

Home Street Mennonite Church

Welcome to Worship



Memorial Sunday
November 22, 2020

Focus Statement: When we draw close to death, we stand at the edge of a great mystery. In that place of unknowing, we together remember that we are not alone, that we are loved, that we are forever remembered by God.

Gathering

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Prayer

Song *Let hope and sorrow now unite* HWB 634

Confession & Assurance

Hearing

Children's feature

Offering *The gathering of Spirits* Carrie Newcomer

Scripture: Romans 8:18-27, 31-39; Isaiah; 49:14-16a; 46:3-4

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Responding

Song *God remembers* STJ 107

Prayer

On Zoom:

Candlelighting in memory of loved ones

Litany of remembrance

Prayers of the people

The Lord's prayer HWB 731

Benediction

Worship Participants

Speaker: Judith FE

Worship Leader: Steve P.

Musicians: Allegra FE, Pearl TN

Children's Story: Shauna F.

Prayers on Zoom: Phil CE

Visuals: Michelle M.

Inside Our doors:

Christmas giving Invitations

It's the season of giving. As we enter the last weeks of 2020, please remember Home Street Mennonite Church in your charitable giving. Thanks for your support so far. We are close to meeting our budget obligations but we still need your help.

Year to date giving: **\$235,494**

2020 budget: **\$284,272**

Amount needed for budget: **\$48,778**



HSMC Advent Giving Project 2020 – Each year our church chooses one special project to support with our giving during the 4 Sundays of Advent. This year we have chosen an MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) project – look for more information in the Advent Home Delivery package. The activities will provide learning opportunities for all age levels. I would encourage you to take photos and post on our HSMC Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Celia at 204-452-1385 or baergenns@gmail.com with the heading, **HSMC Advent Giving project 2020**. Thank you – looking forward to seeing the many creative ways that we can support this project together. *Remember that this is a special project above our regular donations.

Advent at Home

Advent Home Deliveries: On Saturday, Nov 28, packages will be delivered to your doorstep with Advent items for your household. During this critical Code Red time, we are taking utmost care with these packages. Those who compile the packages will be masked and will carefully sanitize their hands. Drivers who deliver the packages will also sanitize their hands before each delivery. All the delivery items will be contained in a ziplock bag that you can easily wipe with disinfectant.

This year's Advent Worship Series, "**On the Road...**" reminds us that Advent is about movement, about drawing closer to Jesus each week as we prepare for his birth in our lives. Home Delivery packages will contain materials to create a small worship centre in your home – a visual of a trail. An Advent Trail Guide will also offer short reflections/activities for each Sunday.

Nov 29	<i>On the road to readiness (communion)</i>
Dec 6	<i>On the road to repentance</i>
Dec 13	<i>On the road to restoration</i>
Dec 20	<i>Sunday School Christmas Pageant</i>
Dec 27	<i>On the road to rejoicing</i>
Jan 3	<i>On the road to radiance</i>

Advent Evening Prayers: Join us Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 9:00–9:20 pm for Advent evening prayers. We'll light candles and share prayers and artwork, quieting ourselves as the day comes to a close. Our first evening prayers will be on Tuesday, December 1

1. **Zoom Sunday School for K- Grade 6:** SAVE the DATE: The next Zoom kindergarten - Grade 6 Sunday School will take place Sunday December 6th, 10:00 am. Zoom link to follow.
2. **Nurturing Faith During Challenging Times**

As a way to nurture our spirits and keep us connected, the HSMC Adult Education Working Group is hosting a four-part series via Zoom. Sessions run from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday evenings. There will be roughly 30 minutes of input followed by 30 minutes of group discussion. **Zoom links will be emailed from the church each week on Wednesday, and sessions will be recorded.**

Nov. 25, "Prayer and Meditation," with Lilli Williams
Dec. 2, "Activism," with Allegra Friesen Epp and Esther Epp-Tiessen
Dec. 9, "Worship," with HSMC Worship Committee
3. **Small Group Fellowship:** If you are interested in spending a few hours per month getting to know other Home Street folk over Zoom gatherings, or maybe to take part in or lead a study, email or call Cindy at the office.
4. **Embracing Indigenous Rights: Bringing Life to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:** Hear from a lawyer who will explain the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)*. Then hear from Indigenous people about what *UNDRIP* means for their lives and for their communities. Join the discussion to plan ways that we can implement *UNDRIP* in our own communities and encourage the governments to live by it in all their decisions. Kairos invites you to join this two-part online fall gathering: **Sunday, Nov 22 3:00–4:30 pm** and **Tuesday, Nov 24 7:00-8:30 pm**. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/UNDRIPKairos>.
5. **Please remember Palestinian farmers during this year's olive harvest**—a normally festive time for communities—as they face the twin challenges of COVID-19 and harassment by Israeli soldiers and settlers. To learn more about the importance of the olive harvest for a just peace in Palestine, visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/olive-harvest-initiative>.

