



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 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 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Worship

Focus Statement: "What are you waiting for, O God?" God hears our cries and calls us into the wilderness to prepare for the Long-Awaited: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Alleluia, Hurry the Lord is Near

Advent Choir

Call to worship

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

Asking, when will you bring righteousness,
defend the poor, deliver the needy?

Asking, when will you make harmonious creation?

When will you crush the oppressor?

When will your love, mercy, and justice rule us?

God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

Song & Lighting of Advent Candles *O Long-Awaited* Insert

Listening

Confession

Like a Child

Advent Choir

Children's item

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

Song: *As the Pauper waits for Plenty* Purple 9

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

This is God's word to the people

Thanks be to God.

Message

Responding

Song *Comfort, comfort, ye my people* Blue 176

Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer HWB 731

Sending

Benediction

Sending Song *Oh, how shall I receive thee?* Blue 182

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Kathy G.	Pianist: Ruth T.
Speaker: Judith F.E.	Organist: Maureen E.
Song Leader: Pearl T.N.	Visuals: Janet P.
Scripture Reader: Marilyn K.	Ushers: Jan & Don M.
Children's Story: Shauna F.	Sound: Eric S.
Offertory: Ruth T. and Maureen E.	
Candle Lighters: Emilie B. & Karl Z.	
Choir Conductor: Brenda Sch.	Choir Pianist: Maureen E.
Greeters: Bernie B.	

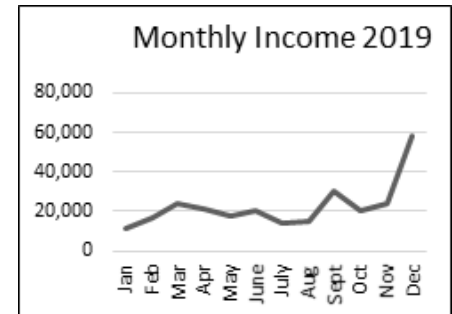
This Week at Home Street

December	8	9:30 am	Sunday School for children & youth
	8	11:00 am	Worship Service
	9	6:30 pm	Sonolux choir (sanctuary)
	9	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	10	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
	12	6:00PM	Leadership Council Meet
	12	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group Meeting (downstairs)
	13	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group Meeting
	13	6:00-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	14	9:00-2:30 pm	SDA Worship (sanctuary & downstairs)
	14	5:00-8:00 pm	SDA Youth

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!)
 - More fascinating reads from the HSMC Children's (lending) Library include: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Guts, The Orange Shirt Story, and It Starts With a Breath...a book about mindful breathing. Plan ahead and take some home to read during the looong school break.

2. **Join the chorus:** Just as a choir can't function with only one singer, we need contributions from everyone to meet our church budget. Please play your financial part, whether high or low or somewhere in between, through a donation to the ministry of Home Street Mennonite Church. We need your voice to join the chorus.



Giving last week: \$11,135

Amount still needed to meet 2019 budget: \$47,400

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. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
 - Electronic Transfer. Send your donation to donate@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
 - Credit or debit for Advent Giving before or after the service.
Thank you for your generous giving.
3. **Test, test, test.** Today we're using a new pulpit microphone that was installed last week. This microphone is easier to adjust, has a wider sound pickup, and a smaller physical profile. We hope it improves your Sunday worship experience.
 4. **Junior Youth Christmas Party Today**
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.

(Inside our Doors continued)

5. **Youth Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 15th.** Junior and Senior Youth (and any family members that want to join in), will go Christmas Caroling through the halls at Bethel Place from 2 - 3pm. 2pm is a suitable start time for BP residents. It also allows your families time to connect with each other by going out for lunch after worship. So you are encouraged to make those arrangements amongst yourselves. RSVP to Phil's email so he can provide enough song sheets.
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, an 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. **Still Needed: Home Plate** will be celebrating Christmas with participant families on Wednesday, December 18 between 3 and 5 pm. 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. **The Pastoral-Congregational Relationship Committee (PCRC)** was created to support the pastors and the congregation as we relate together. We always encourage you to speak directly to pastors with your affirmation or a concern to discuss. We are available as a go-between if that is helpful. PCRC members, Marlene Wagner and Lois Edmund, currently meet regularly with the pastors.
9. **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
10. **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.

Christmas Events Beyond Our Doors

Please join Westgate Mennonite Collegiate for an evening of music celebrating Christmas on **Monday, December 9th 7:00 pm** at Westminster United Church (745 Westminster Ave).

All are invited to attend **CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium.** Sara Jane Schmidt will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow. See cmu.ca/vespers.

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.

Mennonite Church Canada

Witness worker on-demand for conflict-transformation presentations
During the first week of December, South Korea Witness worker Bock Ki Kim will do three presentations for groups of 300 teachers in several school districts. The presentations will be about restorative justice and conflict transformation in a school setting. Bock Ki asks for your prayers as he introduces these ideas and practices into schools that are looking for a different way of functioning. May God's peace shine through him as he teaches.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

SEEDS Church is a community of 200+ people (young and old) that exists to make Jesus real. We are excited to celebrate our 20th birthday in January 2020 and as part of that milestone, our leadership has been engaging in conversations with our surrounding community on what Seed's Next 20 years will be about. The theme for this year is Fostering Relationships (with God, ourselves and others) and our hope is that we will grow and deepen in our relational connections. Please pray that our community conversations will lead to clarity and direction for our next steps to being a representation of God's Kingdom in Altona and surrounding area.

Canadian Mennonite University

CMU's Sunday@CMU Radio Program is featuring a series of Advent 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.

Consider enrolling in a CMU Winter term, evening course. Options include Issues in Youth Ministry; Principles of Biblical Interpretation; The Fifties & Sixties in North America: Cold, Cool and Radical; and Art of Peacebuilding... and more. Significantly reduced audit rates available for Alumni and Seniors. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Christmas Giving

Give a gift that is life changing this year from the [Christmas Giving Catalogue](#). Give the chance to sew, the gift of hope, art supplies or wriggly worms this season.

This Christmas teach your little ones to give a gift that will make a difference. Turn a fun Sunday School lesson into a meaningful Christmas Giving project. Call us at 204.261.6381 for more information.

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace, Isaiah 11:1 & 6

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. . .

And the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

An MCC Story: Seeking a just, peaceful future: Open letter on Syria

<https://mcccanada.ca/stories/seeking-just-peaceful-future-open-letter-syria>