



Christmas at Home Street

Our Advent and Christmas worship services will focus on the theme, "What are you waiting for?" With our questions, cries and longings, we ask this question of God, of ourselves, and also of our community, as we wait for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

December 1	11:00 am	1st Advent, Communion
December 7	2:30 – 5:00pm	Christmas Party
December 8	11:00 am	2nd Advent, Choir sings
December 15	11:00am	3 rd Advent, S.S. Christmas program
December 22	11:00 am	4 th Advent, Choir Sings
December 24	6:30 pm	Lessons & Carols, Candlelight service

Please note: Home St. Church is a scent-free facility. Please refrain from wearing strong scents, 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.

Home Street Mennonite Church

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Home Street Mennonite Church

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Worship



Focus Statement: Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, God what are you waiting for?

Gathering

Announcements

Theme Song

Call to worship

Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?

Are you coming to intervene, to make whole your divided creation?

God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

Song *Praise the one who breaks the darkness* Purple 1

Listening

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Confession

Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

even when you have told me that you are coming.

Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

even when you have asked me to wait for you.

Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

when all you have asked of me is to care.

Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

when your face is so obvious.

(silence)

Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

Song *In Lonely Mountain Ways* Blue 560

Children's item

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

Song *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* Blue 178

Matthew 24:1-3, 36-44

Sermon

Isaiah 2:1-5

Responding

Offering

Communion

O Come, O Come Immanuel Blue 172

O, how shall I receive thee? Blue 182

Bless'd be the God of Israel Blue 174

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer Blue book #731

Sending

Benediction

Sending Song *Peace before us* Purple 16

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin

Speaker: Lydia Warkentin

Song Leader: Matthew Fransen

Scripture Reader: Ralph Wagner

Children's Story: Jared Redekop

Visuals: Janet Penner

Greeters: Heather Sparling & Celia Enns

Pianist: Aaron Loeppky

Organist: Maureen Epp

Offertory: Wayne Guenther

Ushers: Nettie Viallet & Bryan Viallet

Sound: David Siemens

Communion Information: Our congregation practices open communion, which means everyone is welcome to participate. Communion is served at the front of the church. Ushers start from the back pews and indicate when it is time to go up. People line up in the two centre aisles, take a piece of bread and cup of grape juice, and use the side aisles to go back to their seats. Those who do not wish to receive the elements may come forward in the line and cross their arms across their chest to indicate they would like to receive only a blessings. Children may come up to receive crackers and grapes and a blessing. Those who cannot come to the front are served in the pews. When everyone has received the bread and juice, the leader signals the time to eat and drink. Afterward, communion cups are placed at the end of the pew. Please note that the bread is gluten and nut free.

This Week at Home Street

December	1	9:30 am	Sunday School for children & youth
	1	11:00 am	Worship Service
	2	6:30 pm	Sonolux choir (sanctuary)
	2	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	3	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
	5	2;30-5:00PM	Home Plate (food bank,downstairs)
	5	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group Meeting (downstairs)
	6	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group Meeting
	6	6:00-9:00 pm	SDA (upstairs)
	6	7-9:30 pm	Sr.Youth Christmas Party
	7	9:00-2:30 pm	SDA Worship (sanctuary & downstairs)
	7	2:30-5:00 pm	HSMC Christmas Party

Christmas Events Beyond Our Doors

The CMU Festival Chorus will perform **Handel's Messiah** together with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and soloists on **Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 PM** at the Centennial Concert Hall. See wso.ca. If you plan to take in this event please use the promo code HOMESTREET online at wso.ca or at the box office at 204-949-3999. The promo gives you a 20% discount on tickets, with 20% of all ticket sales bought through the promo code, being donated back to our church.

The choir of First Mennonite Church, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, invites you to an Advent Concert on Sunday Dec. 1st at 7pm. We are presenting 4 settings of the Magnificat: 2 from Stanford, 1 from Mozart and 1 from Schubert as well as Mozart's Coronation Mass with orchestra and soloists all under the direction of Yuri Klaz. Admission is free: an offering will be taken.

