



Mennonite Church Canada: Delegates will be gathering at The Meeting House in Oakville, ON for MCEC's Annual Church Gathering on April 28-29. The theme is "The Great ReCommission." Delegates will be offering feedback on the Future Directions proposal for being a national church as well as participating in worship sessions and a variety of workshops. Please pray for a re-energizing of our commitment to each other as together we explore the new realities of being church in a secular neighbourhood, a deepening of our willingness to be shaped and formed by the movement of the Spirit among us, and wisdom and vision as we respond to the Future Directions proposal.

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights begins today April 23. To follow their progress, check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Read about Mennonite Women Canada's new President and Secretary-Treasurer, as well as updates about their projects and what women across Canada are involved in. All this and more in Mennonite Women Canada's latest newsletter now available on CommonWord: www.commonword.ca/go/1168

Future Directions: Check out a progress report and a link to a survey about international Witness ministry at <http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca>. All are welcome to participate in the survey!

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>

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.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young United Church Coffee House featuring *Enharmony*. Fri, Apr 28, doors open 7 pm, music commences 7:30 pm, 222 Furby St. Cover charge: \$10; \$5 for students: age 14 year and under - free entry. Treats available for purchase.

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

April 23, 2017

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

Worship Leader: John Braun

Speaker: Karen Loewen Guenther

Song Leader: Rebecca Harder

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Ushers: James & LeAnn Friesen

Caroline and Bruno Klassen are transferring their membership from Rosthern Mennonite Church to Charleswood MC today. We formally welcome them as members even as we have enjoyed their fellowship and presence for the last few years.

GATHERING

- Invocation
- Welcome and Introductions
- Call to Worship
- Prayer

PRAISING

- HWB 459 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

- Introductions/Sharing
- Questions of Commitment (to Bruno & Caroline Klassen and the Congregation)
- Right Hand of Fellowship

CONFESSING

- Responsive Reading: HWB 714
- STS 87 *Alleluia*

HEARING

- Psalm 16
- Story (children may come forward)
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31
- HWB 277 *I know that my Redeemer lives*
- Sermon: "Where does our hope come from?"
- HWB 356 *Breathe on me, breath of God*

OFFERING

- Offertory Prayer

PRAYING

- Sharing & Prayers (with sung response HWB 348 *O Lord, hear my prayer*)

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK

- Announcements

BLESSING

Responsive Reading: STS 147

Benediction

HWB 382

Threefold Amen

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ♦

TODAY

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

UP-COMING EVENTS

- May 6-7 – Church Retreat at Camp Assiniboia.
- Jun 11, 7:00 pm – Semi-Annual Meeting

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

We are missing several copies of the *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* songbooks. If you have any of the church's books at home, please return them to the shelves in the sanctuary. Thank you!

YOUTH Announcements

Jr Youth Event this Friday: Westgate's High School Musical – "Seussical, The Musical!" Please contact Megan Friesen at megan_friesen73@yahoo.ca if you can make it!

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Women Encountering Jesus: Sat., Apr. 29, 9 am-4:30 pm. Mennonite Women Manitoba invite you to spend a day at Bethel Mennonite Church 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. 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.

Bethel Place is seeking volunteers to assist with the meal program at the South Oak Inn. Dishwashers are needed from 11 am-1:30 pm throughout the week. All volunteers receive on-site training and a meal each day they volunteer and work as part of a great team!

For more information, or to apply, please contact Audrey Sawatzky, Program Coordinator at (204)284-3762 or at bpprogram@shaw.ca. Online applications can also be filled out at bethelplace.ca

Reading the oldest Bibles: *What the Dead Sea Scrolls teach us about scripture;* A free public lecture by Dr Jeremy Penner (McMaster Univ) who recently returned from postdoctoral work on the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Universities of Helsinki and Leuven. Wed., May 3, 7:00 pm, First Mennonite Church, 922 Notre Dame. <https://www.facebook.com/events/628255270691184/>

Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery: *160 Acres: The Geography of Home*, a multimedia exhibition by Darlene Derksen. Opening May 5 at 7:30 pm. Runs May 5 to June 17. 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.

