

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Sat, Sept 14, SBC is hosting the *Living Proof Live Simulcast with Beth Moore*.** Tickets are \$35, visit www.SBCCollege.ca for more info.
- **Sat, Sept 14, MCC Morris Relief Auction Sale.** A trailer is in place at 134 Plaza drive to collect donated items.
- **Sept 20, 7:00 pm, MCC Canada 50th Anniversary Celebration** in the Great Hall at CMU.
- **Sept 27 & 28, 7:00 pm, Providence College's Annual Harvest Festival Banquet**, with guest speaker Dr. Jonathan J. Bonk. Complimentary tickets at www.ProvidenceSeminary.ca
- **Sept 27 & 28, CMU Fall Festival**, Shaftesbury Campus. Visit www.cmu.ca for more details.
- **Sat Sept 28, 7:30 pm, Inter-Mennonite Chaplaincy Association fundraising event at Fort Gart EMC**, 602 Pasadena Ave. Contact Tracey Hodges 204-881-1410 for tickets.
- **Oct 18 – 20, CMU Peace-It-Together youth conference**, download registration forms at www.cmu.ca/PIT

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Worship Bulletin Submission

Please submit bulletin items to Tonya by **Wednesday evening 8:00 p.m.**

Please check our bulletin board for upcoming events and brochures.

ABERDEEN CHURCH

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Weekly Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages will resume September 22

Welcome to Aberdeen!

**Our worship is a response to God's call to repentance and faith
Seeking to live in harmony with God's will
Extending our service and witness in the name of Jesus Christ
59 years in North End Winnipeg**

Worship Service for Sunday, September 8, 2013

Jesus warns us that discipleship is not without risk. The way that Jesus leads us is a perilous way that leads towards the cross. Jesus urges us to count the cost and warns us that the cost could be high. Will we respond to him by walking away in fear or by courageously daring to walk with him?

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and Jesus Christ who reigns.

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing

HWB# 229 Lord you have come to the Lakeshore

HWB# 434 Thuma Mina

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession

Sharing and Prayer

Listening

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1 – 11

Luke 14: 27 – 33

Psalms 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18

Congregational Singing

HWB# 407 We are people of God's peace

Sermon

Sunnie Friesen

Responding to God's Word

Congregational Reflection

Offering

Adrianna Friesen

Announcements

Congregational Singing

HWB# 236 You are the salt

Benediction

Worship Leader: Ron Banman

Song Leader: Ron Banman

Pianist: Esther Nikkel

HWB – Blue "Hymnal", STJ – green "Sing the Journey", STS – purple "Sing the Story"

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Pantry** – The Food Pantry meets next on September 21st and October 5th. We are collecting food items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Birthdays this week:**  Sept 10 Leona Penner
Sept 14 Malaika Brandt Murenzi
- **Sunday, Sept 15** – baptism service for Holly Giesbrecht. We will also celebrate with communion followed by coffee time.
- **Sunday, Sept 22** – Glenn Morison, Director of Open Circle, will be our speaker in worship and Adult S.S. We will also have a commissioning of our volunteers. S.S. begins for all ages.
- **Sunday, Sept 29** – Rebecca Osiro will join us for worship and S.S. She is the Vice Chair of MWC's Faith and Life Commission and active leader with African Anabaptist Women Theologians (AAWT). Rebecca will be sharing of the ministry of Anabaptist Churches in Africa including her work as co-pastor of the church at Eastleigh Fellowship Center in a predominately Muslim community in Nairobi, Kenya.

MINISTERIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Baptism:** Ministerial is happy to recommend Holly Giesbrecht for baptism.
- **Communion:** Aug 25 – Discussion took place regarding accepting TLC form of communion (wine & wafer) or AMC's form (juice & bread). We also moved Communion from World Communion Sunday to our baptism service.
- **Youth Ministry:** We are excited to have Tonya as our youth sponsor again this year. She will not be in full-time studies and will be expanding her role in planning, leadership and worship.
- Bursary disbursement
- Congregational visitation.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Brad, Lindsay, Allison and family as they remember Carolyn's birthday on Sept 12.
- We remember our oldest members in prayer; Melinda, Alice, Linda, and Sara.



Coffee for next week Sept 15 Bev and Ann
Upcoming Coffee for Sept 22 Marilyn and Brad

Prayers of Confession

You are the potter and we are the clay. You are the author, and we are a part of the story that is told. You are the creator, and we are the created. Yet we confess that we have elevated ourselves to the center of our universe. You, God, are the source and ground of good. In our pride we have not consulted your word. Jesus put others first, he challenged the powerful, and he lifted up the meek and suffering, but we have made it our priority to preserve the status quo, especially when it has meant preserving our possessions and our wealth for our own use. Like clay, remold and remake us, so that when others see us they will praise you, Holy Artist, who designs the best in our lives. As we take hold of the life that is real life, we pray you will take hold of us and shape us into true servants and disciples. This we pray in your name. **Amen!**

Jeremiah 18: 1 – 8

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Luke 14: 27 – 33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18

My God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, o God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

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All we have is yours! We pledge to use what has been given to us in stewardship so that we may remain, as individuals and as a church, a light in the darkness, the salt of the earth, and a beacon of hope.

Jesus, we come with our offerings, thankful for the opportunity to share in this great work. We seek to remain the salt of the earth, changing all we come in contact with, for the better, in your name. Receive our gifts, dedicated to your work, and guide us in the distribution of this treasure. This we pray in your name.

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