



Mennonite Church Canada: Check out the Church Matters podcast interview with guests Kathleen Vitt and 87 year-old Henry Neufeld who will be walking hundreds of kms through southern Ontario on the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights from Apr 23-May 14: www.commonword.ca/go/1131. To follow the progress of The Pilgrimage, check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/.

Emerging Voices Initiative needs your help to send youth delegates to the special Mennonite Church Assembly Oct. 13-15. Donate today to help youth delegates attend Assembly 2017. <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017>

Future Directions: Check out a progress report and a link to a survey about international Witness ministry at: <http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca>

For Mennonites, the conviction of non-violent peace building runs deep. It unites us as a family beyond borders. Please pray for all who grieve the insensible death of Mennonite peace worker, Michael Sharp, whose body was found in a shallow grave in Congo in late March. Michael was on a United Nations mission to investigate a new violent uprising in a remote area when he and some of his colleagues were kidnapped and killed.

AMBS webinars: Greg Boyd on major challenges facing the contemporary church. Facilitator Greg Boyd (scholar, author, pastor and leading Neo-Anabaptist) will engage several Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty in these interactive webinars offered by AMBS's Church Leadership Center. Webinars will be held from 2-3:30 pm EDT on Thur, Apr 20. (*Creation in travail and creation renewed*), and Thur, May 25 (*Conflict, oppression and shalom*). Your first webinar is free! <http://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/webinars>

Financial Update

as of March 31, 2017	Income	Expenses	Difference
Actual to date	80,889	95,356	- 14,466
Budget to date	93,998	97,138	- 3,140
Difference	- 13,109	1,782	- 11,326
Annual Budget	375,393	369,393	6,000

(NOTE: Data includes both General and Building Fund income and expenses)

We are \$14,466 behind in our budget at the end of March. We have used \$12,147 of our line of credit to make the first quarterly payments to the donor organizations at the end of March.

John's Office Hours: Tue-Fri mornings
 Jeff's Office Hours: Tue-Fri 9:00 am-2:00 pm
 Anita's Office Hours: Thur & Fri mornings

Please submit announcements/order of worship to the office by 9:00 am **Thursday** morning at cwoodmc@mymts.net or 204-837-7982.

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CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

April 9, 2017

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

Worship Leader: John Braun

Song Leader: Alisa Wiebe

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Speaker: Sarah Thompson

Story Teller: Elsie Rempel

Ushers: David & Sheralyn Friesen & Family

The litanies for Lent have been prepared by Laura Thiessen

We welcome **Sarah Thompson** to our worship service this morning. She is the Executive Director of Christian Peace Maker Teams. In the past she has worked with Mennonite World Conference and also with Mennonite Central Committee in Jerusalem, Washington DC and Elkhart, Indiana. She is a graduate of AMBS.

Palm Sunday

GATHERING

Invocation

Palm Processional

Jumping up and down (3X)

Shout Hosanna. Hosanna

Here comes Jesus riding on a donkey

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna to the King

Wave the branches of the trees before him

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna to the King

HWB 238

Hosanna, loud hosanna

Prayer (SS 168 responsive reading)

SS 73

Jesus is coming

Isaiah 56:1-8

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession (SS 169)

HEARING THE WORD

Story

Mark 11:1-11; 15-19 (*next page*)

HWB 411

I bind my heart this tide

Sermon: "Which parade are you in?"

HWB 323

Beyond a dying sun

OFFERINGS

Prayer (SS 157 - Bless the work of our hands)

Financial Resources

Song

Sharing and Prayers

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Song

Benediction
HWB 382

Threefold Amen

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

Mark 11:1-11; 15-19

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?

But you have made it a den of robbers.'

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. ♦

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

Church Retreat, May 6-7: Registration forms are in your mailboxes or on the literature table. Please return forms and payment to Megan Friesen by April 16. Cheques are payable to "Charleswood Mennonite Church".

