

Home Street Mennonite Church

April 21, 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.

Morning Songs for Sister Mother Earth

Focus Statement: 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, the good that is lost and the good that yet may be. Lullabies and their sister morning songs offer pathways into a troubling dark and take us to the coming day's goodness with its difficult tasks of mending and making well. Recall that the last note of the lullaby is rightly the first note of the morning song.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Poetry: Listening for a Lullaby

Lullaby *Dona Nobis Pacem* VT 707

Poetry: Waking Song

Morning Song *Called by Earth and Sky* VT 806

Prayer

Song of Confession *Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

Scripture: Mark 1:9-14; Matthew 11:16-19

Reverie

Story: "The God of Flesh and Wild"

Song *When God was Flesh and Wild* Bulletin (back page)

Solo *Come Forest*

Offering

Prayers of the People

Song *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

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

Poetry: Gerry W, Judith FE

Scripture Reader: Paul P

Musicians: Joyce S, Lilli W, Moe L

Reverie: Jonathan H

Soloist: Clare S

Story Writer: Bob H

Storytellers: Jamie O, Moe L, Lindsay S, Bob H,

Worship Leader: Judith Friesen Epp

AV Technicians: Michael V, Andy BW

Visuals: Michelle M, Peter F,

Ushers: Stuart W, Cory P, Lorna H

Inside Our Doors

1. **Easter Worship Series: Stories of Resurrection**

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**

This 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

April 28 - Eating Well: Relating to Each Other: Hospitality

May 5 - Eating Well: Relating to the Other: Neighbours and Land Use

May 12 - Eating Well: Relating to Flora and Fauna

3. **Young Adult Potluck Next Sunday, April 28th.** If you are young or young at heart please come and break bread with us after the service. This month we will be having taco salad. Please bring either a topping for the taco salad or a dessert and come ready for a time of food and fellowship.

4. **Becoming a Member of Home Street**

If you are already baptized, have been attending for a while, and feel like this congregation is your spiritual home, you are invited to become a member. A service that will include new members is being planned for Sunday, June 16th. If you are interested or have questions please be in touch with Phil or Judith by May 26th.

5. **Home Plate:** We are asking for donations of food for those people coming to the door during the week or coming as walk-ins for Home Plate who have not signed up. These items would be things like Kraft dinner, Mr. Noodles or similar type soups, easy open cans of stews, beans, tuna, hearty soups, granola or fruit bars. Items can be left on the table on the south stairwell going up to the sanctuary. Thank you!

6. **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 S, he will have a Home Street table to fill.

7. **Junior and Senior Youth**

On Friday, April 26 we'll meet at Home Street for our next combined youth gathering with 8 other churches. This evening will include games, snack, and a worship time featuring our very own Kathy G as the speaker! 7 - 9pm.

8. **May 5, 2024: Indigenous Peoples Sunday**

On May 5, we will mark Indigenous Peoples Sunday in our worship at HSMC. This is the annual service, planned by the Indigenous Settler Relations Group, to celebrate the contribution of Indigenous Peoples to our community and to learn from their wisdom.

This year, our guest speaker will be Niigaan Sinclair -- professor and head of the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba, columnist, author and activist. Our friends Beatrice and Cheryl-Anne from St. Kateri Aboriginal Catholic Parish will provide drumming and singing and will also offer smudging outdoors prior to the service (starting at 10:15) to whomever wishes to participate. (Smudging is the practice of cleansing oneself and connecting with Creator through the burning of sacred medicines, such as sage, sweetgrass, cedar or tobacco.) **If you are planning to smudge, please come early.**

May 5 is also Red Dress Day which is a national day to honour Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse individuals who have been murdered or gone missing. We will have a red dress as part of the altar display.

A potluck will follow the service, and will include traditional Bannock.

Additionally, a variety of items will be available for sale before and after worship:

- woodcrafts created by Henry Neufeld, symbolizing his love of the outdoors and the longstanding relationships he and his family developed with Indigenous Peoples over 70+ years
- honey produced by bees in cooperation with Gordon Janzen,
- special greeting cards from India produced by friends of Yvonne Snider- Nighswander.

In keeping with Red Dress Day, all funds raised from the sale of these products will be donated to the North Point Douglas Women's Centre and their work to support and strengthen women in their neighbourhood. For more information, visit <https://www.npdwc.org/>

9. **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.
10. **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 visit <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/wsdinternational/page/13647/be-a-homestay-family>
11. **In the Office:** Office hours this week are Tuesday to Friday 9:30-3:00 pm.
12. **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

Outside Our Doors

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

The Westgate Strategic Planning Committee is working on a plan to guide the school throughout the next 10 years. We want your input and invite you to fill out a survey. Please visit our [website](#) or click here: [Westgate Survey Link](#)

Please come to the Canadian Association of Mennonite Schools (CAMS) joint concert on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 pm at Jubilee Place (MBCI, 181 Riverton Ave). Performing schools are Westgate, MBCI, RJC, Rockway, UMEI, and WMS (WMEMS). Admission is free. Rush Seating with a silver collection.

Mennonite Central Committee

Spend a day on the green in support of MCC's international disaster relief! Join us for MCC Manitoba's golf tournament on Thursday, July 4 at Bridges Golf Course. Enjoy our Texas Scramble tournament with on-course challenges, with a BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/golf for information and to register today!

Shop at Piece it Together's Spring Quilt & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 11, 9:00am – 4:00pm at Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (150 Bayridge Ave.). Enjoy the beautiful handicrafts sold in support of MCC's disaster and humanitarian relief work! pieceittogether.ca

Canadian Mennonite University

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.

The **MHC Gallery** invites you to their newest exhibit, "Into the Night: Lullabies and Morning Songs for a Troubled Earth." Featuring work by River on the Run Artist Collective and special guests, this exhibit runs from Friday, April 19 to Saturday, June 1. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more information.