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Mary Raber (Witness partner with Mennonite Mission Network - Ukraine) continues to teach at Odessa Theological Seminary (Odessa, Ukraine). Mary looks forward to teaching a course on women in church history as well as being one of the resource persons for a pastor's retreat and their wives from the militarized zone in March. Please remember Mary in prayer for these upcoming teaching opportunities.

Charleswood Church Library

New to the Library:

Rekindling the Sacred Fire: Metis Ancestry and Anishinaabe Spirituality by Chantal Fiola (guest at last week's adult Sunday School)

The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture has Made Us Unable to Read It by Peter Enns

The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires our Trust More than Our "Correct" Beliefs by Peter Enns

Life at the End of Us vs Them by Marcus Peter Rempel

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

February 11, 2018

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

Worship Leader: LeAnn Friesen

Speaker: John Braun

Song Leader: Ann Koop Hunsberger

Pianist: Velma Braun

Ushers: Carolyne & Gordon Epp-Fransen

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introductions

Call to Worship

L: God created the heavens, star-spattered with beauty, and the earth, teeming with life. And God set us on the earth, alive and wide-eyed, able to see and hear, feel and taste life's beauty, able to dream and plan, create and build out of the richness of the earth.

P: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise!

L: God gave us families to love us, teachers to teach us, elders to guide us, and leaders to inspire us. God gave us His son to save us from the path of destruction and sin, and to be a strengthening presence in our trials and temptations.

P: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise!

L: Every good thing that fills our souls with gladness and our lives with light is a gift from God. We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For this, let us come before God in Thanksgiving and grateful praise.

P: Lord of all to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise!

HWB 89

For the beauty of the earth

WE CONFESS

Confession

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy.

Words of Assurance

Even though you have lived in darkness, God's light is being poured out for you. Accept the light and love that is freely offered, and be transformed by its healing mercies.

P: Thanks be to God!

HWB 13

Blessed Jesus, at your word

WE HEAR THE WORD

Story

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-4

SJ 97

The Lord is my light

Sermon: "Baptized Vision" (based on John 9:1-41)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HWB 143

Amazing grace!

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

WE GO OUT AS PEOPLE OF THE WORD

Announcements

SJ 73

The Lord lift you up

Benediction

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

Psalm 27:1-4

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple. ♦

TONIGHT

• 7:00 pm – Pre-Budget Meeting

UP-COMING EVENTS

• NEXT SUNDAY

- **No Sunday School (ages 3-grade 12)**

- **9:30 am** – Adrian Jacobs will be our guest speaker for the Peace and Justice Sunday School class. As a supplement please read the following pieces: Gordon Zerbe, "Paul and Indigenous Spiritualities" and Deanna Zantingh and Willie James Jennings, "Possessed by the Land".

- **10:45 am** – Adrian Jacobs, Keeper of the Circle at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, will be speaking in our morning worship service.

• **Feb 25 (Sun), 7:00 pm** – Annual General Meeting

• **May 5-6** – Church Retreat. SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

The **Annual Report Book 2017** was emailed out on Thursday. For those without digital access to the report, there are a few printed copies located in the entrance. In case you did not receive the email and wish to be placed on the distribution list to receive church emails, please send a message to cwoodmc@mymts.net requesting to have your address included.

The Charleswood Church Fitness Club is up and running! We meet on a drop-in basis Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 am for an hour of walking, stretching, strength and balance activities. Everyone is welcome to join us using the open space to move as you are able. The chair based exercises are movements focused on keeping us limber and strong. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring a high protein snack for yourself following the class. A loonie collection will be used for future fitness equipment purchases.

Lindenwood Villa: Lease for reassignment. 500 Lindenwood Dr. E., Main Floor 1173 sq. ft. "B" suite, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom; facing south. Open House: Sun., Feb. 11, 1:00-3:00 pm. Please contact D'Anne Hansen at ReMax (204-979-0432) for further information.

The most recent newsletter from Bock Ki Kim & Sook Kyoung Park (MC Canada Witness - South Korea) is posted on the bulletin board.

New Address: Doreen & Elmer Neufeld
282 – 2300 Ness Ave, Winnipeg MB R3J 1A2

CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Prorated donations budgeted to end of January	\$30,977
Actual donations to end of January	\$20,027
Shortfall as of end of January	\$10,950

Ways to donate:

1. Cheque or Cash
2. Account transfer at Crosstown Credit Union
3. Canada Helps website: canadahelps.org
4. E-transfer. Talk to James or Milton for details

YOUTH Announcements

Mini-Golf Invitational Tournament today! 1:30-4 pm.

Jr. Youth Pizza Night: Wednesday, February 14, 6-8:30 pm.

The MMYO Retreats are coming up quick! Both retreats are happening at Camp Assiniboia. The Jr. Youth Retreat is on March 2-4. The Sr. Youth Retreat is on March 16-17. Contact Jeff Friesen for more information.

