

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

- **COP26 a chance to cultivate our garden.** Kari Miller, who attends Home Street Mennonite Church attended COP26 in Glasgow as part of her work with A Rocha Manitoba. Read her reflection for MC Canada, on how she thinks the conference isn't the end of the story, but an opportunity to cultivate something beautiful. Read the article: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/12444-cop26-a-chance-to-cultivate-our-garden>.
- **"We are in a climate emergency" – a statement from Mennonite Church Canada leaders.** In response to a grassroots call—7 Calls to Climate Action (www.7callstoclimateaction.com)—from individuals within Mennonite Church Canada for urgent action to address the climate crisis, Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council and Executive Staff Group have released a statement. Read it here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/12436-we-are-in-a-climate-emergency-a-statement-from-mennonite-church-canada-leaders>.
- **INTERNATIONAL WITNESS**
 - **Ongoing violence in Ethiopia.** As you hear news reports about the increasing violence in Ethiopia, please keep the Meserete Kristos Church in your prayers. This sibling in the global Mennonite World Conference needs our prayers for safety, unity and peace.
- **INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS**
 - **ISR signs ecumenical letter of solidarity with Wet'suwet'en.** Indigenous-Settler Relations has joined representatives of an ecumenical community to register solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en peoples who are defending their lands in opposition to the Coastal GasLink Pipeline. The Letter of Solidarity urges the federal government to halt this project and the associated erosion of trust with Indigenous Nations.

CAMPS WITH MEANING (<https://campswithmeaning.org>)

- * **Break the Bank-uet 2. Camps with Meaning Online Fundraising Event.** Join camp staff for music, updates, a celebration of Summer 2021 ministry, and of course, breaking the bank. Watch video: www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet

CHURCH CONTACTS

Please submit announcements/order of worship
by 9:00 am **Thursday**

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CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

November 21, 2021

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

Worship Leader / Story Teller: Jeff Friesen

Speaker: Lisa Enns

Song Leader: Alisa Wiebe

Pianist: Verna Wiebe

Technician: Kent Haase

Ushers: Henry Kliewer & Les Zacharias

Memorial Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Introduction
Call to Worship: VT 877
Hymn VT 31 *Come, We that Love*
Invocation

CONFESSING

Confession of Sin
Beloved God,
who was known to our spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One –
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Words of Assurance

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-9, 16-19a; Revelation 21:1-7 (*see next page*)
Story
Hymn VT 527 *Bless the Arms That Comfort*
Sermon: "The Home of God is Among Mortals"

REMEMBERING

Hymn VT 656 *God Weeps with Us*
Remembering: Leo Driedger, Margaret Friesen, James Friesen Wiebe,
Marrian Zacharias, Peter Pauls, Greti Peters,
Dave Froese, Henry Dyck

Lighting Candles of Remembrance
Hymn VT 574 *We Shall Walk through the Valley*

RESPONDING

Offering: Our Financial Resources
Our Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements
Hymn VT 416 *Beyond a Dying Sun*
Benediction

~ Please leave hymnbooks on the seats ~

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

Pre-Worship Carol Singing during Advent, 10:30 am: Along with Advent comes our desire to start singing Christmas carols. Please come early for 10:30 am from Nov. 28 to Dec. 19 to enjoy singing carols together in the sanctuary before the worship service.

Proof of Vaccination: Thank you to the many who have already submitted their proof of vaccination. If you have not already done so, please email the office with that information or bring it with you when you come to church and a volunteer in the lobby will help you get this done. Once your vaccination proof has been screened you won't have to bring or show proof of vaccination again.

THIS WEEK

- **Wed, (Nov 24) - YOUNG ADULT EVENT** at Chris & Rachel Huebner's house. Details TBA.