Faith and Life Choirs Christmas Concerts, "*O come, let us adore Him*". Under the direction of Janet Brenneman and Ben Pauls, the Faith and Life choirs invite you to join them for an evening or afternoon of festive singing. December 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St, Wpg) and December 22, 2019 @ 3:00 pm at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church (117 2nd St, Altona). Free will offering taken during the concerts. For more information, please contact Stephanie Wenger office@mennochurch.mb.ca. Posters to come soon!

Inside Our Doors

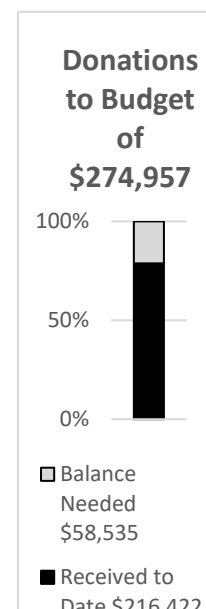
1. **The HSMC Children's Library** invites you to borrow books from the Children's Library. Stop by after Sunday School before worship. We have board books, picture books and chapter books. Preferred lending period is 2 weeks but we're flexible (with no overdue fees!)
New titles include:
What's My Superpower?,
Guinness World Records 2020,
Fantastic Failures: True Stories of People Who Changed the World By Falling Down First.
2. **Home Street Christmas Party: Saturday, December 7, 2:30 - 5:00 pm.** Come enjoy a relaxed afternoon of visiting and Christmas activities for all ages: games, crafts, cookie decorating, colouring, a treasure hunt, toys and play dough for the young at heart. Light refreshments will be served. At the event, we will welcome donations to help cover costs.
3. **Youth Events:**
Senior Youth Christmas Party
Friday, December 6 - Meet at Home Street. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift from home. 7 - 9:30pm.
Junior Youth Christmas Party
Sunday, December 8 - Meet at Sargent right after the worship service. Pizza will be served for lunch. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift from home. Pickup is at 2:30pm.
4. **Middle Women Christmas gathering:** If you identify as a woman somewhere in the middle years of life, you are invited to a Christmas party 7 p.m., Dec. 10, 201 Garfield St. S. Please contact Brenda Suderman or Susan Reynar to confirm your attendance. If you're newish to Home Street, please take this opportunity to meet other church women in a social setting
5. **Home Street seniors** are invited for breakfast Wednesday, December 18. We'll gather at 9:30am in the recreation room at the home of Dave & April Braun, RSVP to April by Monday, December 16. If you need a ride please call Cindy in the church office.

6. **Advent Giving Project** - This Advent season, Home Street will be collecting money for two climate action initiatives. Half of the funds raised will go towards our church's Climate Action Building Fund, a fund designated for projects that will "green" our building and conserve energy. The other half of the funds will go towards Conservation Agriculture in Kenya, a initiative of Mennonite Central Committee and the Utooni Development Organization. Conservation Agriculture is one way that people in Kenya are coping with increased dry spells and droughts due to climate change.



7. **Home Plate** will be celebrating Christmas with participant families on Wednesday, December 18 between 3 and 5 pm. We will be serving Christmas goodies when our participants come to pick up their baskets. For each of the 33 families or individuals, we plan to send home a frozen whole chicken, a plate of home-baked Christmas cookies and a practical gift of some kind. We welcome your help with baking goodies to serve, cookies to send home, or making or donating any practical item (gently used is OK) that would be a good gift. You are also welcome to come and volunteer on Dec. 18. Please contact Meg Gray or Susan Reynar.
8. **Thanks for baking cookies!** Home Streeters donated about 25 dozen cookies to MCC's annual bake and craft sale. If you donated cookies, please pick up your container from the kitchen
9. **What are you waiting for?** As we head into the twelfth month of the calendar, we're in the eleventh hour to meet our annual budget. Thank you for your generous gifts up until now and please consider continuing that generosity until the end of the year.