Caring for Someone with Dementia? Then you are invited to attend **the Concordia Evening for Dementia Caregivers** - a chance to meet others, hear stories, share learnings, discover resources, and be encouraged. Thur., May 11, 6:30-8:30 pm at Concordia Place Care Centre, 1000 Molson St. Attendance free. Please register by May 5: Call 204-661-7481, or by email lweinpold@concordiahospital.mb.ca.

Laughter is Sacred Space: The Human Faces Tour is coming to Winnipeg! Sat., May 13, 7:00 pm, Douglas Mennonite Church. Free admission with offering taken for Eden Mental Health. Hosted by MCM Youth Groups and Leadership Ministries, this Ted&Co production tells the true story about the joy and pain of a life full of paradoxes as Ted walks us through his journey working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder; and after Lee's death, performing Biblical stories while experiencing the profound absence of God. Evening includes: Performance, Q&A with Ted and Youth Group Hosted Snack Tables.

Winnipeg Mennonite Seniors Care Inc Annual General Meeting: Wed., May 17, 7 pm, in the Heritage Room at Lindenwood Manor, 475 Lindenwood Drive East.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * All are invited to the CMU Graduation Service: Today, Apr. 23, 2:30 pm, Immanuel Pentecostal Church, 955 Wilkes Ave. The graduation address will be given by Adrian Jacobs on the theme "Who are you in a kairos moment?"
- * Consider enrolling in a one-week, spring course through CMU's **Graduate School of Theology and Ministry** or **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**. Among others, course options include Practices, Rituals and the Christian Imagination; Continuity and Change in Anabaptism; Journalism and Peacebuilding and Exploring the Refugee Challenge. Details at cmu.ca.
- * **CMU Blazers Summer Sports Camps 2017!** Online registration open! Aug 8-11: Jr (gr 4-6) multisport camp; Aug 14-18: Youth (gr 8-10) volleyball and basketball camps; Aug 21-25: Jr High (g 6-8) volleyball and basketball camps. Visit cmu.ca/sportscamps, phone 204-487-3300, or email sportscamps@cmu.ca.
- * CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre presents an afternoon with Palmer Becker, pastor, author and educator, Fri., May 5, 3-4 pm at Marpeck Commons. Becker will be launching his new book *Anabaptist Essentials* (Herald Press). Explore the core values of Jesus, community and reconciliation in this concise guide on Anabaptist faith and life. Visit: www.commonword.ca/go/1129.

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

- * 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 E. Tickets (rush seating) available for purchase by contacting the school office 204-775-7111.
- * **Westgate Spring Bursary Banquet**: Mon., May 8, 5:30 pm, CanadInns Polo Park. Enjoy an evening of fine food, fellowship, and inspiring entertainment by Westgate's vocal jazz class and concert band. RSVP to Katrina Derksen (204-294-2518; kderksen@westgatemennonite.ca). There is no fee to attend this event.

MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- * **Hosts needed**: MCC seeks host families for two male participants in IVEP (Int'l Volunteer Exchange Program) for 11-month period beginning Sept - Fort Garry &/or Central Winnipeg areas with good access to bus routes. Contact Katie Froese 204-925-1929, katiefroese@mccmb.ca or visit <http://mccmanitoba.ca/ivep>.
- * **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.

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

Camp Moose Lake Spring Workathon: May 12-13! Come when you can on Fri., May 12 and leave when you need to on Sat., May 13. Some projects include: putting the boat & docks in the water, repainting Mini-Lodge and picnic tables, and general de-winterization of the camp. People of all skill-levels are welcome to come and are valued volunteers! For info or to RSVP by May 8, contact Resident Manager, Andrew Brown (mooselake@campswithmeaning.org; 1-204-437-2091).