

Home Street Mennonite Church
March 24, 2019
Welcome to Worship

LENT 3



"Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast" is this Lenten season's theme, 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 to receiving God's abundant grace.

Today, we recall, "When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy, God pours out life-giving drink. We turn from destruction to God's grace."

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship (based on Psalm 63)

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: We have seen you in the sanctuary, and know your power and glory.

People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.

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

Song *Brethren, we have met to worship* HWB 8

Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Hearing

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's feature

Song *Come, thou fount* HWB 521

Sermon

Responding

Confession & reconciliation

One: We are all invited to confess our thirst for the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: God of life, we thirst for you, for you alone provide living water.

When we come to our senses after too much indulgence in the wrong things, we yearn for your life-giving stream.

One: When we sense the dryness of our souls, we long for your reviving water.

When we are burdened by overwork, over-worry and over consumption,
we rest beside your still waters.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we offer our thirst to you.*

One: Our generous God provides water for our thirst.

Anointing with prayers

Songs (3)

Like a mother who has borne us STJ 91
Just as I am, without one plea STJ 92
Blest are they STJ 94

Sending

Song *When I'm lonely and defenseless* STJ 93

Benediction

Worship Participants:

Speaker: Judith FE **Worship Leader:** Melissa M.
Scripture Reader: Sue S. **Confession:** Lilli W.
Song leader: Meara S. **Visuals:** Viola K.
Puppet Script: Brenda Su. **Sound:** Grant K.
Puppeteers: Grace S., David S.
Accompanists & Offertory: Maureen E. & Ruth T.
Greeters: Nick & Marge U.
Ushers: Jan & Don M.

This Week at Home Street

March 24	11:00 am	Worship Service
25	6:30- 7:30 pm	Sonolux Rehearsal (sanctuary)
25	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
26	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
27	2:30-5:30 pm	Home Plate (downstairs)
28	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (downstairs)
29	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
29	5:30-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
30	9:00 am-2:30 pm	SDA worship & Potluck (sanctuary & downstairs)

Lenten Prayers for Creation

Week 3: Lament

Scripture: Jeremiah 9:10-14

Poetry: Bless our Lament
by John Polhill in *A Heart for Creation*, ed. Chris Polhill

Creator God,
bless the tear we shed
for the resources that we have squandered.
Bless the sigh we breathe out
for the spoilt air and atmosphere.
Bless the head we hang
for the creatures lost and exploited.
Bless the hands we wring
for the things we have broken and wasted.
Bless us as we lament.
Cradle us as we regret.
Restore us as we start afresh.

Spiritual Practice: Pray daily prayers of lament to God. Hold before the Creator specific places, creatures, plants, peoples that are threatened by environmental degradation

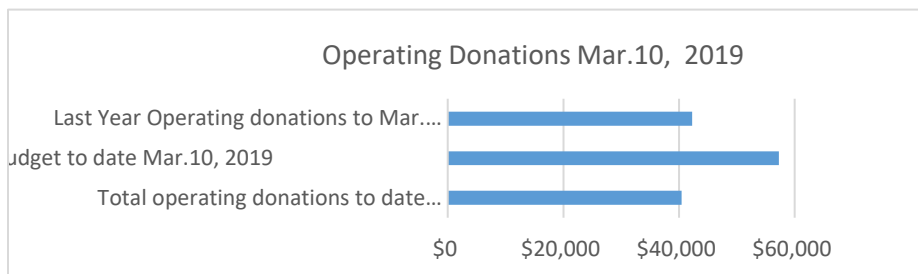
Inside Our Doors

1. **If you are a member of Home St. Mennonite Church** please stay after the service to vote on the recommendation to call Phil Campbell-Enns as our Co-Pastor with responsibility for Faith Formation.
2. **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.
3. **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).

