

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

September 1, 2019

Worship Service 10:00 am

Worship Leader: Titus Guenther

Speaker: Karen Loewen Guenther

Song Leader: Bob Wiebe

Pianist: Verna Wiebe

Ushers: Justin Neufeld & Family

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Short Course Bundle: Four online courses to deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness. Noncredit courses last six weeks each, with no grades and no papers! CEUs available. Register online for \$995 total: ambs.edu/shortcourses

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

Mennonite Disaster Service has an urgent need for volunteers this fall due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring in Texas, South Dakota, California and more. For more information or to serve please visit mds.mennonite.net or call 1-800-241-8111.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * It's not too late to enrol (for audit or credit) in a CMU evening course this fall! Enliven your faith through fall evening courses including: *Issues in Youth Ministry; Principles of Biblical Interpretation, Prayer, Anabaptist Peace Theology; Equipping the Saints: Education and Faith Formation...* and much more. Visit cmu.ca/timetable for details.
- * **Face2Face:** Sept. 18, 7:00 pm. *It's Time to Vote: Climate, Politics, and the Federal Election.* Prepare yourself to engage critical questions related to climate change as you consider your voting choices in the Federal Election. Join in this important community conversation.
- * Fall @ CMU: Sept. 27-28. Offering something for everyone—students, alumni, friends and community members. In addition to many events on Saturday, join us for the Friday evening, 7:00 pm, *Community Blessing: Celebration in Story and Song*, featuring the CMU Singers and reflections from four distinguished alumni. See cmu.ca/fall for details.
- * **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 *Christian Faith and Polarized Politics: The Practice of Disciplined Speech*. See cmu.ca/explore.
- * 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.
- * **The Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery** presents the opening of two exhibits: *Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War and Our (Hutterite) Life in Art* featuring art from 14 Manitoba Hutterite colonies. Opening Fri., Sept. 20, 7:30–9:30 pm, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 9 (selected verses)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

For you have maintained my just cause;

you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgment.

He judges the world with righteousness;

he judges the peoples with equity.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.

Declare his deeds among the peoples.

He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O LORD.

See what I suffer from those who hate me;

you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

so that I may recount all your praises,

and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment;

the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;

let the nations be judged before you.

Put them in fear, O LORD;

let the nations know that they are only human.

STJ 13

My soul is filled with joy

Welcome and Introductions

Confession: Lamentations 3:21-25

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture: Acts 16:25-34

STJ 53

O God in heaven

Story
Faith Under Threat: Stories of Persecution

OFFERING

Offertory Prayer
STJ 69 *Quando el pobre (When the poor ones)*

SHARING AND PRAYER

Prayers of the Congregation
Prayer (STJ 180)
STJ 102 *When from the darkness*

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Announcements
Benediction
STJ 73 *The Lord lift you up*

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

THIS WEEK

- **Fri, 10:30 am – CMC Exercise Group** (See announcement in Church Family Notes)

COMING EVENTS

• NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 am – Sunday School (ages 3-grade 12) resumes
Adult Education resumes (in sanctuary)

10:45 am – Worship Service returns to regular time

Noon – Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Last names beginning with:

A – M: Sandwiches & Finger Foods

N – Z: Salad or Veggie Plate

ALL: Dessert

Group 1 is in charge of set-up/clean-up.

Claassen, Eckhard & Linda
Derksen, Julie & Lobe, Kenton
Dyck, Ted & Turenne, Patrice
Epp, Anita & David
Epp-Fransen, Diana
Ewert, Kim & Tom
Fast, Jonathan & Kim
Friesen, James & LeAnn
Friesen, Rudy

Kim, Hyangok & Seol, Guiju
Payares, Luz Merys & Soto, Javier
Peters, Edna & John
Rempel, Cornel & Martha
Snider, Luke & Vaughn
Wiebe, Dan & Erin
Wiebe, Jonathan
* Invitation to CMU students to assist

- **Sept 10 (Tue), 10:30 am – CMC Exercise Group**
- **Sept 22 – Affirmation Sunday** (see announcement in Church Family Notes)
- **Oct 1 & 4, 10:30 am – CMC Exercise Group resumes weekly schedule**
- **Oct 6 (Sun) – Visioning Meeting**

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

The CMC Exercise Group: Regular classes resume **Tue., Oct. 1, 10:30-11:30 am** at Charleswood Mennonite Church. This drop-in class focuses on aerobic fitness, strength, agility and balance. It is easily modified so everyone who wishes can take part in the fun. We will gather **Fri., Sept. 6** and **Tue., Sept. 10 at 10:30 am** to shake off the summer rust! All are welcome!

Adult Bible Study Class: Class starts Sept. 8, 9:30 am in the main sanctuary. John Neufeld will be presenting two sessions on the Canon of Scripture; Sept. 15 and 22. This will be followed by Sheila Klassen-Wiebe for three sessions on The Letter of James in Sept. and Oct. These presentations promise to be a great introduction to our studies this year. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

CREST Annual Fundraiser Breakfast: Sat., Sept. 21, 8:00-10:00 am at Applebee's Grill & Bar (Grant Park Shopping Centre, 1150 Grant Ave). Tickets \$15/person, available from Ruth or Rudy Friesen.

On Sept. 22, CMC will celebrate our first **Affirmation Sunday**. It is a celebration of our new affirmation statement. In order to celebrate well, we need two things from you. First, wear bright, colourful clothes! And, we ask everyone to bring cupcakes decorated with bright, colourful icing that will be served at the end of the service.

New Address: Willy Guenther (204-410-4113)

114 – 426 Kingsford Ave, Winnipeg MB R2G 0J8

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

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 Keith or Milton for details

MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- * Join MCC Manitoba staff at the annual **We Are All Treaty People Celebration**, Sept. 15, 1-4 pm at The Forks. Come celebrate relationships and raise awareness around Treaty One! For details contact Kerry Saner-Harvey 204-925-1911 or kerrysanerharvey@mccmb.ca or visit mccmb.ca/Events.
- * MCC Manitoba is hiring a **Thrift Coordinator** to support the MCC Thrift Shop network throughout the province. Deadline for applications: Sept 2. Visit mccmb.ca/Openings to find out more.
- * **55th Annual Meeting of the Members of MCC Manitoba:** Thur., Sept. 26, 6:00-9:00 pm. Steinbach MB Church (340 2nd St). Register at: <https://mcccanada.ca/forms/2019-agm-registration-mcc-manitoba>.