



Mennonite Church Canada: MC Canada partner Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) - Prayers for Lesvos: Due to war, poverty, and the impacts of climate change, thousands of migrants have fled in these last years to Lesvos—a Greek island located near Turkey. Some described the Lesvos refugee camps “as the worst on earth.” Migrants face not only overcrowded, unsanitary, and impoverished living conditions, but many are also charged by the Greek government with hefty fines and lengthy prison sentences. Since 2014, CPT’s Lesvos Team has advocated for those suffering and built partnerships to transform violence on Europe’s external borders. Please pray for strength and resilience for the Lesvos Team. You can follow their work on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CPTLesvos.

WINNIPEG MENNONITE ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- * Accepting applications for **Educational Assistants** (Start date: Tue., Sept. 3)
 - Katherine Friesen Campus: Between 0.5 and 0.75 FTE (Level 1 and 2)
 - Bedson Campus: Between 0.8 and 1.0 FTE (Level 1 and 2)
 Please send résumés to either Marilyn Kroeker (Katherine Friesen Campus marilyn.kroeker@wmems.ca) or David Stoesz (Bedson david.stoesz@wmems.ca). Interview candidates will be contacted between Aug. 26-30. For a copy of the full job description please go to www.wmems.ca under Employment Opportunities.
- * Accepting applications for **Before and After Program Assistants:** Before (7:30–8:45 am) and After (3:30–5:30 pm) school program assistant to help supervise and work with students (Mon– Fri). For info call the Bedson Principal, David Stoesz 204-885-1032, or Katherine Friesen Principal, Marilyn Kroeker 204-261-9637. (Start date: Thur., Sept. 5) Candidates will be contacted between Aug. 26-30.

Charleswood Mennonite Church Affirmation Statement (Approved June 9, 2019)

Charleswood Mennonite Church is rooted in the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition as a community of faith committed to becoming the body of Christ.

We welcome all persons to worship and participate with us. We acknowledge the image of God in every person including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation. We invite all to participate in our congregation’s practices such as baptism, church membership, church leadership, and marriage. We lament the prejudice and discrimination found in society and in the church, and we commit to holding each other accountable to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate and affirm all persons worshiping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

August 25, 2019
Worship Service 10:00 am

Worship Leader: Julie Derksen
Song Leader: Rebecca Harder
Offertory: The Wiebe Family

Speaker: Jeff Friesen
Pianist: Caroline Klassen
Ushers: Youth

GATHERING

Welcome & Introductions

Call to Worship

In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

It is a delight to be together in the house of God!

We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us now in this hour and always.

Amen

HWB 1

What is this place

CONFESSING

Confessional Prayer & Words of Assurance

HWB 140

Open, Lord, my inward ear

HEARING THE WORD

Story

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: “What lies beyond”

STJ 89

I was there to hear your burning cry

RELEASE & BLESSING OF JOHN BRAUN

(with sung response HWB 459 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*)

Words of Introduction (Jeff Friesen)

Blessing from Church Council (Harry Huebner)

Blessing from Pastoral Care Committee (Julie Derksen)

Blessing from Mennonite Church Manitoba (Rick Neufeld)

Congregation:

Now our paths are separating,

but we still walk together towards Christ guided by the Holy Spirit.

John, with God’s help,

we release you from your pastoral responsibilities among us.

May you continue to be strengthened through God’s Spirit.

May Christ dwell in your heart through faith

and may you continually be rooted and grounded in love.

We pray that you may have the power to comprehend,
along with us, how all-encompassing God's amazing love is,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

We ask God's blessing on your future ministry at
Bethel Mennonite Church and in your retirement.

We offer our support and encouragement to you, John,
as your pastoral vocation unfolds in new settings.

Words of Release
Presentation of Gift
Prayer

OFFERING

Our Financial Resources
Our Sharing and Prayers

STJ 76 *The Lord bless you and keep you*

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Announcements
Benediction

STS 16 *Peace before us*

You are all invited to the Fellowship Lunch following the service. Group 6 (see below) is in charge of set-up/clean-up and other volunteers are welcome to assist.

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

GROUP 6

Boyd, Rich & Giesbrecht, Sheila
Dyck, Darryl & Martens, Val
Dyck, Bruno & Heather
Fast, Eric
Friesen, Rachael & Bennet, Chris
Guenther, Melanda
Harder, Matthew & Rebecca
Jin, Manyong & Kim, Yeon Sook

Kim, HyunHee
Klassen Huebner, Chris & Rachel
Klassen, Al & Norma
Loewen, Debbie & Les
Schroeder, Ruth
Wall, Fred & Irene
Wiehler, Mark & Vanessa
* Extra volunteers invited to assist

COMING EVENTS

- **Sept 8, 9:30 am – Sunday School (ages 3-grade 12) resumes**
- **Oct 6 (Sun) – Visioning Meeting**

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

New Address: KyungHee Park & Seounggil Yang

4056 Maitland St, Beamsville ON L0R 1B4

CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Donations budgeted to end of July	\$208,807
Actual donations to end of July	\$180,691
Shortfall as of end of July	\$28,116

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Mennonite Disaster Service Manitoba is requesting your help to rebuild a home destroyed by fire in March in Marquette, MB, about 35 km northwest of Headingly. Daily volunteers are needed beginning Sept. 23. To volunteer, contact Richard Redekop (204-292-6166) or Denis Keating (denis@keatingmechanical.com). MDS is also fundraising for this new home. To donate, please call the MDS office 204-261-1274 to pay by credit card; send a cheque to MDS, 200-600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg MB R3P 2J1, or donate on-line at www.mds.mennonite.net. Designate MB Fire '19 - Marquette.

University of Winnipeg Mennonite Studies Fall Meet & Greet: Sept. 4, 3:30-4:30 pm. New and returning students get a chance to hear about new courses, research projects, and make connections with fellow students over coffee and cookies. Featuring Steve Heinrichs, speaking on Mennonites, faith, Indigenous neighbours, and the Trans Mountain Pipeline. All welcome, but please RSVP to ai.friesen@uwinnipeg.ca or r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca.

Camp Assiniboia Square Dance and Pie Spectacular Fundraiser: Oct. 5, 6:30 pm. Come out to the camp to move to the old-timey music, or simply explore, hangout, and win a pie. Also, help raise funds for the camp if you're able. Contact Elizabeth if you can donate pies. 204-895-2267; camps@mennochurch.mb.ca

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * **Xplore** offers six-week courses for 55+ participants that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. All without any assignments or examinations! Among other options, Fall courses (Wednesdays 9:30–10:30 am and 11:00 am–12:00 pm) include *Jewish-Mennonite Interaction, in the Ukraine and in Manitoba* and *Handel's Messiah: Preaching or Entertainment*. See cmu.ca/explore.
- * Consider enrolling (for audit or credit) in a **CMU evening course** this fall! Evening courses include *Percussion Techniques; Education and Faith Formation; Politics, Society and Mass Media; Anatomy; Anabaptist Peace Theology...* and much more. Visit cmu.ca/timetable for details.
- * Volunteers are needed at **CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre** at CMU who enjoy customer interaction in a retail/resourcing environment. Volunteers needed either Tuesday or Friday afternoons this school year. Please email info@commonword.ca for more information.