2::30 pm	Home Plate (Winnipeg Harvest, Food Bank)
	23	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (upstairs)
	24	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
	24 - 26	1 pm	CPT Group (downstairs)
	24	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (upstairs)
	25	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA worship (sanctuary & downstairs)

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

Attend **The Future of Anabaptism as a Global Movement**, a conference sponsored by Canadian Mennonite University and Providence University College & Theological Seminary, featuring keynote speaker Dr. John D. Roth of Goshen College. **May 21-22** at CMU and Providence. See cmu.ca/events.

Plan to attend the **#ChurchToo Conference**, responding to professional sexual misconduct in the life of the church. This conference is for all ministry leaders and any in our congregations who want to learn more about this reality and how we can respond with accountability and healing. Planned jointly by MC Manitoba, MB Manitoba, MCC and CMU. **May 31 (evening) – June 1** at CMU. See cmu.ca/events.

Do you want to encounter other cultures? Come hear fascinating stories and experience the diversity at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**. Courses run **June 10-14 and 17-21**. For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca.

Mennonite Church Canada News...Notes...

International Witness- Prayer:

On April 27, Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park participated in a nationwide peace event near the de-militarized zone between North Korea and South Korea. Participants made a human peace-chain and held three-kilometre-long banner. Bock Ki said, "It became the event that all people could join. There was no difference between men and women, old and young, ethnicity, religions etc. Many people have hope for the peace movement here in the future.

"Young Christian leaders in China are spending time exploring the meaning of Anabaptist faith and practice. Pray that this new and exciting approach to discipleship will impact their congregations and strengthen their faith.

Pray for Chinese church leaders as they face growing political pressure and increasing restrictions. Pray that they will continue to be salt and light in their communities.

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

Help end world hunger. Every spring, generous farmers in Manitoba donate their land to Grow Hope - a campaign that brings together urban and rural people who are passionate about ending global hunger. As a church, you can help! By sponsoring seeds for the land at \$300 per acre, the farmers will plant your seeds, grow the crop and harvest the field. The proceeds from that acre will grow up to \$2,500 thanks to government matching. Watch the video to find out more about how you can help! Or visit mccmb.ca/GrowHope.

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.

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, vicrempe@mymts.net, 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.

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.

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

Westgate Spring Concerts: Please feel welcome to attend the Junior High Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 29 and the Senior High Spring Concert on Thursday, May 30. Both concerts will take place at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St.) at 7:00 pm.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is accepting applications for the educational assistant position commencing September 2019. Strong math and science skills would be an asset. Please submit your resume and cover letter to Mr. Bob Hummelt (bhummelt@westgatemennonite.org) by Wednesday June 5.

Inside Our Doors

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Junior and Senior Youth: Friday, May 24, 7:00 - 9:30 pm** - It's time for the Spring Scavenger Hunt as we explore the neighbourhood in Junior Youth teams and Senior Youth teams. Drop-off and pick-up is at Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church.
- Pastor Judith** will be away from the office from May 17-27.
- 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!
- 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.

8. 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.

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 churches and organizations are welcome to promote their events in the *Canadian Mennonite* calendar, which appears in the print magazine and on our website. To submit an event, go to www.canadianmennonite.org and click on Events.

June 2: A Sharing of Gifts Indigenous Perspectives on Creation

The morning is planned by the Indigenous-Settler Relations Group, along with friends from St. Kateri Aboriginal Catholic Parish at the corner of Home Street and Ellice Avenue. We are grateful to St. Kateri for their gracious willingness to share their gifts with us.

The adult education hour from 9:30 to 10:30 will consist of storytelling by Stan Fontaine of St. Kateri, an elder from Sagkeeng

There will be smudging outside the front door of the church between 10:40 and 10:55 for those who wish to participate. Smudging is a purification ritual that prepares someone to pray or to begin a ceremony. In the smudge bowl there may be one or a combination of several sacred medicines, such as sage, cedar, sweetgrass and tobacco. As we smudge, we use our hands to wave the smoke over our head (mind), eyes, ears, mouth, our bodies and our heart.

The worship service will incorporate the following Indigenous traditions into our regular worship:

drumming and singing: the drum represents the heart-beat of Mother Earth; drum songs are prayers that are rich in spiritual power.

a four-direction prayer: in praying in each of the four directions, we offer our collective prayer to the Creator for all peoples and for the whole of creation.

a water ceremony: this ceremony is both a purification and a sign of the life that the Creator gives us daily through Mother Earth.

a Metis story for children: *Relatives with Roots* by Leah Dorion.

Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ, a specialist in integrating her Ojibway traditions with her Christian faith, will be the guest speaker. She has a doctorate in cross-cultural ministry.

For more information, contact Pastor Judith Friesen Epp or Mission Convenor Esther Epp-Tiessen.