

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 21, 2021

11:00 am: **Worship Service** - Online via Zoom or YouTube livestream:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86500893320?pwd=SFB6NWhtc2hIZ0lObER0Q252bUNrQT09>

Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5xlvL4Y4xhZANvkKpN_NCw?view_as=subscriber

Worship Leader: Janice Dueck

Song Leader: Henry Kliewer

Scripture Reader: Joan Fransen

Technicians: Jonah Huebner, Jeffrey Friesen

Speaker: Lisa Enns

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Story Teller: Julia Thiessen

Lent 1 ~ Deep in the sea: *Called to deep relationship*

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore

Many: into unknown waters.

One: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

Many: letting them go, trusting the sea.

One: God, we trust the signs of your covenant:

the ark through the water,

the waters of baptism,

Many: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love.

Prayer

Song: VT 441 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,

avoiding you,

avoiding our neighbors.

We confess when we have felt in over our heads.

Needing you,

needing our neighbors.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep relationship.)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep relationship.

We come to you, God.

Prayer

Scriptures: Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

Children's Story

Sermon: "As for me..."

Song: VT 56 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Song: VT 701 *You Are All We Have* (STJ 29)

Announcements

Benediction

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## MCC - MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA ([mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca))

- \* For MCC, peace is more than a wish, it's what we do. Peace means something different to each person. Help us answer the question "What is peace?" by sharing what peace means to you – it can be an idea, a poem, a memory or just a few words. We're collecting submissions for a creative art piece that celebrates the beauty of peace in action. You can contribute at [mccmb.ca/what-is-peace](http://mccmb.ca/what-is-peace).
- \* MCC Keewatin Furniture Thrift shop is currently hiring a **Truck Assistant**. If you are outgoing and physically strong with a valid driver's license this is an excellent opportunity to join MCC Thrift. Pay would be \$13.50/hours requiring for 30 hours a week of work. To apply or for more information please contact: [mccmgr@shaw.ca](mailto:mccmgr@shaw.ca) or 204-694-3669.
- \* Are you passionate about peace? MCC is looking for an outgoing person to **coordinate peacebuilding and advocacy activities** in Manitoba. The Peacebuilding and Advocacy Coordinator position is part-time and based in Winnipeg. Learn more at [mccmb.ca/openings](http://mccmb.ca/openings).
- \* Take the sting out of winter's chill by joining the **Great Winter Warm-up** from the comfort of your home. Throughout February, we're celebrating all things comforters - from the compassionate people who donate blankets to the families who receive them. Learn how you can participate at [mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup](http://mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup).

## MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA & COMMUNITY

- \* **Amplifying Jesus: Sunday night worship for YOUTH...** is a 6 week series of Lent Worship Services for MCM Youth, starting Feb. 21, 8:00 pm. Hosted by Kathy Giesbrecht these half hour services will include: Special guests sharing about Jesus, songs led by Mackenzie Hildebrand, art and prayer. We are hoping to create a space for spiritual encouragement and connection. For Zoom link contact: [Kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:Kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca).
- \* **Come learn about your regional and nationwide ministries at the 2021 Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering.** March 6, 9:00 am-12:00 pm online. Non-delegates are most welcome, but we're asking you to register on the MCM website or by calling the MCM Office. 204-896-1616. [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)
- \* **Lindenwood Estates:** 1 bedroom, E suite, 726 sq. ft. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor available for re-assignment. Church member Open House: Feb. 28, 1–3 pm; Public Open House: Wed., Mar. 3, 4–6 pm. Price \$249,000 including entrance fee.
- \* The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Learn about a new renovation project, part of a mission to bring affordable housing to Waterloo Region; and the Spirit of MDS Fund is offering another round of funding for congregations. Plus we're now offering *Behind the Hammer*, our quarterly publication showcasing our volunteers and their inspiring stories, in a digital version. [Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/3bgbp9v](https://conta.cc/3bgbp9v)

## WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

- \* **Discover Westgate:** Fun Online Event for Grade 8s – Tue., Feb. 23, 6:30 pm. Contact the school to register to receive a party pack and the link. 204-77-7111 or [lhp@westgatemennonite.org](mailto:lhp@westgatemennonite.org).
- \* **Westgate Mennonite Collegiate:** Craving some theatre? Our Grade 9s are putting on a live presentation of "A Virtual Whodunnit." We invite you to register through our front office at 204-775-7111 or [lhp@westgatemennonite.org](mailto:lhp@westgatemennonite.org) so that you can receive the Zoom link for the Tue., Feb. 23, 7:30 pm performance. Please pass on this information to family and friends. We know that you will enjoy the show but you'll never guess whodunnit.

## CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (<https://www.cmu.ca/>)

- \* **Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us...** COVID-19 has exposed cracks in our systems of care, and shed light on our understandings of aging, revealing how we value older adults in our

communities. How might we listen anew to the voice and resilience of older adults? What insights do indigenous communities offer about the valuing of elders? Can we learn to care for older adults *and* ourselves in ways that open fuller, life-giving possibilities? Join a conversation with the director of a personal care home, two Indigenous Elders, and two seniors. **Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00–8:30 pm.** Go to [www.cmu.ca/face2face](http://www.cmu.ca/face2face) for more information.

- \* CMU's **Xplore 55+ Enrichment program** offers courses exploring dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it – all without assignments or exams! **Eight online courses are offered on Wednesday mornings from March 3 – April 7.** Among others, courses include *Worship as the People's Work*, *Hearing Old Testament Prophets Today*, *Theological Resistance in Troubled Times: The Compelling Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, and *Indigenous Spiritualities and Christianities*. Go to [www.cmu.ca/xplore](http://www.cmu.ca/xplore) for information and to register.
- \* **CMU | Virtual Open House:** Be part of a virtual CMU campus tour, hear from faculty and present students, and take the opportunity to ask all the questions you have about university studies at CMU. Students, parents, guidance counsellors and teachers welcome! A recording of this open house will be made available to those who sign up, but who are unable to make it at the scheduled time. **Wed., Feb. 24, 4:00 pm.** Register at [www.cmu.ca/virtual-open-house](http://www.cmu.ca/virtual-open-house).

## CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

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| Donations budgeted (proposed) to end of January | \$29,279        |
| <u>Actual donations to end of January 2021</u>  | <u>\$21,750</u> |
| Difference                                      | \$7,529         |
| Donations to budget to end of January in 2020   | \$22,603        |

- Ways to donate:**
1. Cheque: Mail to 699 Haney St, Winnipeg MB R3R 0Y7
  2. Account transfer at Crosstown Credit Union
  3. Canada Helps website: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)
  4. E-transfer: Send to [donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca](mailto:donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca)

## MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

### • INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

- **Partnership sees new literacy teachers trained in Congo:** Praise God for four recently completed teacher training events for the Congo Literacy Project, held in Mutena, Kamiji, Kamayala and Bitu in December and January. Pray that 80 newly trained teachers would have the courage and determination to begin literacy classes in their respective congregations. The literacy project is supported by International Witness and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission.
- **Connection with Colombia churches amid violence:** Pray for groups meeting in both Colombia and Canada to work on ideas for bringing our churches into closer relationship. May we support each other in the issues that face us. Pray that the violence threatening rural Colombian congregations decreases.

### • INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS

- **Prayer for new Mennonite Church Canada-CPT Internship:** Please pray for **Allegra Friesen Epp** (Home Street Mennonite Church) as she begins a joint internship with Mennonite Church Canada and Christian Peacemaker Teams' Turtle Island Solidarity Network. Allegra will work out of Winnipeg (Treaty 1 & the Homeland of the Metis Nation) for a six-month term, relating to churches, CPT partners and Indigenous solidarity groups. Pray for strength, wisdom and joy as she navigates this work and builds new relationships. Read an interview with Allegra and CPT Canada coordinator Rachelle Friesen: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/10977-mennonite-church-canada-and-christian-peacemaker-teams-create-internship-opportunity-in-2021>

**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.