



Mennonite Church Canada: Anabaptist Study Centre opening in China - With the help of Mennonite Partners in China, an Anabaptist Study Centre will open in eastern China in September. It will help train and develop resources for the growing number of Chinese Christians who see Anabaptist teaching as important and relevant to the church in China. The centre will also provide resources for Anabaptist study groups springing up in 10 nearby cities. Mennonite Partners in China in-country director, Pastor Yin Hongtao, is one of the co-founders of the centre. Pray that writing and translation of Anabaptist resources for the growing network of study groups in China will be done well and will fit the needs of those using the resources. Pray for Pastor Yin and colleagues as they travel to mentor and teach in these study groups.

Prayer request from MC Canada partner Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT): Prayers for Colombia. In the last week of August, former commanders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) announced they are returning to war. This comes three years after the 2016 Peace Deal was signed, ending over half a century of armed insurgency. Please pray for Colombia and all those nonviolently struggling for a just peace, including our CPT sisters and brothers. Invited by the Colombian Mennonite Church in 2001, CPT has been building partnerships to transform violence and oppression. For more info on their work, go to CPT Colombia.

Morden Mennonite Church's motto is, "On a journey with Jesus." Our journey with Jesus this past year has led us through some rocky terrain, but we continue to be committed to walking with Jesus in his way of love toward greater peace and justice. We partner with local churches in youth ministry, refugee support, and reconciliation conversations with area First Nations. We sew blankets for MCC distribution and host fundraisers for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. These ministries and more are fueled by our wonderful times of worship and learning and fellowship together. Pray for a renewed sense of identity as a church and a fresh vision for mission within Morden and beyond.

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 worshipping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

September 8, 2019

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

Worship Leader: Laura Thiessen

Song Leader: Ann Koop Hunsberger

Ushers: Dave & Sheralyn Friesen & Family

Speaker: Jeff Friesen

Pianist: Adelaide Franssen

Christian Formation Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

Song SJ 1

We sing to you, O God

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let all who believe say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever!"

Leader: With the Lord on our side, we do not fear.

People: With the Lord on our side to help us, we rejoice in our living.

Leader: From day to day, we will take refuge in the Lord.

People: From day to day, we will find our strength in the Lord.

Leader: We thank you, God,

that you have heard us and loved us, and so we say:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Song HWB 299

New earth, heavens new

HEARING THE WORD

Story: Camp Sharing (Seth Dyck)

Camp Songs

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8 (see insert)

Sermon

RESPONDING

Sunday School Dedication Litany (see insert)

Song SJ 72

One is the body

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

Song HWB 418

Move in our midst

Benediction

Please join us for the Fellowship Lunch following the worship service.
Group 1 is in charge of set-up & clean-up. (see list below)

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

GROUP 1

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

THIS WEEK

- **Tue, 7:00 am-9:30 pm – CMC will be used a polling station for the election.** Therefore, **CMC EXERCISE GROUP WILL BE CANCELLED.** 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. All are welcome!
- **Sat, 2:00-4:00 pm – First Venture Clubs Event!** We will be meeting at the duck pond on play games. Anyone in grades 2-6 is welcome to come.

COMING EVENTS

- **Sept 18 (Wed), 12:00 noon – Ladies Lunch Out resumes!** Mark your calendars for this highly anticipated social event taking place at Original Pancake House (2220 McGillivray, near Kenaston). RSVP appreciated - Wendy (204-896-5057) or Marlene (204-895-7686). All ages welcome to join!
- **Sept 22 – Affirmation Sunday.** We will be celebrating 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.
- **Oct 1 & 4, 10:30 am – CMC Exercise Group resumes weekly schedule**
- **Oct 6 (Sun) – Visioning Meeting**

YOUTH Announcements

Youth Opening Event: Sunday, 5:30-8:30 pm. All youth are welcome to attend!

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

We would like to take stock of the number of church keys that are currently being held by members of the church. Please let Anita Epp know if you have a key (204-837-7982; office@charleswoodmennonite.ca). Thank you!

Children's Worship Bulletins: Each Sunday morning there are worship bulletins available for children (ages 3+ and 7+) that include activities specific to the theme of that morning's scripture. These are available on a chair at the back of the sanctuary. (If more copies are needed, please let Anita Epp know.)