The Adult Sunday School class will be doing a 3-part series during April on Mental Health and Mental Illness in the Church led by a retired chaplain (Cornel Rempel) and a clinical psychologist (Moirá Somers). Topics will include: common mental health challenges; how faith contributes to resilience; and how church involvement bolsters or busts mental well-being. We will be hearing from people with lived experience of mental illness. We welcome your participation.

Come out and join the choir for the Easter Sunday service. There will be one rehearsal at 9:00 am on the morning of the service. If you would like to sing, please let Alisa Wiebe know at alisawiebe@gmail.com.

Today is the last day to drop off items for the **Canadian Muslim Women's Institute (CMWI)** providing practical items of support for newly arrived to Manitoba refugees. Please leave items in the church entrance.

The **MCC Plant Sale** will be held May 26 & 27 at Plaza Drive. Don Johnson from FGMC will be coordinating events. We are looking for plant donations and volunteers to assist in the tent sales on either Friday or Saturday. Our congregation has accepted the request to manage the clean-up at 3:00 pm on Saturday. Charleswood contact: Ron Dueck (204-896-5057).

TODAY

- **After the worship service:** Open meeting in the Study Room to share reflections prompted by the sermon.

THIS WEEK

- **Mon, 7:00 pm – The Prayer Shawl knitting group** will meet at the home of Elsie Rempel (531 Dominion St). All interested knitters/crocheters are welcome. Email: eprempe@gmail.com or call 204-783-1869.
- **Thur, 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Communion Service.** We will be celebrating communion in the context of a Passover Seder which will include some of the "symbolic" foods used in the ancient Passover meal.
- **Fri, 10:00 am – Good Friday service** at Home Street Mennonite Church. Please call Kathy Fast if you are able to bring paska or a different dessert.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Morning:** We would like to have a time of fellowship in the hour before the service. Please bring paska to share. Also, please bring your Easter lilies for the worship service. Call Kathy Fast if you can contribute either of these items.
- **May 6-7 – Church Retreat at Camp Assiniboia**

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Springfield Heights Mennonite church presents a dramatic re-enactment of Jesus' final days. "The Final Days of Christ": Fri., Apr. 14 at 7:30 pm, 570 Sharron Bay. Admission free. Doors open 6:30 pm. Parental guidance advised for young children.

Westgate Senior High Students invite you to their presentation of *Seussical, The Musical*, Apr. 27-29, 7:30 pm at the Tec Voc Theatre, 1555 Wall St East. Tickets (rush seating) available for purchase by contacting the school office: 204-775-7111.

Women Encountering Jesus: Sat., Apr. 29, 9 am-4:30 pm. Mennonite Women Manitoba invite you to spend a day exploring stories of women's encounters with Jesus then and now. Our day will include: worship, engagement with a variety of spiritual practices, storytelling, lunch and introduction to resources for the journey. Resource Person: Spiritual Director Laura Funk. Bethel Mennonite Church. Register \$50; www.mennochurch.mb.ca or call Kathy Giesbrecht at 204-896-1616.

Faith and Life Male Choir and Women's Chorus Spring Concerts: Apr. 29, 7:00 pm, Sargent Ave Mennonite Church (926 Garfield St); or Apr. 30, 3:00 pm, Morden Mennonite Church (363 Gilmour St). A freewill offering will be received.

Register now for the **MCM Birding Retreat** at Camp Moose Lake, May 26-28! For info or to register visit www.campswithmeaning.org/news/birding-retreat

Mennonite Church Manitoba is accepting applications for the position of **Resident Manager at Camp Moose Lake**. This is a 4-month term position (1.0 fte) from May 1–Aug 31. The Manager is directly responsible for the management of Camp Moose Lake, overseeing all aspects of its operation including facilities and the guest group rental program. Send inquiries to Dorothy Fontaine 204-896-1616 ext 256 or dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca. Visit: www.campswithmeaning.org, News.

Mennonite Disaster Service Job Alert: There are three paid employment opportunities at the Binational office in Lititz, PA in the volunteer team: Volunteer Manager, Volunteer Coordinator for Leadership, and Volunteer Coordinator for Crews. See full job descriptions at MDS employment. Send résumés to jobs@mds.mennonite.net or MDS, Attn: Human Resources, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. Review of resumes begins immediately.

