

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **CMU Graduation, Sun. April 27, 2:30 p.m., Immanuel Pentecostal Church, 955 Wilkes Ave.** Service will feature Don Friesen, retired Mennonite pastor. All are welcome.
- **CMU Spring Intensive Courses: *Practices, Rituals, and Christian Imagination / Continuity and Change in Anabaptism / Pastoral Care.*** Visit cmu.ca/gstm for more details.
- **SBC Spring Intensive Course, April 28-May 2.** "Parables of Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" with Dr. Arley Loewen. For more information call 204-326-6451.
- **L'Arche Walk, Sun. May 4** – Please join the 10th Annual walk with L'Arche at Oxford Heights Community Club, 359 Dowling Ave. E. Transcona. Registration from 12:30 to 1:45.
- **Recycled Orchestra Concert, Sun. May 4, 7:00 p.m., North Kildonan MB Church.** An orchestra from the slums of Paraguay will join MBCI Concert Band. Freewill offering.
- **Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg Spring Dinner Celebration, May 9, 6:00 p.m., NKMB Church.** Tickets are \$30. Call 772-1923. See poster on bulletin board.
- **MCC's Families Walking for Families Walkathon, May 24.** Support education programs in Uganda. Pledge forms are available at MCC office or online at mccmanitoba.ca/walkathon.

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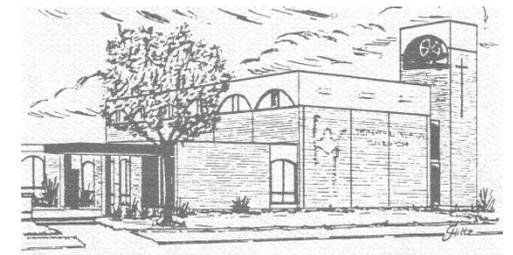
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ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, April 27, 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,
we extend our service and
witness in the name of Jesus Christ.
60 years in North End Winnipeg**

Worship Service for Sunday, April 27, 2014

It takes great faith to believe in the truth of the resurrection of Christ. In his presence, in his appearances to us, in the worship of the church, and in the mystery of our own lives, Jesus gives us the evidence we need to have faith in the reality of resurrection.

Gathering

Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
Congregational Songs HWB 6 Here in this place
 HWB 20 Come and see

Congregational Sharing
Prayer of the People

Hearing God's Word

Congregational Song STS 100 Oh blessed spring
Drama
Scripture Reading John 20:19-31
Confession
Congregational Song HWB 614 In the bulb
Sermon Sol Janzen

Responding to God's Call

Offering Judith Banman
Further Reflections
Announcements
Closing Song HWB 299 New earth heavens
Benediction

Worship Leader – Sunnie Friesen
Song Leader – Ron Banman
Accompanist – Deb Schiedel Lapp

HWB –blue “Hymnal”, STJ – green “Sing the Journey”
STS – purple “Sing the Story”

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on May 3,17 and 31.
- **July 4-6, 2014** - EMC Convention at U of M, Winnipeg



Birthday This Week: Genevieve Giesbrecht May 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting**, today during Sunday School hour.
- **Adult Sunday School, May 4** - Brad Wassink from Citizens for Public Justice will lead a talk on ecological justice. CPJ is an ecumenical advocacy think tank based in Ottawa. Our connection to Brad is through Carol Thiessen who is on the CPJ board.
- **Aberdeen Spring Work Day, Sat. May 10.** Watch for a sign-up sheet.
- **2014 EMC Convention poster** is on the bulletin board. Check the website www.emconference.ca for updated information. Childcare helpers, youth leaders, ushers and parking attendants will be needed – consider volunteering!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The nominating committee wants your help in filling positions for the fall. “We invite your prayers as we consider the positions of Executive Secretary and Speaker Roster (1/2 position).”
- Pray for Fort Garry EMC as they install David Funk as their new lead pastor this morning. David, Kendra and children come from Abbeydale Christian Fellowship in Calgary where he was senior pastor.



Coffee for next week May 4 Murray and Marg
Upcoming Coffee for May 11 Randy and Charlotte

Prayer of Confession

Re-creating God,

we have sung the Easter hymns and heard the Easter story, but in some ways the reality of the resurrection still has taken only shallow root in our lives.

Our desire to be made new may be lukewarm and on the surface of awareness, rather than with sincerity and passion.

Lacking the courage to respond to Christ's offer of transformation, we sometimes give in to the sin of self-satisfaction, which refuses to recognize how much we need to be changed.

Some may be entombed by lustful passions, enslaved by addictive behaviors, imprisoned by painful memories, bound by depression or despair.
In self-isolation we still distance ourselves from your power to change, from receiving the Spirit of your risen Christ, and from the support of a loving, believing community.

Forgive our lack of openness, faith, and trust, gracious Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the presence of the risen Christ we are changed.

By the power of forgiveness, we are raised from guilt and shame to freedom and joy. The old life dissolves in the new; the old world moves toward the new creation God has shown to be possible in Christ.

Thanks and praise be to God for the miracle of Easter!