Giving last week:	\$ 3,545
Total for Nov. (includes online donations).	\$ 24,239
Amount needed to meet 2019 budget:	\$ 58,535
10. **The Home Street Climate Action Group** has started a project called the **Goods and Services Exchange**. We are inviting community members to share their items, skills and things to give away so that we can cut down on our consumerism and share what we already have.



Interested? Fill out an agreement form (at the back of the sanctuary), email exchange@hsmc.ca (note this is a different address than was announced at the congregational meeting), or talk to Sarah Janzen or Marika Veith.

11. **This Christmas make "Peace on Earth"** by sharing olive oil products from the land of Jesus' birth. Learn more and order your Peace Box from Zatoun, Fair Trade Olive Oil from Palestine at <http://bit.ly/zatoun>. Or talk to Byron Rempel- Burkholder or Dan Epp-Tiessen
12. **Old REJOICE devotionals:** if you have old copies you no longer need, I'd appreciate them. Please put them in my mailbox (#174). Thanks! Lilli Williams

Beyond our Doors

Chaplain Position: The Bethania Group is recruiting for a Chaplain for a .5 FTE (37.5 hours biweekly) . For more information, please contact Ferdinand Funk, Director of Spiritual Care/Chaplain at 204-654-5053 or email: ferdinand.funk@bethania.ca. A detailed job advertisement is posted on the bulletin board.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for a **part-time evening and occasional weekend custodial position**. Please see the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca) for more information.

Mennonite Church Canada

News from our partners

Teachers with Mennonite Partners in China, including Witness worker Tobia Veith, have another month of classes and then final exams before their winter break. Please pray for them as they teach, mark papers and exams. Pray for the six North American student teachers that are doing this for the first time. Pray that the relationships being built with Chinese students will form bridges of peace between nations and cultures.

Video shares spirit of AIMM meetings in Burkina Faso

A new video from Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, gives a wonderful picture of the spirit of the meetings that Mennonite Church Canada was part of with AIMM in Burkina Faso this past month. It features images from church services, and videos of wonderful singing by the people who gathered and from the Angolan Mennonite Youth Choir. Please view [here](#).

Canadian Mennonite University

Starting Dec. 1, **CMU's Sunday@CMU Radio Program** will feature a series of reflections by Dr. Paul Doerksen, Associate Professor of Theology and Anabaptist Studies, exploring key dimensions of the Advent season. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 and AM 1250. Programs can be accessed through the CMU website at cmu.ca/sundayatcmu.

Seekers of peace, farmers, engineers, artists, teachers, young and old... consider taking a one-week intensive class through the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, Jun. 8-12 and 15-19, 2020. See csop.cmu.ca for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Apply for SALT 2020

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30 and looking for a new adventure? Serve with SALT! Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience where Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S serve internationally. Be immersed in another culture, live with a host family and work in a variety of fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! To be guaranteed consideration for this year, please submit your application by February 15th. Find out more: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/salt>

MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar

Calling all university students! Join us February 20-22, 2020 for the MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar. Explore active citizenship and peacebuilding advocacy, learn about MCC's work in Ottawa and hear from Parliamentarians alongside students from across Canada. Travel subsidies may be available. To register visit: <http://bit.ly/mccottawa>

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Sterling Mennonite Fellowship exists to be a Christ-centered body in our community of St. Vital, Winnipeg. This past summer, we celebrated 15 years of VBS summer camp and 10 years of partnership with the Living Word Mennonite Church in Cross Lake, Manitoba. We have been so blessed by the connections and relationships through these ministries. Please continue to pray that we would open ourselves to the work of the Spirit in our lives to share the gospel of Jesus with the world.

Camp Assiniboia invites you to consider having a Christmas family gathering or a banquet in the beautifully decorated lodge. We have the following dates available: November 30, December 7, 14, 15, 22 or January 5. If you would like to reserve a day, please call Linda Dueck at 204-864-2159 ext.104.