

**Home Street Mennonite Church**  
**February 23, 2020**  
**Welcome to Worship**



**Focus Statement:** In a culture that encourages competition and celebrates elitism, the church tries to foster a life-giving alternative for everyone of all ages. Rooted in our worth as God's beloved children, each of us can mark significant moments and achievements as the next steps in our spiritual lives.

**Gathering**

Welcome & announcements  
 Call to worship\*

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**People:** God is there.

Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**People:** God is there.

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**People:** God is there.

Leader: Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**People:** God is there.

Leader: This very morning,

**People:** God is there.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

**People:** God is there.

**All:** Let us worship God!

Prayer

Songs      *God is here among us*      Blue 16  
               *Come, thou fount*              Blue 521

Confession & Assurance

**Hearing**

Scripture: Psalm 24:1-5; Luke 2:22-40

This is God's word to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's feature

Song              *Guide my feet*              Blue 546

Message

**Responding**

Ritual of response – marking transitions and milestones

Offering

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer HWB 731

**Sending**

Song              *Take my life*              Blue 389

Benediction

\*— written by Rev. Robert George, Karen George, Judy Colby-George, in *Past Meets Future: A Blessing for Today*, posted on the United Church of Christ website.

**Worship Participants:**

**Speaker:** Phil C.E.

**Worship Leader:** Lindsay S.

**Scripture Reader:** Janet P.

**Offertory:** Moe and Terry L.

**Puppet Script:** Brenda Su.

**Puppeteers:** Grace S. & Moe L.

**Greeters:** Nick & Marge U.

**Song Leader:** Brenda Sch.

**Organist:** Maureen E.

**Pianist:** Gina L.

**Sound:** Grant K.

**Ushers:** Randy & Janet P.

**This Week at Home Street**

February	23	9:30 am	Sunday School for Children, youth & adults
	23	11:00 am	Worship Service
	24	6:30 pm	Sonolux (sanctuary)
	24	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	25	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
	26	2-5:00 pm	Home Plate (food bank, downstairs)
	27	8:00 pm	12 Step Group (downstairs)
	28	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group Meeting
	28	6:00-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	29	9:00-2:30 pm	SDA Worship (sanctuary & downstairs)

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## Inside Our Doors

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1. **February 26 is Ash Wednesday.** Ashes will be offered during our worship service on Sunday, March 1. For those who would also like to attend an Ash Wednesday service, we invite you to join another congregation in your neighbourhood on Wednesday as we together, across the many Christian denominations, mark this first day of Lent with repentance and prayer.
2. **Seniors: Our gathering has been postponed until Thursday, February 27, 10:00 am.** We'll meet in the basement for a late celebration of Valentine's Day! Please bring a snack to share, if you're able.
3. **Young Adults,** plan to stay for lunch following the worship service next Sunday, March 1.
4. **Coming up in Adult Education . . .**  
On Sunday, March 8th, Home Street will celebrate as 17 people become members of our congregation. So that we might get to know one another better, some of these folks will be sharing their faith stories during the Adult Ed time on March 1, 8, and 15. Please join us for these meaningful times together.
5. **Looking forward to the worship service on Sunday, March 8,** please pray for all who are becoming members of Home Street. They are:  
Taewook Bae, Euncho Ko, Terry Lesser, Moe Lesser, Dino, Linda Enns, Gordon Janzen, Andy Wenger, Christina Janzen, Emilie Brunet Zeni, Karl Zeni, John Dyck, Carol Dyck, Heather Schellenberg, Michael Harms, Adrienne Schellenberg, Aaron Loepky. We also look forward to Cindy and Charles Paetkau becoming members on April 19th.
6. Drawing on the wisdom of faith, the Mennonite Heritage Gallery is hosting a Sunday afternoon Coffee House, **'Songs, Hymns and Stories in Defence of Creation'**. Enjoy performances of songs and stories, and lots of singing together. **Sunday, March 1, from 2:00 to 4:30 PM, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.**
7. **I will be out of the office from Feb. 25 - March 24.** Diane Hiebert will be filling in for me and will be responding to emails and calls to the office. She will be in regular office hours- Tuesday-Friday 9-3 pm.  
- Cindy Paetkau

## 8. The Great Hymnal Upcycle Project and Art Exhibit, March 14, 2020:



Mark your calendars for this family-friendly art event Saturday afternoon, March 14, 3:30 - 6:30 pm in the church basement. Happily, this coincides with Pi Day, so we invite you to bring yummy savory and sweet pies to share for supper!

It's not too late to produce some upcycled art using the 1969 brown hymnals! This might involve mixed media, paper folding, photography, fabric art, three-dimensional art, painting, drawing, etc.