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Job Opening: Mennonite Church Canada (Wpg office) invites applications for the position of **Executive Assistant to the Executive Director**. Applications open now and considered until a suitable candidate is found. Start date to be arranged with suitable candidate, asap. See <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/jobs> for details.

The Pax Cantata Chorus, a CMU Alumni choir, presents 'My Heart is Inditing', including Handel Coronation Anthem No. 4 and more, with chamber orchestra accompaniment, and featuring soloist Adam Sperry. Sun., Mar. 4, 7 pm at Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 from choristers or at the door.

Mennonite Disaster Service Dessert Night Fundraiser: Ted & Co TheatreWorks is coming to Wpg on Sun., Feb. 11, 6:30 pm at Douglas Mennonite to present "Boots, Buckets & Barrows". Tickets \$10 can be reserved by calling 204-261-1274.

Mennonite Collegiate Information Night: Dinner at 6 pm; learn about MCI at 7 pm. Please register for dinner by emailing kaylagiesbrecht@mciblues.net or calling the school at 204-327-5891, or feel free to come at 7 pm for the Information Night.

MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- * MCC Canada welcomes applications for **Records Manager** (12 month term) based in Winnipeg. Applications accepted until Feb. 19. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/records-manager.
- * **Special Event: Wintertreffen:** Sun., Feb. 25, 2 pm. Join us at Altona Mennonite Church (287-8th Ave NE) for an afternoon of music and sharing about refugee resettlement—in English and 'opp Plautdietsch' - followed by a potluck faspal! For more information visit mccmb.ca/wintertreffen.
- * Green thumb? The **Annual Plant Sale** supporting the work of MCC is coming up on May 25-26. As you begin plants for your garden please consider planting an extra pot or two to donate for the sale, both vegetable seedlings and flowering plants are appreciated! For more information, contact Kendelle Romero-Fawcett at kendelleromero-fawcett@mccmb.ca or 204-261-6381.

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

- * **Westgate is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12)** for the 2018-19 school year. Applications are available at: www.westgatemennonite.ca or by calling the school at 204-775-7111.
- * Westgate Mennonite Collegiate requires an **Accounting Assistant** for a part-time, term position. This job includes but is not limited to A/R, A/P, payroll, tuition, donation receipting and assisting with fundraising projects. Quickbooks experience required. Qualified applicants please forward résumés and references by Feb. 19, to: Debbie Watson - Business Manager, Westgate Mennonite Collegiate, 86 West Gate Winnipeg MB R3C 2E1; Fax: 204-786-1651, Email: dwatson@westgatemennonite.ca.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * Enjoy an exciting evening of **Vocal and Instrumental Performances** at CMU's Verna Mae Janzen Music Competition on Feb. 15 at 7:30 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium. Free Admission.
- * **Xplore: Keep Thinking:** Enrol in CMU's 55-Plus Enrichment Program, offered Wednesday mornings at CMU from Mar. 7-Apr. 11. Courses include: *The Conflict over "Holy Smoke": Contextualizing the Gospel for Indigenous Peoples*. For information and to enrol go to cmu.ca/xplore.
- * CMU presents **Journeying Together: Accompanying the Aging**, a one-day workshop for deacons, caregiving teams, pastors, and Christians working in health care or other caregiving roles. Join John H. Neufeld, Heather Campbell-Enns, Kathleen Rempel Boschman, Charlene Epp, and more as we explore what it means for Christians to journey together with the aging. Mar. 17. For more information, and to register, please go to cmu.ca/pastorsworkshops.
- * **CMU Vespers:** Sun., Feb. 18, 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Led by Janet Brenneman and Lisa Enns on the theme "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul".
- * Canadian Mennonite University invites applications for the full time salaried positions of **Financial Analyst, Hosting Coordinator, Outatown Site leader, and Assistant or Associate Professor of Music**. Details can be found at cmu.ca/employment or by contacting hrdirector@cmu.ca.
- * CMU seeks **volunteers** for the following roles: assisting with seasonal mailings, ongoing data entry. For more information contact Julie Derksen at 204-487-3300 ext. 607 or j.derksen@cmu.ca.

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

- * **Camps with Meaning online registration is open!** This is our ministry together as Mennonite Church Manitoba. Please visit www.campswithmeaning.org to register for summer camp. We want all families to afford camp. Note our new Campership Fund, which assists families at a much higher level than before.
- * **Job Opening:** Camps with Meaning is accepting applications for the **Guest Service Coordinator position at Camp Assiniboia**; responsible for booking, coordinating and hosting our guest groups and volunteers. This is a renewable 0.8 term position (excluding summer months). Application Deadline: Feb. 26. Go to www.campswithmeaning.org "News" for further information.