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Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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#### **BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:**

- Sam's Place Film Night: Mon, Feb. 10 7:00pm. Presenting the 2012 award-winning documentary *They Call it Myanmar: Lifting the Curtain*, an astonishing and intimate look at Burma.
- Ten Thousand Villages' Pre-Valentine's Day One Day Café Thurs., Feb 13 (11am 3 pm) @ Plaza Dr. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served with homemade desserts.
- Valentine's Day @ Sam's: Feb. 14th & 15th celebrate Valentine's Day with a lush three course meal and live jazz concert at Sam's Place! Reserve a table for two or more. Reserve ASAP. Call 204-415-4728.
- CMU's is offering Contemporary Painting for Adults Mon, Feb. 10-Apr. 14, and Drawing Instruction for Adults Tues, Feb. 11-Apr. 15. Open to all skill levels. Visit cmu.ca/csma.
- CMU Vespers, Feb 16 @ 7:30 PM, Laudamas Auditorium a monthly worship service incorporating scripture, prayer, hymns, and choral music. Free, all are welcome.CMU class taught by Randy Wolff, MTS-5310 M Topics: Power, Change and Conflict (Feb 17-21) is an intensive course that will help students understand the role of power.
- CMU 2014 Essay contest for High School Students interested in the Humanities. Cash prize award. Essays due March 31.

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## ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

# Sunday, February 9, 2014



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, February 9, 2014

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

#### Gathering

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Song STJ #54 Longing for light

HWB# 226 You are salt for the earth

Congregational Sharing Prayer of the People

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Congregational Song Scripture Reading

HWB# 401 This little light of mine

Matthew 5:13-16

Congregational Song

STJ# 95 I want to walk as a child

Sermon Heather

# Responding to God's Call

Affirmation of Faith STS #144

Offering Everett

Further Reflections Announcements

Closing Song

HWB #430 God be with you

Benediction

Worship Leader: Sunnie Song Leader: Kate Pianist: Deb

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

#### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

 Aberdeen Food Bank – The Food Bank meets next on Feb.22<sup>nd</sup> and Mar. 8th.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Adult S.S. Feb 16, 23 Mar 9, 16: Peter will lead us through the book *The Greatest Prayer Rediscovering the* Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer by John Crossan. Please read the prologue and chpts 1 & 2. Books available from Sunnie.
- The Exec. is pleased to announce that Mo has accepted the position of Church Secretary beginning Feb 3. We wish Mo much joy in your new job.

## Worship & Ed. Committee Highlights:

- Excited that Peter offered to lead a book study on the Lord's Prayer. This will dove-tail nicely with the Lent and Holy Week worship material Encountering God: What have we witnessed?
- Reviewed details of upcoming worship and Spring S.S. on April 13, 27, May 4 and 11.
- Discerned special services like Grad Sunday, Church Picnic, alternative services.

### PRAYER REQUESTS: From Prayers for Inner City Youth Alive

- Kent & Sandy Pray for wisdom as the ministry makes changes for training more local leaders.
- Nolan & Johanna Pray for wisdom as new youth enter the work skills training program. Pray for experience and safety during work.
- Christina & Ben Pray for Christina as she connects with teen girls at ICYA, giving mentorship and friendship. Pray for wisdom in the various decisions that she needs to make.



Coffee for next week Feb. 16th Herb and Esther Upcoming Coffee for Feb. 23rd Ron and Shirley

## **Call to Worship**

If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

# If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

If the new creation in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. We are God's faithful people.

Our faith, our love, our hope — essential as salt and light.

We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

#### Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."