

Home Street Mennonite Church

April 14, 2024

Home Street Mennonite seeks to be an open, caring community of faith, welcoming people of any race, age, ability, income, family status, gender identity, and sexual orientation. We commit to growing together into a safe, inclusive, and diverse congregation.

Room for even our doubts

Focus Text: *So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." John 20:25*

Prelude

Song *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Psalm 73.21-28

When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
I was stupid and ignorant;
I was like a brute beast toward you.

***Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.***

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me with honour.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;
you put an end to those who are false to you.

***But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
to tell of all your works.***

Peace Prayer (projected)

Song *Will You Come and Follow Me* VT 540

Affirmation of faith

Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
***for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,***
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Scripture: John 20:19-29

Children's Story

Song *Be Still and Know* VT 37

Meditation

Reverie ~ *Doubting Thomas*

Offering

Prayers of the People

Song How Many Times We Start Again VT 553

Benediction

Postlude

We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the ancestral lands of Treaties that were made on these territories. We acknowledge the harms that were committed in the past and those that continue today. We dedicate ourselves to being Treaty People and moving forward in right relationship.

Hearing Assistance: Those who need some hearing assistance in the sanctuary can either ask the sound technician for a headset, or use Wi-Fi-enabled hearing aids.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Jonathan K

Visual: Michelle M, Peter F

Speaker: Phil CE

AV Techs: Grant K, Scott W

Scripture Reader: Chester M

Ushers: Harry K, Natasha NB, Don M

Children's Storyteller: Brenda TW

Musicians: Moe Lesser, Amilia F, Madeleine F,

Inside Our Doors

1. Easter Worship Series: Stories of Resurrection

April 7 - Songs and Stories of Resurrection

April 14 - Room for even our doubts: John 20:19-31

April 21 - Morning Songs for Sister Mother Earth (Earth Day)

April 28 - Do You Love Me? John 21:15-19

May 5 - Indigenous Peoples Sunday

May 12 - Ascension of Jesus: Acts 1:1-11

2. Adult Education

Join us today at 9:45 in the church basement to hear Cliff O's faith story. Faith story sharing is a tradition at Home Street and is a life-giving time for both teller and listener.

Next week we begin a 4-week session on "Eating Well." The intricate web of creation connects us all. The basic yet sacred act of eating shapes our relationship with the earth, the flora, the fauna, and each other. How is God present in our practice of food production, distribution, and consumption? And how does our relationship with creation shape our faith?

April 21 - Eating Well: Relating to the Earth, with guest Megan Klassen-Wiebe, Metanoia farmer

April 28 - Eating Well: Relating to Each Other: Hospitality, with Susan Reynar

May 5 - Eating Well: Relating to the Other: Neighbours and Land Use, with Anika Reynar (via Zoom)

May 12 - Eating Well: Relating to Flora and Fauna, with Byron/Melita Rempel Burkholder, Dan Epp-Tiessen and Gordon Janzen

3. Junior and Senior Youth

Sunday, April 14th. Stay after the worship service for taco lunch and board games. Food will be provided. Bring your favorite board game. Pickup at church at 2:30pm.

4. **Indigenous Settler Relations Group:** Our next ISRG meeting is on April 17th at 7:00 on Zoom.

5. **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Saturday, April 27.** Would you like to get to know some fellow Home Streeters? Sign up to share dinner together! You can volunteer to host people in your home, which means providing the main course and drinks, or you can volunteer to be a guest, which means bringing along a salad and/or dessert. This event makes it easy to host, or be hosted by, people whom you may not know.

6. **Voices Together in Worship is a gathering on May 10-11** to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors, musicians, and lovers of worship! Everyone is invited to the Friday evening Song Feast (7:00 pm), which will explore the music from Voices Together. You can also register for Saturday, a day filled with times of worship, plenary sessions, workshops and conversations, with Voices Together as our guide. The cost of the day on Saturday is \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. Registration opens April 16: www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship. If you help to lead worship in any way here at Home Street, we encourage you to attend. If the registration cost is a deterrent, please contact Michelle Montsion for a subsidy.

