

# CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

January 6, 2019

Worship Service 10:45 am

**Worship Leader:** Titus Guenther

**Speaker:** John Braun

**Story Teller:** Karen Loewen Guenther

**Song Leader:** Rebecca Harder

**Ushers:** Andrea & Justin Neufeld & Family

**Pianist:** Rachel Klassen Huebner

## ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY ([www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu))

\* AMBS online short courses:

– **Understanding Anabaptist approaches to Scripture:** Jan. 9 – Feb. 19. Early Anabaptists’ approaches to Scripture were both similar to and different from those of Catholics and other Protestants. Loren Johns, Ph.D., will lead this interactive noncredit six-week course on understanding these approaches in light of today. Cost: \$250. [ambs.edu/shortcourses](http://ambs.edu/shortcourses)

– **Biblical Foundations for Creation Care:** Jan. 9 – Feb. 19. Explore creation references in Genesis, Proverbs, Psalms, Isaiah, Job and the New Testament in this interactive noncredit six-week course led by Ben Ollenburger, Ph.D., Cost: \$250. [ambs.edu/shortcourses](http://ambs.edu/shortcourses)

\* **AMBS Pastors and Leaders 2019:** “Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times”: Feb. 25–28. How do we respond to hate, intolerance and systemic racism in productive, transformative ways? We’ll explore the biblical and theological grounding of our call to get involved and become equipped to lead — here and now. Early registration deadline: Jan. 10. [ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders](http://ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders)

\* **Leadership Clinics at AMBS:** Mon., Feb. 25. Workshops offered: *Documenting Suffering and Hope; An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication; Seeking Shalom: Faith-Based Community Organizing; Healthy Boundaries Training*. Sign up by Jan. 10 for lowest rate; discounts available. [ambs.edu/leadershipclinics](http://ambs.edu/leadershipclinics)

## Epiphany

### GATHERING

Welcome and Introductions

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation-

**C: Whom shall I fear?**

L: The LORD is the stronghold of my life-

**C: Of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: I am still confident of this

**C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

L: Wait for the LORD

**C: be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.** (Psalm 27:1+13)

SJ 1

*We sing to you, O God*

Prayer

### AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

HWB 710

HWB 507

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me*

### HEARING THE WORD

Story

Scripture: Psalm 56: 1-4; John 14: 25-27

Revelation 1: 9-18

HWB 29 *Like the murmur of the dove’s song*

Sermon: “Do not be afraid”

HWB 371

*Let there be light, Lord God*

### OFFERING OUR RESPONSE

Financial Offering

Sharing and Prayers

### GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

SJ 118

*Thy holy wings*

Benediction

HWB 382

*Threefold Amen*

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

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](mailto:cwoodmc@mymts.net) or 204-837-7982.

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## John 14: 25-27

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ♦

### CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

**Peter Wiebe**, age 94 years, husband of Annie Wiebe, father of Velma & John Braun and Vern & Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, and grandfather to John Matthew, Peter & Suzanne Braun and Megan, Rebecca & Nicolien Klassen-Wiebe passed away on Thursday, Jan 3. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 10:00 am at Charleswood Mennonite Church. We wish Annie and the entire family God's nearness in this time of loss.

### THIS WEEK

- **Tue & Fri, 10:30 am – CMC Exercise Group**
- **Sat, 9:00 am – Trailblazers Breakfast.** Please bring breakfast food as usual. We are hoping to have a special speaker but it has not yet been confirmed. The fellowship is always great and the food is amazing

### UP-COMING EVENTS

- **NEXT SUNDAY, 7:00 pm – Congregational Meeting** to discuss the future of Pastoral Leadership in light of John Braun's upcoming retirement.
- **Feb 10 – Budget Meeting**
- **Feb 24 – Annual General Meeting**

### MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

**Day away at Assiniboia +55:** Tue., Jan. 22 and Mar. 5. Enjoy lunch, skiing, hiking, fireplace conversations, "Knipsbrat" and more. \$20. Call Linda at camp (204-864-2159 ext 104), or Jesse at the office (204-895-2267) to reserve a spot.

**Indigenous-Settler Relations:** The Student Christian Movement of Canada is seeking a Winnipeg Coordinator to prepare and promote a weekly 'Experiments in Decolonization' study group using Mennonite Church Canada's new book *Unsettling the Word*. If you are interested in this position (honouraria available), visit: <http://scmcanada.org/2018/12/seeking-winnipeg-coordinator-jan-20-deadline/>

**Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2019: Igniting the Imagination of the Church.** June 28-July 1, Abbotsford, BC.

## YOUTH Announcements

**MCM Winter Youth Retreats are coming!** Sr.High Jan.25-27 and Jr.High Mar.8-10. Both at Camp Assiniboia, both feature special speaker Paul Loewen, both will include worship, learning and a ton of fun. Contact Jeff for all the details.

**Shake: Rattled By The Radical:** Introducing our electrifying, ground-shaking theme for the All Youth Gathering (Gr 6-12), July 28-August 1, at Shekinah Summer Camp, SK. Grounding ourselves in spiritual practices and the beauty of Shekinah, we will be invited to draw into deeper relationships with our Creator, and each other. Planned by MCM and MC Saskatchewan. Contact Jeff.

### WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE ([www.westgatemennonite.ca](http://www.westgatemennonite.ca))

Save the dates to learn more about the education Westgate has to offer:

- 1/ Open House: Thur., Jan. 17, 7:00 pm
- 2/ Grade 5 & 6 Day: Fri., Feb. 1, 9:00 am-12:15 pm

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

- \* Prospective students (and their parents): Consider these opportunities to explore what CMU has to offer: **Fri., Feb. 2 Campus Visit Day** (a day to explore campus, learn about CMU programs, attend a class and interact with professors) and **Sat., Feb. 9 Discover Outtatown** (CMU's unique discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).
- \* Consider joining the **CMU educational tour to Israel/Palestine** led by Professor Emeritus Gerald Gerbrandt, Apr. 26 to May 13, 2019. This tour will open you to read the Bible and listen to the news with renewed insight. For more information see [cmu.ca/met](http://cmu.ca/met) or contact [ggerbrandt@cmu.ca](mailto:ggerbrandt@cmu.ca).
- \* You are warmly invited to attend **CMU Vespers**, a service of choral music, hymns and prayers, on Sun., Jan. 20, 7:00 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium. Alan Janzen will lead the choir and Sheila Klassen-Wiebe will be the reader. See [cmu.ca/vespers](http://cmu.ca/vespers).

### WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* All are welcome to attend the annual **Lights for Lives Remembrance service** at Charleswood United Church: Sun, Jan 6, 7:00 pm (4820 Roblin Blvd). This reflective service gives us an opportunity to remember our departed loved ones.
- \* The Companions in Grief Program is offering a 7 week Grief Support Group beginning Tues evening, Jan 29. If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with loneliness, hopelessness and uncertainty then you are welcome to join a supportive, safe and confidential group. To register or enquire further, please call Bob Milks at 204- 294-5562 or respond through email: [griefcare@mymts.net](mailto:griefcare@mymts.net) . Deadline for registration: Jan 24.