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## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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"Therefore, my children, love your neighbor heartily, and this with a liberal heart. Let the light of the Gospel shine in you... Deal your bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, and do not suffer anything to remain with you double, since there are enough that lack... And whatsoever the Lord grants you, that you possess with thankfulness, not only for yourselves, but also for your neighbor, and seek not your own profit, but that of your neighbor."

~ Maeyken of Deventer in a letter to her children in 1573, the year of her martyrdom as Anabaptist

Beyond Our Congregation:

- **The Fort Garry MB Church** is inviting applications for a .8 FTE Office Administrator. Details can be found at www.fgmb.ca Resumes accepted till February 14th.
- **Jan. 19th CMU Vespers, 7:30 pm**, come for worship through prayer, scripture reading and choral music, in the Laudamus Auditorium.
- **Jan 18 & 25, 9:30am – 1:00pm, Eden Mental Health is offering a workshop, "Making sense of aggression", Menn. Heritage Village, Steinbach** - for parents & professionals, based on Dr. Gordon Neufeld's attachment theory. Fee is \$40/person. Register at www.edenhealthcare.ca.
- **CMU Opera Workshop, Jan. 24, 25 @** Laudamus Auditorium. Enjoy an evening of *Famous Duets & Trios*, featuring selections from Gilbert & Sullivan, Delibes, Gluck and Mozart. Tickets @ CMU or at the door, [204-487-3300](tel:204-487-3300), \$8 adult / \$5 student.
- **Refugee sponsorship opportunities:** MCC's Refugee Program is looking for churches to partner with the Cdn government to immediately help people currently living in refugee camps to resettle in Canada. Call [204-925-1914](tel:204-925-1914) or BrianDyck@mennonitecc.ca

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Please check our bulletin board for upcoming events and brochures.

ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH



Welcome to Aberdeen!

Weekly Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages following the service

**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 January 12, 2014
Mennonite World Conference Fellowship Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude
Call to Worship
Invocational Prayer
Congregational Singing STJ #12 O sing to the Lord
HWB #511 God who touches earth
Congregational Sharing
Intercessory Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Reader's Theatre "The Garden"
Congregational Singing HWB #307 Will you let me be
Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Sermon Sol

Responding To God's Call

Confession
Congregational Song STJ #94 Blessed are they
Congregational Reflection
Offering
Announcements
Closing Song STJ#87 Put peace into each other's
Benediction

Worship Leader: Sunnie
Pianist: Marcia
Song Leader: Ron

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 Jan. 25th.
- **Today** – S.S. Resumes: Adult S.S., we will be completing a survey called the Global Anabaptist Profile (GAP). This survey is a project of MWC and our church has been invited to participate, representing the EMC (together with 21 other EMC churches). The purpose is to gather information about the theological convictions, worship practices, ethical commitments, and missional identity from a sample of MWC member conferences.
- **Today** – Congregational Meeting following the service
- **January 24 – 26th** – AMC Youth retreat at Camp Assiniboia
- **January 26th** – AMC Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Church Secretary Wanted** - The executive committee is inviting expressions of interest for a church secretary position. This is a part time position of 5 hours/week. The main duties include producing the weekly bulletin, managing incoming mail and telephone messages, maintaining church files and various lists, this position will start at the beginning of February. ***If you are interested in this position, please contact Jim by Wed. Jan. 22nd.***

- **Birthdays this week:**  Jan. 13th Tim
Jan. 14th Alissa
Jan. 18th Linda

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for churches in Asia that are challenged and face difficulties such as forced closures of places of worship, prohibitions on holding Sunday services, and the effects of religiously supported violence and radicalism.



Coffee for next week Jan. 19th Mo and Rudy
Upcoming Coffee for Feb. 2nd Tim and Janelle

Call to Worship:

People of God, come and worship!
Come with the heavy burdens and honest wrestling of your heart!
Come with a song, an offering, a dream, a prayer!
Come and find joy and gratitude for the life you have been given!
Come to meet God in the faces of your sisters and brothers.
Come to hear the good news that God's blessings abound.
Come to hear that God's love is for all creation.
Come receive strength and courage that our world and our hearts might be transformed.
Come worship God!

Prayer of Confession:

**Too often we sow sparingly,
because we want to be the ones who reap.**
We confess we don't want to share the reward of our work. We question the motives of people who ask for our help. Open us, God, to the joy of seeing others share in your abundance, knowing it is you who has sown every good gift.

**Too often we sow sparingly,
because we fear we will not have enough.**
Empower us, God, to make the world a place where generosity and blessing others does not feel risky. Encourage us to sow more love; and risk caring for each other.

**Too often we sow sparingly,
because we lose confidence that our offerings make a difference.** Help us, God, to know that in the very act of giving, we are praying for a healed world and pledging ourselves to help birth it. Remind us that our gifts are blessings that multiply into a great harvest.

**Open our hearts and hands and minds, Generous One,
to new vision and new trust in you.**