For Christmas gift-giving support Palestinian farmers by purchasing Zatoun fair-trade extra virgin olive oil (\$25 per 750 ml. bottle). **Call or email Byron R-B to place your order.** This promotion, in partnership with CommonWord bookstore (which also sells it), is part of the work of MCM's Palestine-Israel working group
6. **Canadian Mennonite subscriptions:** All who attend Home Street Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church Manitoba. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Cindy at the church office by Nov. 23.
7. **Watch out for Gift Card E-mail Scam.** A recent article in the Winnipeg Free Press draws attention to a scam that could come to your email looking like it is from the Pastor. If an email seems suspicious please call the person to confirm they sent it. You can see the full article here: <https://bit.ly/giftscamWFP>

Outside Our Doors

"**Making Space for Grief:**" This Zoom retreat is offered through St. Benedicts Monastery from Friday, Nov 20, 7 pm to Saturday, Nov 21, 5 pm. We all have much to grieve. Some have lost loved ones or jobs and all of us had parts of our world change. You are invited to this retreat where experienced guides, Wanda Derksen and Laura Funk, will hold space for you, gently guiding with some teaching on grief and some open space for paying attention to the aches inside, helping you move through shadowed valleys. Registration is \$60 at <https://www.stbens.ca/new-events/making-space-for-grief-1>

On the Level Announcement:

Mennonite Disaster Service: The November edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read why we are suspending projects because of COVID spikes in local communities, learn how MDS volunteers are helping to save a Colorado forest, and an MDS volunteer and author offers a unique approach to support MDS.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3nF6fIG>

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

As members of Westgate's community you are invited to join us at Westgate Mennonite Collegiate's **virtual** Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 30th, 7:00 pm. If you would like a copy of the AGM booklet or would like the link to attend the Zoom meeting please contact the school at 204-775-7111 or westgate@westgatemennonite.org.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Due to the latest provincial restrictions on COVID 19, **Camp Assiniboia will be closed until further notice.** Sunday afternoon trail walks will resume when these restrictions are lifted. Thank you everyone and stay safe!

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Join us for Saturday, November 21 at 7pm for our Centennial Celebration. An evening of music, storytelling and thanksgiving that you won't want to miss. RSVP at mcccanada.ca/centennial/celebration-rsvp. Missed the event on Saturday evening? Please email Events@mccmb.ca for the link to the recorded version.

Support for Central American hurricane recovery. Within two weeks, not one, but two hurricanes have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at mcccanada.ca/eta-iota-relief or by calling 204-261-6381.

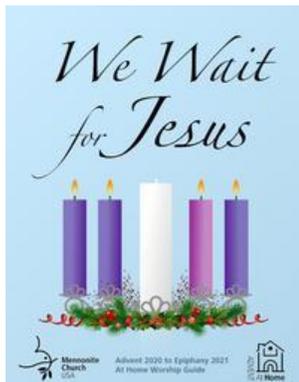
Give the perfect Christmas gift this season. Choose a goat, solar lanterns or a brood of chicks. Chickens provide eggs, meat and can boost income for families around the world. Purchase your Christmas Giving gift at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.

The Christmas Craft and Bake Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19 limitations. If you have any questions about how you can support MCC's Material Resources work contact us at 204-261-6381 or MaterialResources@mccmb.ca.



COMMONWORD

Two digital at-home family worship options for Advent-Epiphany



[We Wait for Jesus](#) is a new family resource similar to previous At-Home materials Mennonite Church Canada has produced since 2002.

[Family Activities for Advent-Epiphany](#) are previous years' At-Home materials reframed into a single Lectionary Cycle B resource.

CommonWord remains open during increased COVID-19 restrictions in Manitoba

Staff remain available for congregational resourcing questions and are here to help connect you with Anabaptist and related materials, Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m. CDT. Browse our website (www.commonword.ca) to find thousands of free, digital resources or to place your online retail or loan order. Or contact us (204-594-0527; info@commonword.ca) for assistance. If you're in the Winnipeg area, although the doors to Marpeck Commons are now locked, we are glad to arrange for curbside pickup. We don't want you to go without your fair-trade coffee, other local specialty foods or a good book to read!

Canadian Mennonite University

Prospective students, check out CMU's next Wednesday Webinar focused on ***Athletics and Student Life***. Learn how participation on a varsity athletic team or involvement in diverse leadership opportunities can impact your learning, build new friendships and enrich your university experience. Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 PM (CST). For more information and to register go to www.cmu.ca/webinar.

During the pandemic CMU remains VIRTUALLY OPEN to all prospective students. Any student who applies by November 30 will have the \$80.00 application fee waived! **CMU's next Virtual Campus Visit Day is on Friday, November 27** from 4:00–5:00 PM (CST). Register at www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse.

Sign up for an Individual Virtual Visit at a time of your convenience, including a one-on-one conversation with an Admissions Counsellor. Register your interest at enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/virtual_visits.

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