4. **Junior Youth:** The next youth event will take place on Friday, April 12, 7-9 pm here at Home Street.
5. **Senior Youth:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13, 7-9:30 pm for a youth event at Home Street.
6. **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.
7. **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 .
8. **Visit to Portage la Prairie Indian Residential School**, originally planned for last fall, has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 28. Save the date. Contact Denise Pauls .
9. **Finance Update:**

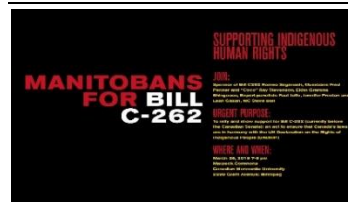
Total operating donations to date Mar 10, 2019	\$39, 128
Total Budget to date Mar.10, 2019	\$57, 282
Last Year Operating donations to Mar.10, 2018	\$42, 260

All donations are tax receiptable. We issue receipts in February for donations made in the previous year.



~Thank you for your generous giving

Outside our Doors



Manitobans for Bill C-262; Supporting Indigenous Human Rights This Tuesday! 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

Interfaith Dialogue on Truth and Reconciliation

Interfaith Dialogue on Truth and Reconciliation – Monday, March 25, 7 – 9 pm at Winnipeg Central Mosque, 715 Ellice Ave. This is the third 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. Brian McLeod (Buddhist Lama in the Vajrayana and Theravadin traditions) and Adrian Jacobs (Cayuga Elder and Keeper of the Circle at Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre) will be speaking. For more information, visit www.westworth.ca or contact Westworth United Church at (204) 489-6974 or office@westworth.ca.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites you to join us on **Sunday April 7** from 2-4 pm in the Westgate atrium for the launch of Janis Thiessen's newest book: 'Necessary Idealism: a history of Westgate Mennonite Collegiate'

You are invited to hear Dr Gordon Neufeld (author of *Hold on to Your Kids*) on Thursday, April 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm for a presentation titled **"Raising Children in the Digital Age."** The presentation will be at Ecole Charleswood School in Winnipeg and tickets are available online at: edenhealthcare.ca. Early bird tickets are \$25/person until March 31.

Recovery of Hope is looking for additional part-time counselling therapists for locations in Winnipeg, Winkler and Steinbach. Counsellors with a Master's degree and membership in a professional counselling association are welcome to visit our website for more information or email brad@recoveryofhope.ca.

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

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

LAST CALL for Spring at CMU, Apr. 4, 7:00 PM. Join us for an evening of music, refreshments, and stories in support of CMU. Author Rudy Wiebe will receive the 2019 PAX Award honouring his extraordinary life as a writer. RSVP by March 25 to Julie Derksen: j.derksen@cmu.ca. See cmu.ca/springatcmu.

Sunday, Apr. 7, 2:00 PM: Outtown Graduation at the CMU Loewen Athletic Centre.

Music events at CMU. See cmu.ca/events.

Mar. 30, 7:00 PM, Great Hall, 500 Shaftesbury, Jazz at CMU. Admission \$5.

Mar. 31, 7:00 PM, Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury, Handbell and Guitar Ensemble. Admission \$5.

Apr. 1, 7:00 PM, CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury, CMU Community Concert Band. Admission \$5.

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

Calling all high school students! - MCC Manitoba is excited to co-sponsor sixpointeight - a peacebuilding conference at CMU on April 29. High school students will hear stories of reconciliation, finding refuge in Canada and the reality of poverty/homelessness. Find out more at cmu.ca/sixpointeight.

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

The **Crystal City Mennonite Church** is a part of the Western cluster of MCM congregations. Their earliest history dates back to the 1920's when about twelve original families settled in the region. By 1958 the congregation divided into the Mather group and the Crystal City group with a church building in each location. The Crystal City Church building is located about 5 kms. south of Crystal City. They are part of a two-point charge with Trinity Fellowship Church in Mather, who share one Pastor – Erin Morash. Today, there are about 60-70 people that meet for worship regularly. Pray for continued clarity of vision for the congregation as they seek God's creative spirit for renewal and refocus.

We've got a great summer ahead at Camps with Meaning and we can't wait to see you there! For schedule, rates and registration go to www.campswithmeaning.org or call (204) 895-CAMPS. It's not too late to get in on the **March 29th Early Bird Discount**. Campership fund also available.



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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