COMING UP

- **NEXT SUNDAY, 10:45 am – First Advent Communion.** As we turn the church calendar page over into the new year with Advent starting on Nov.28, we also prepare to celebrate around the Lord's Table together. We will be sharing Communion in a pre-pandemic fashion, with appropriate precautions, but with much joy to be able to serve from the front of the sanctuary again. Elements will be provided.
- **Dec 5 (Sun), noon – Mentor Lunch** at church after the worship service.

CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Income budgeted end of October	\$290,338
<u>Actual income to end of October</u>	<u>\$235,327</u>
Difference	\$55,011
Actual income to end of October 2020	\$250,438

- 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
 4. E-transfer: Send to donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA

- * **Prepare the Way! Advent Afternoon @ Assiniboia.** You are invited to bring your friends and family to Camp Assiniboia for an afternoon of harp music, singing, drama, and more. Sat., Dec. 4, 1-4 pm. More info to follow soon.
- * **Mennonite Church Manitoba** invites applications for the full-time **Director of Mission Engagement** position. Visit the MCM website for job description. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/get-involved.
- * **Nov. 29 is United Nations Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.** Please join the Mennonite Church Manitoba Palestine-Israel Network along with others including folks from the Palestinian and Jewish communities at Vimy Ridge Park, 821 Preston Ave, Nov. 28, Sun., 12:00-12:30 pm-1:30 pm.
- Canada Stand Up for Palestinian Children's Rights. We are asking the Canadian Government to appoint a Special Envoy to monitor and report on the situation of Palestinian children living in occupied Palestine pertaining to the standards of international law and UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, signed by both Israel and Canada.
- * **Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools** are hiring:(Term) Grade 4 Teacher at Katherine Friesen; (Term) Grade 7 Teacher at Katherine Friesen; (Term) Supply Teacher at both campuses; (Part-time) Operations Manager. Learn more and apply at wmems.ca.

WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE (<https://westgatemennonite.ca/>)

- * **Westgate Mennonite Collegiate** is seeking a **Principal** to join our dynamic and dedicated team to lead our Mennonite faith-based independent school. Visit westgatemennonite.ca. Applications due: Dec. 31 pknymoman@shaw.ca.
- * **Westgate's Annual General Meeting:** Mon., Nov. 29, 7:00 pm. As members of Westgate's community, you are invited to join us for our AGM - in person (86 West Gate, please bring proof of vaccination) or virtually. If you would like to join us online and/or would like to receive a PDF copy of the AGM Report Book, please contact the office (204-775-7111 or lh@westgatemennonite.org).

MCC – MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- * **Are you looking to shop differently this Christmas?** Make your holidays sustainable and fun with *Twelve Tips for a Thrift Christmas*, available at thrift.mcc.org/christmas, and shop fair trade at Brandon Ten Thousand Village's website at villagesbrandon.ca.
- * **Theatre of the Beat invites you to *Forgiven/Forgotten***, an emotionally driven piece follows the varying responses of a community that learns an ex-offender will be serving his parole in their midst. Digital screenings: Nov. 26-28. For info and to attend, visit theatreofthebeat.ca/forgivenforgotten. You can also bring this production to your community for free thanks to the support of MCC. Contact cedric@theatreofthebeat.ca for details.
- * **We're hiring!** MCC Canada is looking for a **Receptionist and Administrative Assistant - International Program**. Visit <http://mccmb.ca/openings>.
- * **Find the perfect locally made gift at the MCC Christmas Craft and Quilt Sale!** Shop and support MCC's sewing kits and material resources. Sat., Nov. 27, 9:00 am–4:00 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church. Masks and proof of vax required.
- * **The Excel Empowerment Centre (TEEC), an MCC Manitoba partner through Material Resources, is looking for volunteers** to help with conversational and basic English tutoring for newcomer women from South Sudan. Located in the West End of Winnipeg, TEEC offers programming and a sense of community to war-affected newcomers and immigrants. Timings (once or multiple times per week) can be customized. Vaccinations are required. Please contact executive director Rebecca Deng at teecmbss@gmail.com, 204-218-8830.

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.