You are also invited to submit other personal art or craft pieces to the exhibit, such as sewing, knitting, carpentry or other creative visual expressions. You can choose to sell your artwork, with proceeds going to the greening of our church building.

Watch for more details in a bulletin insert next week and a post on the HSMC website.

## 9. Offering last week - \$3505

**Ways to give at HSMC:** cheques, cash, E-transfers (send to [donate@hsmc.ca](mailto:donate@hsmc.ca)), automatic deposit - forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and you can donate online, see our website.

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## Beyond Our Doors

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**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate** is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2020-21 school year. Applications are available on the Westgate website ([www.westgatemennonite.ca](http://www.westgatemennonite.ca)) or by calling the school at [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111).

Please join us **for The Great Canadian Hymn Sing Gala** concert Mar. 1 @ 3 pm at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. Special guests Rosemary Siemens, violinist and award winning tenor group, Tenore will be performing along with massed singing. Tickets are at Halls in Winnipeg and Steinbach or at the door.

## Lindenwood Villa

2 bed 2 bath 1173 sq.ft suite

2nd floor - facing west

Reduced to sell

Open house Saturday, February 29th, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

## Mennonite Central Committee

Come hear from Maxym Oliferovski about MCC's current work with families displaced by conflict in eastern Ukraine.

- [Tuesday, March 17](#): 10am-11am at MCC Manitoba, 134 Plaza Dr. (limited seating please RSVP below)
- [Wednesday, March 18](#): 7pm-8:30pm at Portage Avenue Church, 1420 Portage

Join us for a time of stories and inspiration from storyteller Francisca Ibanada (Mama Cisca) as she shares about how families in the DR Congo are recovering from conflict.

Hear Mama Cisca speak:

- [Monday, March 23](#): 10am-11am at MCC Program Office, 159 Henderson Hwy (limited seating please RSVP below)
- [Wednesday, March 25](#): 7pm-8:30pm at Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay St.

**Questions or want to RSVP?** Please contact Jessica Williams at 204.261.6381 or [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca) or visit [mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events) for more details.

**MCC is hiring!** We are looking for a Manitoba Thrift Coordinator to join our team! Visit [mccmb.ca/Openings](http://mccmb.ca/Openings) for more information. Closing date is February 27.

## Canadian Mennonite University

**Xplore**, is a six-week block of courses designed to stimulate the thinking and faith of those 55+. Beginning March 4 explore the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer; how faith is shaped by our relationship to the land; how the Corinthian church opens lessons for our own time; and how forced migration and refugees impact us all. **Wednesday mornings, March 4-April 8**, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Go to [cmu.ca/explore](http://cmu.ca/explore) for details.

Be part of the **Beethoven Choral Fantasy**, a celebration of Beethoven's 250th anniversary year with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra along with the CMU Chorus and the UM Singers. 8:00 PM, **Saturday, March 7** at the Centennial Concert Hall.

## Mennonite Church Canada

### AIMM asks for prayer over violence in Burkina Faso

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) asks us to pray that God restores peace to the continually deteriorating security situation in Burkina Faso. Thousands of people have been displaced by increasingly frequent, violent attacks by radical Islamic terrorist groups. These attacks target mosques, churches, schools and government military and police outposts. Pray for courage and trust for leaders and members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in this challenging environment. Pray for acts of love between Christians and Muslims that show a better way forward.

## Mennonite Church Manitoba

The **MCM Executive Minister Search Committee** invites your prayers as they begin the process of finding a new Executive Minister via a season of listening. The Search Committee members are: Colleen Edmunds, James Friesen, John P. Klassen (Chair), Nadya Langelotz, and Karen Schellenberg. Visit [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) for more info.

**Camp Assiniboia invites your church or family group to book a weekend at Camp Assiniboia this spring.** The following weekends are available: May 16-18, June 19-21, June 26-28. Contact Linda Dueck at [carentals@campswithmeaning.org](mailto:carentals@campswithmeaning.org) or call 204-864-2159 ext. 104.

**MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020.** Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, March 7, 2020. Be part of the discernment. Contact church leadership to find out how you can be a delegate.

### Keeping the Peace?

Exploring past and present relationships between peace and policing in Winnipeg

Public Lecture by Dr. Bronwyn Dobchuk-Land who teaches Criminal Justice at the University of Winnipeg.

According to mainstream media Winnipeggers are increasingly fearful in their own city. Entangled in the question of peace and violence is the question of policing. What is the historic role of policing and how does that inform its practices and mission today? Who is best served by the police, who is most harmed? For groups, like Mennonites, committed to peacemaking and justice are there present and possible alternatives to policing that better serve those most vulnerable to violence?

**First Mennonite Church - 922 Notre Dame Ave - March 11, 7pm**

**Facebook event page**

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/555853081944943/>

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