7. **Winnipeg School Division International Program** is looking for host families for grade 9-12 students. We are particularly in need of families in the river heights and Wolseley/West End areas. If you are interested in hosting please email Heather Sch. or visit <https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/wsdinternational/page/13647/be-a-homestay-family>

8. **You're invited to a coffeehouse evening at North Kildonan Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. on April 20.** Well-known Southern Manitoba country band, The Jakebrakes, will headline the music for the evening as the musical focus will be country gospel music. Marv Thiessen, Wayne Guenther and friends will provide an opening set. Join us for some food, beverages, conversation and good music. There is no cover charge but donations toward expenses will be thankfully received.

9. **Westgate Bursary Banquet-- Save the date:** Come enjoy an evening of fine food, fellowship, and inspiring entertainment on Monday, May 13th, 5:30 pm Reception, 6:30 pm Dinner ~ Canad Inns – Polo Park. If you are interested in attending please talk to our Westgate Rep. Peter Sawatzky, he will have a Home Street table to fill.

10. **In the Office:** Cindy will be away on Friday, April 19th, please have bulletin items in by Thurs. a.m. Office hours this week are Tuesday to Thursday 9:30-3:00 pm.

11. Donations to Home Street Mennonite Church can be made in the following ways:

- e-transfer through your banking app, to donate@hsmc.ca
- cheques or cash in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary (envelopes available)
- a cheque, mailed or dropped off at the church
- by a pre-authorized debit form, contact the church office if you are interested in this option.
If you are a new donor to HSMC, please include your mailing address or email to receive a tax receipt

12. Into the Night: Lullabies and Morning Songs for Sister Mother Earth

We live in a hard time when our very existence as creatures of Sister Mother Earth is in question. Yet, in dark night like times, humans have in part endured with songs and stories about the goodness that wondrously persists round about, the good that is lost, and the good that yet may be. Lullabies and their sister morning songs might offer pathways into a troubling dark and take us to the coming day's goodness and difficult tasks of mending and making well. Recall that the last note of the lullaby is rightly the first note of the morning song.

Art Exhibit from April 19 - June 1 at the Mennonite Heritage Centre (MHC) Gallery (500 Shaftesbury Blvd)

This exhibit features the paintings of Rhian Brynjolson, the photography and songs of Sam Baardman, and the drawings and stories of Bob Haverluck.

Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 20, 7:30 pm at MHC Gallery: Lullabies for Sister Mother Earth You will be welcomed by artists Bob Haverluck and Rhian Brynjolson. The coffeehouse features songs and stories by Jamie O, poetry by Gerry W and Lori, music by Refik K, Carrie S, Joel W and Nick W.

Worship Service on Sunday, April 21, 10:45 at Home Street: Morning Songs for Sister Mother Earth

The worship service will include storytelling by Bob Haverluck and Jamie Oliviero.

This Week at Home Street

April	14	9:45	Christian Education classes for Children, Youth and Adults
		10:45 am	Worship Service
	15	7:00-8:00 pm	CODA (Fellowship Hall)
	16	7:30 - 8:30 pm	EA 12 Step Group (Fellowship Hall)
	17	2:00-6:00pm	Home Plate (Food Bank)
	18	10:00am-12:30 pm	I Just City program (Fellowship Hall)
	18	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group (Fellowship Hall)
	19	7:15 am	Men's Prayer meeting (over Zoom)
	20	9 am-3:30pm	SDA Service (sanctuary & downstairs)

Outside Our Doors

Ascension Oratorio

April 19, 7:30 pm

The All Saints choir joins the Winnipeg Baroque Festival with a performance of Bach's Ascension Oratorio, with soloists and orchestra, conducted by Dietrich Bartel. This concert is "pay what you can." All Saints Church, 521 Broadway at Osborne. Parking is available at Canada Life. Visit winnipegbaroquefestival.com or allsaintswinnipeg.ca for more information.