CAMPS WITH MEANING (895-CAMP or www.campswithmeaning.org)

- * Camps with Meaning is still in great need of many **volunteers for support staff** (health officer, kitchen help, or maintenance help) for a week this summer. Please email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or call (204) 895-2267 if you can volunteer.
- * Camp Assiniboia is looking for people to join our **Volunteer Maintenance Crew**. If you would like to help us with woodworking projects, carpentry projects, repairs, grounds keeping, or gardening (vegetable and flower) then please contact David Hogue, 204 864 2159 ext 100. Join us in building our vision for Camp.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * Celebrate with **Outtatown** students at Outtatown Guatemala & South Africa Graduation: Apr. 9, 2:00 pm in the Loewen Athletic Centre, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.
- * **Concert TODAY:** Mennonite Community Orchestra, CMU's Resident Orchestra: Apr. 9, 3:00 pm, Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury. Featuring guest soloist Matthew Pauls, baritone, CMU Assist Prof of Music. \$15 adults/\$5 students/12 & under free.
- * All are invited to the events of **CMU Graduation weekend Apr. 22 & 23**, which will include the following:
 - **With Gratitude:** Graduates share their experiences through spoken word or musical performance, Sat., 2:30 pm, Laudamaus Aud, 500 Shaftesbury.
 - **Spring Choral Concert:** Enjoy performances by the CMU Singers and the CMU Men's and Women's Choruses on Sat., Apr. 22, 7:00 pm at the Loewen Athletic Centre, 500 Shaftesbury.
 - **Graduation Service:** Sun., Apr. 23 at 2:30 pm, Immanuel Pentecostal Church, 955 Wilkes Ave.
- * CMU invites prayers for all of its students as they prepare for final exams and make plans for the summer and fall.
- * CMU invites inquiries and applications for the full-time salaried position of **Maintenance Technician 2**. Submit applications immediately; will be reviewed upon receipt, accepted until position is filled. Please share this opportunity with suitable candidates. Contact Dianna Robson at drobson@cmu.ca or 204-594-0532.
- * Consider enrolling in a Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Spring or Summer course at CMU! Details can be found at cmu.ca/gstm.
- * **CMU Blazers Summer Sports Camps 2017!** Online registration now open! Aug 8-11: Junior (gr 4-6) multisport camp; Aug 14-18: Youth (gr 8-10) volleyball and basketball camps; Aug 21-25: Junior High (g 6-8) volleyball and basketball camps. Visit cmu.ca/sportscamps, phone 204-487-3300, or email sportscamps@cmu.ca.

MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- * **Stations of the Cross:** Good Friday, Apr. 14, 12 pm, 396 Broadway. Visit stations of the cross along Broadway to mark daily struggles of the hungry and homeless in Manitoba together with MCC Manitoba's Peacebuilding & Advocacy Program and Hunger Free Manitoba. Meet at Broadway Disciples United Church.
- * **Golf Alert:** The 2nd annual MCC golf equipment yard sale will be held on May 20, 9 am, at 7 Mercury Bay. If you have golf clubs, bags, balls, shoes, or other golf related paraphernalia you no longer use please contact Ron & Connie Loeppky at 204-296-4949 or 204-261-4949. This is an MCC Sargent Thrift store event with all proceeds going to support MCC.
- * **Grow Hope with us!** Spring is on the way—sign up today to help end hunger by sponsoring an acre on the Grow Hope field! Last year, Grow Hope sponsors raised over \$450,000 for MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Thanks to government matching, every gift will grow and turn into even more food for people facing food insecurity, drought and displacement. Find out more at <http://mccmb.ca/growhope> or by calling (204)261-6381.
- * **SpringFest 2017:** May 26 & 27; 134 Plaza Dr. MCC's annual celebration includes: Plant sale, BBQ, Quilts and more - all proceeds will support empowering women in South Sudan through MCC.