



Mennonite Church Canada Witness: Praise God for the leadership team growing within the Friends of Grace network in Thailand. Pray for Witness workers **Tom and Christine Poovong** as they work with and mentor new church leaders. Pray that new believers will be drawn to these fledgling congregations as they reach out into their communities.

Witness worker **Sook Kyoung Park** spends four afternoons per week hosting students for several hours of conversation, activities and English practice at her home in Chuncheon, South Korea. Sook Kyoung models restorative practices in communication and helps the students practice skills of good communication. She uses education practices that focus on cooperation, which is in contrast to the relatively competitive nature of the school experience. Please pray that these students will carry this message of peace into their families.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (www.cmu.ca)

- * **Travel. Learn. Serve.** Consider CMU's one year **Outatown Discipleship School** and continue your journey towards knowing God, yourself and the world as you travel, learn and serve in locations across Western Canada and in Guatemala. Read about current student experiences at outatownguat.com. Apply now at Outatown.com/become/apply.
- * **CMU Christmas Vespers:** Tonight, Dec. 15, 7:00 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium. A reception will follow. All are welcome. See cmu.ca/vespers.
- * Consider enrolling in a **CMU Winter term, evening course.** Options include *Issues in Youth Ministry; Principles of Biblical Interpretation; The Fifties & Sixties in North America: Cold, Cool and Radical;* and *Art of Peacebuilding...* and more. Significantly reduced audit rates available for Alumni and Seniors. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.
- * **Want to give the gift of peace this Christmas?** Check out the Canadian School of Peacebuilding website at csop.cmu.ca to purchase *Voices of Harmony and Dissent*, authored by past CSOP instructors or check out our resources page for other peace books.
- * **CMU will be closed** Dec. 24, 2019 to Jan. 1, 2020, re-opening January 2, with Winter Semester classes beginning on Jan. 6.

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

December 15, 2019

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

Advent 3: Joy

- Prelude
- Call to Worship
- Welcome, Introductions & Opening Prayer
- Early Years Singing
- Words from the Stable: **When the World Was Dark**
- Grade 2-5 Choir *Prophets Knew*
- Advent Candle for the church in Ecuador
- Congregational Song: HWB 215 *What Child is this*
- Drama: **Stars N Bucks**
- Reading from Isaiah 35:1-10
- Congregational Song *O Long Awaited*
- Drama: **Midnight Visitor**
- Choir *Magnificat*
- Words from the Stable: **The Surprising Nature of God**
- Choir *Offering all of our praise*
- Congregational Response: **Sharing our Joy**
- Choir *Hallelujah Glory Hallelujah*
- Offering Simon Lobe & Julie Derksen
- Sharing and Prayer
- Announcements
- Congregational Song: HWB 182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee*
- Benediction
- Ushers** Daniel, Matthaues, Jonah, Caleb
- Stable Narrators:** Alayna, Natasha, Juniper, Sophia, Laurel, Bronte
- Worship Leaders:** Zachary, Seth
- Stars N Bucks:** Simon, Adalyn, Micah, Heather, Geno, Marcus, Isabel, Sylvie, John, Cristina
- Midnight Visitor:**Sofia SP, Diana SP, Sparrow, Arlo, Petra, Stable narrators
- Scripture Reader:** Anton
- Sharing Joy** (cong. response): Molly, Felix, Wes, Maelle, Hugo, Sparrow, Arlo, Sara
- Song Leader:** Rebecca Harder
- Pianist:**Rachel Klassen Huebner
- Choir**..... Andrea Goertzen
- Sets** Val Martens
- Technical Support**..... Rich Boyd
- Coordinators** Valerie Smith & Rachel Huebner

Please join us for the Fellowship Lunch following the worship service.
Group 3 is in charge of set-up and clean-up. (See list below.)