Directory Updates: It's time to update our church directory. If you have an address/telephone/email/photo update or want to be included in this year's directory, please submit them to Anita Epp in the church office. Information and photos (simple portraits, preferably close-up, taken with cell phones are perfectly acceptable) may be sent to the church email address (office@charleswoodmennonite.ca). *If you are not sure you need an updated photo, just ask your kids! If they are now nearly adults and are still toddlers in your old photo, they just might want an update... ☺

Adult Bible Studies Schedule: 9:30 am in the sanctuary. ALL ARE WELCOME!

* Canon by John Neufeld: Sept 15 What About the Bible...
Sept 22 Inspired and Useful?

* Letter of James by Sheila Klassen-Wiebe:

Sept 29 Introduction
Oct 6 Living with Integrity
Oct 13 Discipleship and the Tongue

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.

Supporting a Day Care Centre in Bolivia: Charleswood MC has established a relationship with the Evangelical MC of Bolivia which includes \$1,000 in support of a Day Care Center in Santa Cruz. In cooperation with MC Manitoba, invitations to add to this support have been sent out to 25 individuals, mostly to those who have previous connections to the Bolivia church. CMC members interested in supporting this Day Care over what they already do through the 2019 budget of CMC are welcome to do so. For Details see the posting on the bulletin in the foyer. For more information contact John or Edna Peters, or Titus Guenther.

Anita Epp will be out of the church office Sept. 14-22. If you already know of announcements that should go into the Sept 22 bulletin, please submit them by this Thur., Sept 12.

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.

* **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>

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ♦

Sunday School Teacher Dedication Litany by Elsie Rempel

Leader: We want to dedicate our staff for this important ministry with all of us.

(All teachers and leaders stand.)

Leader: Through our Christian Education Programming, we can learn and come to believe that the darkness of this world cannot overcome God's forgiving, redeeming and resurrecting love. You have been called by God and by this congregation to lead us as we learn about this journey of faith. Will you search the Scriptures diligently and then share your understanding of God's love and righteousness with joy and gentleness?

Sunday School staff: We take seriously our calling to learn and share our understanding of God's love and righteousness as we find it revealed in God's Word. We promise to see our teaching ministry as participation in God's redeeming mission. We value the congregation's support and prayer for our ministry.

Congregation: We offer our encouragement and support for this teaching ministry. We promise to pray for the leaders and the students, beginning today. May you be guided by Jesus' presence as you grow in knowledge and wisdom while learning and worshiping together. (cont'd >)

Leader: Know that nothing can overcome God's forgiving, redeeming and resurrecting love. That powerful love is in you through the Holy Spirit, equipping you to participate in the ongoing mission of God. May you experience and be part of God's redeeming activity this year. May God bless you and make you a blessing. Amen.

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Learn to "talk" with your hands! American Sign Language (ASL) Classes are again available at Bethel Place (445 Stafford) for "Hand-Talk" instruction. Classes will be held on Mondays for 10 weeks, starting Sept. 23. Introductory classes from 2:30-3:30 pm; continuing classes from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more info, see poster and/or call Kathleen Driedger at 204-489-9264 or Leonore Peters at 204-256-5156.

Camp Assiniboia Barn 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.

Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay, is hosting **Faith in Form, a Christian arts festival**, Oct. 5. Writing, visual art and film, featuring Sarah Klassen and Sally Ito. 12-6 pm; free. Music: Carlos and the Suspiroes/Jesse Krause, 7:30-9:30 \$15. More info at faithinformwinnipeg.com or on Facebook.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * **Fall @ CMU, Sep. 27-28:** In addition to a Saturday Farmers' Market and Cyclo-cross races for all ages, join us Friday evening, 7:00 pm, for the Fall @ CMU Opening Celebration, featuring the CMU Singers along with reflections from four Distinguished Alumni – Randy Klassen, Donna Kampen-Entz, Eileen Klassen Hamm and Jeffrey Metcalf. 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! Fall courses (Wednesdays Oct. 2–Nov. 6 from 9:30–10:30 am and 11:00 am–12:00 pm) include *The Parables of Jesus as Provocative Speech*; *Handel's Messiah: Preaching or Entertainment?*; *Jewish-Mennonite Interaction in the Ukraine and in Manitoba* and *Introduction to Life Writing: Recording our Stories*. See cmu.ca/xplore.
- * 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.
- * **Hutterite History & Art.** *Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War & Our (Hutterite) Life in Art* OPEN at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury, Sept. 20, 7:30 pm, with historian Dora Maendel & Kauffman Museum curator Chuck Regier. Plus, MHC Gallery annual fundraiser featuring Hutterite music, speakers and food, Oct. 18, 7:30 pm. RSVP swolfe@cmu.ca.