

# CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

December 29, 2019

Worship Service 10:45 am

**Worship Leader:** Kenton Lobe

**Story Teller:** Julia Thiessen

**Ushers:** Justin Neufeld & Family

**Speaker:** Julie Derksen

**Song Leader:** Ann Koop Hunsberger

**Pianist:** Adelaide Fransen

There will not be a printed bulletin this Sunday, December 29.

## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

**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

**Lindenwood Villa Unit Available** (500 Lindenwood Dr E): 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1173 sq. ft. life lease; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor facing west. Price: \$269,900.00 (includes entrance fee). Open house: Sat., Jan. 4, 12:00 -1:30 pm. For more information, please contact Karen Girard-Smith at 204-232-7248.

## CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Donations budgeted to end of December	\$357,884
Actual donations to date	\$328,302
Needed by the end of December	\$29,582

- Ways to donate:**
1. Cheque or Cash
  2. Account transfer at Crosstown Credit Union
  3. Canada Helps website: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)
  4. E-transfer. Talk to Keith or Milton for details

## COMING EVENTS

- Jan 7 (Tue), 10:30 – CMC Exercise Group resumes
- Jan 12, 9:30 am – Sunday School resumes (ages 3-grade 12)

## MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

The offices of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church Manitoba will be closed from Dec. 24 at noon to Jan. 2, 8:30 am.

**Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home** (1045 Concordia Ave) is in need of a pianist to play for weekly Thursday morning Worship Services (9:45-10:30.) Please contact Volunteer Services (204-654-5035; [dianne.nixdorf@bethania.ca](mailto:dianne.nixdorf@bethania.ca)).

Summer is coming... We are a people of hope. **Camps with Meaning summer staff applications** are available on the website. [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org).

## MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- \* We are hiring! MCC Canada is looking for an **External Grants Coordinator** to help support MCC's international and domestic programs. Closing date: Jan. 2. Visit [mccmb.ca/openings](http://mccmb.ca/openings).
- \* **Get involved! Come tie comforters with MCC:** In celebration of MCC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we're attempting to collect 6,500 comforters from across Canada and the U.S. You can help! Find out more at [mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup](http://mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup).  
**Attend:** Come to the *Great Winter Warm-up* comforter-tying event on Jan. 18 at North Kildonan MB Church. Don't know how to sew or tie? No problem! All level of skills are welcome. Stay for food, kid's activities and a photobooth.  
**Volunteer:** Join us for a day of service and teaching others about comforter-tying. A variety of volunteer shifts are available. Invite your youth group, bible study or coffee friends and sign up together! Contact Jessica Williams (204-261-6381, [JessicaWilliams@mccmb.ca](mailto:JessicaWilliams@mccmb.ca)) for details.
- \* **Serve with SALT.** Are you between the ages of 18 and 30 and looking for a new adventure? Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience where Christian young adults from Canada and the US serve internationally. Be immersed in another culture, live with a host family and work in a variety of fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! To be guaranteed consideration for this year, please submit your application by Feb. 15. Apply here: [mccmb.ca/salt](http://mccmb.ca/salt).
- \* **MCC Office Student Seminar:** Feb. 20-22. Calling all university students! Explore active citizenship and peace building advocacy, learn about MCC's work in Ottawa and hear from Parliamentarians alongside students from across Canada. Travel subsidies may be available. Visit <http://mcccanada.ca/student-seminar>.

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

**CMU will be closed** Dec. 24, 2019 to Jan. 1, 2020, re-opening January 2, with Winter Semester classes beginning on Jan. 6.



**Mennonite Church Canada Witness:** Witness worker **Sook**

**Kyoung Park** spends four afternoons per week hosting students for 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, focusing 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.

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.

**Declaration promise in Throne Speech.** In November we invited churches to pray and e-mail Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to ensure that the Government of Canada prioritized the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Speech from the Throne. Great news—it happened! On Dec. 5, the Government promised to co-develop and pass legislation to implement the Declaration in Canadian law by the end of 2020. We’ve got a way to go on this journey, but this is deeply encouraging. Please e-mail Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca) and the Hon. Carolyn Bennett, minister of crown-Indigenous relations (carolyn.bennett@parl.gc.ca) to thank them for making this profound commitment.

**Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT):** *Delegation to the United States/Mexico borderlands.* As we rejoice in the birth of the migrant Christ, we can’t help but turn our hearts to the many children and families in the United States/Mexico borderlands whose lives are turned upside-down by violent state policy. Between Feb. 19-29, CPT will lead a delegation into this zone of conflict. Please consider joining! You’ll meet those directly affected by public policy—including migrants, local residents, activists, and law enforcement personnel; you’ll walk desert trails, visit detention and human-resource centers; you’ll travel back and forth across the border and see firsthand the impact of militarism on migrants and border communities. For more information, go to [www.cpt.org/delegations/borderlands](http://www.cpt.org/delegations/borderlands).

**WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* The Charleswood Historical Society presents the 4th of its 2019-2020 Heritage Lecture Series. Randall Mooi, Curator of Zoology, Museum of Man and Nature will speak on “The History of the Buffalo in Canada”. Mon, Jan 6, 7:00 pm, 5006 Roblin Blvd. (Charleswood Seniors Centre). Additional parking can be found at the back of the building, just off Harstone Road. All welcome. Silver collection. Visit: [www.charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca) .
- \* **Grief Support Group:** The Companions in Grief Program is offering a 7-week Grief Support Group beginning Wed., Jan. 15. If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with loneliness, hopelessness and uncertainty then you are welcome to join a supportive, safe and confidential group. To register: Call Bob Milks 204- 294-5562 or email: [griefcare@mymts.net](mailto:griefcare@mymts.net). Deadline for registration: Jan 10.

**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.

Jeff’s Office Hours: Tue-Fri 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Please submit announcements/order of worship
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	at <a href="mailto:cwoodmc@mymts.net">cwoodmc@mymts.net</a> or 204-837-7982
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