



withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.’ As he said this, he called out, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that “looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.”

‘Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.’ ♦

## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

We need to take inventory of the number of **church keys** that are currently being held by anyone from our church. Please let Anita Epp know if you have a key (204-837-7982; office@charleswoodmennonite.ca). Thank you!

**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). Please submit by Sept. 30.

**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.

**Canadian Mennonite subscriptions:** All who attend Charleswood Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MC Manitoba. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Anita Epp in the church office (office@charleswoodmennonite.ca; 204-837-7982) by Sept. 26.

Mennonite Church Canada is looking for people willing to open their homes to host people when they come to Winnipeg for meetings. Generally needed for 1 -3 consecutive nights. Please contact Kathy Fast at 204-888-6781 ext 109 or email: kfast@mennonitechurch.ca if you are able to help. We are currently seeking 4 homes for Oct 3-6.

**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.

## CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Donations budgeted to end of August	\$238,622
Actual donations to end of August	\$201,598
Shortfall as of end of August	\$37,024

- 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

## YOUTH Announcements

TONIGHT: Youth Opening. Potluck, worship & games at church. 5:30-8:30 pm

## THIS WEEK

- **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!

## COMING EVENTS

- **NEXT SUNDAY, 10:45 am – 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**

## MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

*Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*, a 12-week Bible study series begins Tue., Sept. 17, 6:30-8pm. These ecumenical study groups invite all into the powerful dialogue that emerges when we read the Bible in concert with Indigenous critique, challenge and gift. Asking the questions – can we decolonize how we read the Bible? Is our faith shaped by our histories? How do we practice faith and diversity? Participants of all faiths and none, Indigenous, Settler and Newcomer alike, and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome. Mennonite Church Manitoba, 600 Shaftesbury Boulevard, Basement Lounge. Contact Kelsey Enns, SCM Winnipeg Coordinator, for more information on the group (204-612-0597, winnipeg@scmcanada.org).

**Learn to “talk” with your hands!** American Sign Language (ASL) Classes are again available at Bethel Place (445 Stafford) for “Hand-Talk” instruction. Classes start Sept. 23; run for 10 weeks. 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.

Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church is hosting a **Hymnal Sing-a-Thon**, Fri., Sept 27, 7-10 pm and Sat., 9 am-9:30 pm. This come-and-go event is to sing our thankfulness for resources like Hymnal: A Worship Book and also to raise funds for the new hymnbook: Voices Together. See poster or visit [www.samc.ca](http://www.samc.ca).

**Camp Assiniboia Barn Dance & Pie Spectacular Fundraiser:** Oct. 5, 6:30 pm. Come out and move to the old-timey music, or simply hangout and win a pie. Call Elizabeth if you can donate pies. 204-895-2267; [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca).

**Faith in Form, a Christian arts festival:** Oct. 5, Douglas Mennonite Church. Writing, visual art and film. See poster for details. \$15. More info at [faithinformwinnipeg.com](http://faithinformwinnipeg.com).

**Dine & Donate: Westgate Fall Supper** - Wed., Oct. 16, 4:30-7:30 pm. Please join us for a come-and-go buffet-style dinner in our school gym and consider giving generously to our capital campaign. No RSVP required. Please bring your friends and family for a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship.

## MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- \* Join MCC Manitoba staff at the annual **We Are All Treaty People Celebration**, TODAY, 1-4 pm at The Forks.
- \* **MCC Manitoba Annual General Meeting:** Thur., Sept. 26, 6:00-9:00 pm. Steinbach MB Church (340 2<sup>nd</sup> St). Register at: <https://mcccanada.ca/forms/2019-agm-registration-mcc-manitoba>
- \* **Grow Hope** is less than 35 acres away from reaching a goal of 350 acres of farmland. When you sponsor a Grow Hope acre for \$300 you can watch it grow up to \$2,500 thanks to matching support from the Government of Canada. Visit [mccmb.ca/GrowHope](http://mccmb.ca/GrowHope).
- \* **Brandon Relief Sale:** Sept. 28, 9 am-3 pm at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

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

- \* *Shaping a Just Canada: A Pre-Federal Election Event* hosted by CMU and presented by Citizens for Public Justice. Ahead of the 2019 federal election, CPJ will be engaging voters with a town hall gathering to discuss issues related to climate justice, poverty elimination, and refugee rights. We invite you to attend to gain a better understanding of CPJ's work and how these issues can inform your voting considerations. Sept. 18, 7:00 pm at Marpeck Commons. [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events).
- \* **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](http://cmu.ca/fall) for details.
- \* Over 100 International Students from 31 countries are studying at CMU this year. CMU is seeking individuals, families, or congregations willing to welcome an international student into their experience. To inquire about what a welcome might entail, contact Sandra Loeppky (CMU Coordinator of International Students) at [sloeppky@cmu.ca](mailto:sloeppky@cmu.ca) or call 204-487-3300 ext. 340.
- \* Sunday@CMU is a 15-minute radio program featuring meditations from current and emeriti professors, music from CMU ensembles and choirs, and interviews with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Cheryl Pauls, CMU President, is currently featuring reflections on five Believers' Church Commentaries written by CMU faculty. Tune in Sundays from 8:30–8:45 AM on CFAM Radio 950, AM1250 Radio, or CJRB Radio 1220, or go to [media.cmu.ca](http://media.cmu.ca) anytime for links to recordings of these programs.
- \* **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.
- \* On Oct. 1, CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre invites you to join us at 7:00 pm in CMU's Marpeck Commons as George Epp launches his new book, *Isaac Janssen, MDiv*. The book is a collection of short stories about the rural Saskatchewan pastor's role in a revolutionary postmodern time.