



**Mennonite Church Canada PrayerNet:** On Feb. 25, MCBC leaders and delegates meet for their annual gathering. Pray for an overwhelming sense of God's presence as they discuss area church matters and engage in a final review of Future Directions proposals to re-organize national and area church bodies. Pray for MCA, MC Sask, and MCM as they prepare for their annual meetings in March, and for MCEC as they prepare for their meeting in April.

New documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process have been posted at [futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal](http://futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal).

The Mennonite Heritage Centre including its Archive and Art Gallery programs, is being reorganized under a new partnership and name. Learn more by reading the joint news release: <http://tinyurl.com/jve78cs>

### WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The *Freedom Singer* is the new documentary theatre piece inspired by the remarkable journey of singer-songwriter Khari Wendell McClelland (as featured on CBC's *The National* and *Tapestry*). In 2015, JUNO-nominated McClelland retraced the steps of his great-great-great grandmother Kizzy and – using contemporary styles like hip hop, funk, soul – personalized the songs that accompanied her and thousands of others as they escaped U.S. slavery. In sharing this music, Khari is brought face to face with his own "unrecorded" heritage, and the realities and myths of one of our quintessential historic narratives: The Underground Railroad. Feb 22, Doors 7:15 pm; show 8:00 pm. West End Cultural Centre. When you use the promo code FREEDOM at this link: <https://goo.gl/Lxmhvo> you will receive 15% off the face value of the ticket.



### Charleswood Church Curling event!

**3:30 pm, Sunday, March 19**

**Location: Thistle Curling Club (280 Burnell St)**

**Cost: \$10 per curler**

**Dress: Warm clothes & indoor shoes**

**Jr. youth and older are welcome to participate. Some instruction before the games commence is available. Please e-mail Trevor De Ryck at [chartrev@mymts.net](mailto:chartrev@mymts.net) if you're planning on attending. More details will be provided later.**

## CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

February 19, 2017

Education Hour 9:30 am | Worship Service 10:45 am

**Worship Leader:** Janice Dueck

**Song Leader:** Bob Wiebe

**Ushers:** Youth

**Speaker:** John Braun

**Pianist:** Verna Wiebe

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

L: We are called to turn the other cheek,

**C: so we will seek to be vulnerable  
in our lives of faith and service.**

L: We are called to go the extra mile,

**C: so we will walk with those around us  
in the journeys of hope as well as fear.**

L: We are called to love those who make that so hard,

**C: so we will rely on the One who loves us  
to fill us with that special grace.**

Song HWB 63 *Praise, my soul, the God of heaven*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**This is the good news: We belong to Christ. He is the One who comes bringing life and hope to all. Because we belong to Christ, we belong to God. The Holy One is also the Merciful One, who fills our hearts with love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

### HEARING THE WORD

1 Corinthians 3: 10-23 *(see next page)*

Story

Song HWB 567 *How firm a foundation*

Sermon: "The rain falls on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:36-46)

Song SJ 14 *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Song HWB 76 *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

### GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Song HWB 422  
Benediction

*May God grant you a blessing*

~ Please return hymnbooks to the shelves at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you. ~

## 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.'

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. ♦

## TODAY

- Following the worship service: You are invited to participate in a **sermon response meeting** in the Study Room.

## YOUTH Announcements

Feb 24 – Youth Event: Boys/Girls Night! The secret locations and times will be sent by email. Please RSVP to Paul Dyck or Rebecca Klassen-Wiebe if you can make it!

## UP-COMING EVENTS

- **NEXT SUNDAY – Westgate Fruit & Cheese pick up at church**
- **Mar 3 (Fri), 7:00 pm – World Day of Prayer 2017** will be held at Charleswood Mennonite Church. The country chosen for this year is The Philippines. Topic: *Am I Being Unfair To You?* Please keep this evening open.
- **May 6-7 – Church Retreat at Camp Assiniboia**

## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

*Restore Us, O God!* is the 2017 Lent at home devotional booklet by Elsie Rempel. Follow the weekly themes of *We Hunger, We Wonder, We Thirst, We See, We Breathe, We Hope*—and finally on Easter—*We Live!* Free download at [www.commonword.ca/go/748](http://www.commonword.ca/go/748); or a few printed copies are available on the table under the bulletin board.

## MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Lindenwood Villa Church Open House (500 Lindenwood Dr E): Sun., Feb. 19, 3 – 5 pm. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 938 sq ft suite on main floor. Public Open Houses: Sat., Feb. 25 and Sun., Feb. 26, 2-4 pm. For more info or to book a private showing please call Nicole Milner (ReMax) (204-999-8825) [nicolemilner@remax.net](mailto:nicolemilner@remax.net)

*Frohe Botschaft*, a German language worship service produced by Mennonite Church Manitoba and broadcast on Sunday morning at 7:30 on CFAM/CHSM/CJRB. Speaker in March: Pastor John H. Neufeld from First Mennonite Church.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Delegate Gathering:** Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. Worship open to all: Mar. 3, 7:00-9:00 pm. Business sessions: Mar. 4, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Schedule and Part 1 of the Report Book is available at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events)

Mennonite Heritage Days at Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home: You are invited to a presentation by Ray Dirks: "Along the Road to Freedom – Mennonite Women of Courage and Faith"; Wed., Mar. 8, 6:30 pm, in the BMPCH Chapel. Admission complementary, donations may be given to Bethania Mennonite Memorial Foundation.

## MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- \* MCC Canada welcomes applications for **Director of Finance** based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until Mar. 15. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://mccmb.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/director-finance>
- \* MCC is accepting applications for **Summerbridge 2017:** An 8-12 week service program provides opportunities for young adults to develop leadership skills and deeper engagement with their local church and community. The program encourages participation of young people from diverse cultural backgrounds. To learn more, contact Katie Froese ([katiefroese@mccmb.ca](mailto:katiefroese@mccmb.ca); 204-925-1929).

### **WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE (86 West Gate; 204-775-7111)**

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2017-18 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.

### **CAMPS WITH MEANING (895-CAMP or [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org))**

- \* Camps with Meaning camper registration is now open for all three locations! For details visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)
- \* The Camps with Meaning "Raise the Roof" Song-a-thon: Mar. 18 from 1-9 pm.
- \* Camps with Meaning staff and volunteer applications are now available at [www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff).

### **CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY ([www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca))**

- \* **CMU Vespers:** TONIGHT, Feb. 19, 7:00 pm, Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury. Choir director: John Poettcker; worship leader: Irma Fast Dueck.
- \* Join presenters Gil Dueck, Jamie Howison, Lloyd Letkeman, Carol Letkeman, Irma Fast Dueck, Hilde Marsch, and more at CMU for **A Transformative Moment: Seeking God in the Transitions of Young Adulthood**, a one-day workshop for pastors and lay leaders who are interested in exploring the intriguing transitions of young adulthood. Feb. 25, 9 am-3 pm in the CMU Conference Room, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. For more information go to [cmu.ca/transformative](http://cmu.ca/transformative).
- \* February 28 is CMU's deadline for Scholarships and Awards. See [cmu.ca/financialaid](http://cmu.ca/financialaid) for applications and information. CMU issues nearly 400 scholarships and bursaries to students each year. Over \$523,000 was awarded in scholarships and bursaries to over half the student body in 2015-2016.
- \* You are warmly invited to an evening of musical theatre with **CMU Opera Workshop's presentation** of *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Performances: Thur., Mar 9 to Sat., Mar. 11, 7:00 pm and Sun. at 2:30 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury. Tickets at the door: adults \$20; students \$15.
- \* **Xplore: Keep Thinking:** CMU's 55-Plus Enrichment Program, offered Wednesday mornings at CMU from Mar. 8-Apr. 12. Courses include *Introducing Hutterites Today* with Kenny Wollmann (Hutterite graduate student at CMU). For information and to enrol go to [cmu.ca/explore](http://cmu.ca/explore).
- \* **Spring at CMU:** An evening fundraiser in support of CMU's mission and programs. The CMU PAX Award will be presented to Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, and we will celebrate the leadership of the Capital Campaign Cabinet in constructing Marpeck Commons. Wed., Apr. 5. Go to [cmu.ca/springatcmu](http://cmu.ca/springatcmu) for more information.
- \* As people of peace in a world with much violence, the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding** is a great place to learn peacebuilding skills, to connect with other peacebuilders, and to hear inspiring stories. Come join our wildly diverse community for a 5-day session, June 12-16 or 19-23. More information is available at [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).