Ready to Grow! Join Recovery of Hope's Neufeld Institute trained counsellors for an evening of insight and story and leave with tools for fostering growth and development in children and youth! Everyone is welcome...parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, caregivers, teachers, Sunday school teachers, pastors. Discover the power you have to nurture the children in your care to reach their potential! In Winnipeg, April 23, 2024, 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on Eventbrite or call the Recovery of Hope office: 204-477-4673.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit (GYS) in Germany in 2025. We are looking for one MCM YA rep to attend; one of the five regional church reps will be MC Canada's rep. Registration and most expenses will be covered. **Note the rush deadline: April 15!** www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/featured

Young Adult Anabaptist Conference for an Active Future (YAACAF) at MCBC's Camp Squeah, June 7-9. MC Canada will pay \$500 each toward registration and travel for two young adults from MCM. Contact the MCM office if interested.

Light the Fire Launch Party. Over 340 registered. April 14, 2024, 7:00pm, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger, Mike Wiebe and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Appetizers, visiting, news about the project. Sign up for free tickets (until April 14, 1:00pm) and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

Annual Birding Retreat. May 24-26. Camp Koinonia. No experience required. Visit the webpage for more information and to register. www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat.

Camp Koinonia invites applications for the Camp Manager and Food Services Coordinator positions. Visit www.campkoino.ca/opportunities for more info.

Canadian Mennonite University

Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard – a Face2Face panel discussion on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM at CMU and via livestream. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit cmu.ca/face2face.

All are invited to Spring at CMU on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre. Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the event livestream.

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life and Enrolment. Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

Join the CMU Festival Players on April 20 at 11:00 AM for *Cantatas, Cambers, Claviers & Coffee* in the Great Hall at CMU. Enjoy J.S. Bach's beloved "Coffee Cantata" along with other Bach pieces. Coffee is included in the ticket price, and traditional German baked goods will be available for purchase! Visit winnipegbaroquefestival.com for tickets and information.

International Witness



Join Mennonites in Burkina Faso in thanking God for a successful youth camp!



Participants spent 5 days of teaching and reflection on three themes: relying on God, developing an entrepreneurial spirit, and preparing for married life. Josué Coulibaly, national youth pastor, reported that many of the youth were sad to leave each other after this intense time of learning together.

On 3 April 2024, Taiwan was struck by its most powerful earthquake in 25 years...

which measured 7.5 in magnitude. Leaders of FOMCIT (the Mennonite church in Taiwan) report that no members were injured. However, at least nine people have been reported killed, more than 900 injured, and property damage is widespread. The Mennonite hospital in Hualien is prepared to receive emergency patients. Let us pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the people who are suffering after the earthquake. Pray for the rescuers searching for trapped people in unstable wreckage with the possibility of aftershocks. Pray for medical teams that are helping the victims. (Source: MWC prayers <https://mwc-cmm.org/id/prayers>)

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

The Westgate Senior Band, Senior Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Class are away from April 5-14 on their Music Tour to British Columbia. Today they are worshipping with Yarrow United Mennonite Church in Chilliwack, BC.

Westgate is excited to be participating in the CAMS Music Festival April 19 - 21. Every few years the Canadian Association of Mennonite Schools (CAMS) hosts a music festival and our sister schools from across the country come together. There are close to 400 students participating and 122 that are coming from out of province. The weekend will culminate with a Gala Concert featuring the massed choirs and bands on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 pm at Jubilee Place (MBCI, 181 Riverton Ave). Admission is free. Rush Seating with a silver collection. –

Mennonite Central Committee

Join MCC Manitoba's expanding team as our **Indigenous Neighbours Program Co-Coordinator!** MCC Canada is also hiring for a **Director of Finance**. Visit mcc.org/careers for full descriptions and to apply today.

Are you still thinking about SALT? Applications are now accepted until April 30! SALT is a *free* eleven-month program for adults 18-30 with MCC, beginning in August. You will immerse yourself in a new culture, serve a community, gain real-world skills and grow in ways you never imagined. Visit mcc.org/salt for more information, [browse our open positions](#), or [start the application process](#) today!

What would it look like to do a month of Climate Actions for Peace? [Sign up to get your free calendar](#) with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning, to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Visit mcc.org/climate-action-peace for more information.

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