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

GROUP 3

Becker, Ernie & Lucille
Epp-Fransen, Carlyne & Gordon
Friesen, Laura
Gerbrandt, Nathan & Angela
Guenther, Louise & Wexler, Daniel
Guenther-Wexler, Hannah
Klassen-Wiebe, Sheila & Vern
Kliewer, Carly & Nathan
Koop Hunsberger, Ann

Rempel, Jake & Jean
Rempel, Ramon
Smith, Michael & Val
Toews, Bernie & Iris
Walker, Gregg & Wiens, Elena
Wiebe, Alisa & Driedger, Bucky
Wiebe, Jeremy & Friesen, Sara Jane
Wiens, John & Justina
* Invitation to CMU students to assist

THIS WEEK

- **Tue, 10:30 am – CMC Exercise Group** will have a wee Christmas wind-up with dainties and coffee. Classes resume on Tue., Jan. 7, 10:30 am.
- **Thur, 7:00-9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Choir practice**

COMING EVENTS

- **NEXT SUNDAY, 9:30-10:30 am – Christmas Eve Choir practice.** No Sunday School (ages 3-grade 12); resumes Jan. 12.
- **Dec 23 (Sun), 7:30-9:00 pm - Christmas Eve Choir practice**
- **Dec 24 (Tue), 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service.** If you would like to sing in the choir, please see details in Church Family Notes.

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

New Phone Number – Menno Enns: 204-781-5875

Mitten Tree: You are invited to bring warm mittens, toques and neck-warmers for Sister MacNamara Elementary School, nursery-grade 6 (where Vern K-W works).

Game Night: Are you between the ages of 3 and 103? Do you enjoy socializing with fellow church members? Do you enjoy (or at least tolerate) board games? If so, this announcement is for you! Join us at church twice a month on Friday evenings to play board games. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite board game, arrive when you can and bring snacks, if you like. Friday evenings will include Jan. 17 & 31, Feb. 14 & 28, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24. Hope to see you there!

~ Janice Dueck & Milton Friesen

The Church Council minutes from October and November are posted on the bulletin board.

The stapler from the office is missing. Please return as soon as possible. Thanks!

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

Faith and Life Choirs Christmas Concert: Dec. 21, 7:00 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church. *O come, let us adore Him*, under the direction of Janet Brenneman and Ben Pauls. Come for an evening of festive singing. Freewill offering will be taken. For more information, please contact Stephanie Wenger office@mennochurch.mb.ca.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates: Transform dreams into sustainable livelihoods this Christmas. Share God's love and invest in the entrepreneurial dreams of women, men and youth around the world, and help move people out of poverty. Your support will open doors, eliminate barriers and provide entrepreneurs the necessary access to tools, training and resources that can help change dreams into reality. Visit www.meda.org/gift-guide

Summer is coming... We are a people of hope. **Camps with Meaning summer staff applications** are available on the website. www.campswithmeaning.org.

Abundance Canada, a donor-advised public foundation, announces the appointment of Rachel Niessen to its leadership team as Director of Finance. Niessen will succeed Rick Braun-Janzen, who will transition into the position of Director of Gift Planning at Abundance Canada.

CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Donations budgeted to end of November	\$328,068
Actual donations to end of November	\$280,863
Shortfall as of end of November	\$47,205

- 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

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- * Give a life-changing gift this year from the **Christmas Giving Catalogue** - the chance to sew, the gift of hope, art supplies or wriggly worms. Teach your little ones to give a gift that will make a difference. Turn a fun Sunday School lesson into a meaningful Christmas Giving project. Call 204-261-6381 for more info.
- * **Interested in sponsoring refugees?** MCC is accepting Expression of Interest applications starting Jan. 1-31. While it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the number of people in need, there are ways you can get involved and make a difference. Visit: mcccanada.ca/learn/what/categories/supporting-refugees.
- * **Give a kit this year for Christmas!** Why not gather the family together and pack a school kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? Find more information: mcccanada.ca/kits.
- * **An MCC Story:** "We could really see the Impact". Visit: mcccanada.ca/stories/we-could-really-see-impact.