Colossians 2:6-10; 16-23

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch"? All these regulations refer to things that perish with use; they are simply human commands and teachings. These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- MDS needs groups of 3-6 volunteers to assist with clean up in Yorkton area on Mon. and Tues., July 28 and 29. Overnight lodging is provided. Contact Ron Bushman at 306-341-1098.
- Helping families in Gaza: In the second week of the most recent Israel-Hamas conflict, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through one of its long-time partners in Gaza, Al Najd Development Forum, began distributing locally purchased food to 230 families, and is preparing for a longer-term response. You can give to this effort at donate.mcccanada.ca/gaza, by calling 1-888-622-6337 or by sending your donation to MCC specifying "Gaza response." Pray with us for peace for Palestinians and Israelis.
- Help Iraqis through MCC As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, MCC is providing vital items for daily life. Please help us reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Information is online at mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits.

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ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, July 27, 2014



Welcome to Aberdeen!

Weekly Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday July 27, 2014 The Church at Colossae

Gathering and praising

Call to worship Welcome

Congregational singing HWB 70 Immortal, invisible, God only

HWB 352 Gentle Shepherd, come and

lead us

Confessing

Prayer of confession Words of assurance Passing the peace

Hearing the word

Congregational singing STS 43 My faith has found a resting

place

HWB 517 Open my eyes that I may see

Scripture reading

Colossians 2:6-10; 16-23

Sermon Ron

Responding

Sharing and prayer

Offering

Closing song STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Benediction

Worship leader: Ruth

Pianist: Marcia

HWB -blue "Hymnal", STJ - green "Sing the Journey" STS - purple "Sing the Story"

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

■ Aberdeen Food Bank - meets next on Aug. 9 and Aug. 23.

Birthday this week - Adrianna August 1

Prayer items for Ukraine:

In Odessa, Mary Raber teaches theology at Odessa Theological Seminary as a partner through Mennonite Mission Network. Raber offers the following suggestions for prayer support of the church and Christians in Ukraine (there are 12 MWC Churches in Ukraine):

- Political divisions definitely affect the churches as they do in North America. Generally, the north and west identify themselves with Europe and speak Ukrainian, while the south and east look to Russia and speak Russian. Pray that churches in different geographical areas will be able to remember and act on their unity in Christ.
- The generations tend to be divided along political lines as well. Younger church leaders support the protest and are frustrated by the older generation who are more resistant to change. Pray that the generations would be able to hear each other.
- The continuing instability makes life difficult for schools, children's
 homes, hospitals, and all kinds of other social service institutions, some
 of which are operated by churches. Pray that needs would be met. Pray
 that people would remember and care for their neighbors during the
 unrest, especially the elderly and disabled.

Summer Worship:

Today - The Early Church at Colossae

Aug 3 - No service at Aberdeen (long weekend)

Aug 10 - The Early Church at Thessalonica

Aug 17 - Alternative Service and Potluck at Ron and Shirley's

Aug 24 - The Early Church at Corinth

Aug 31 - The Early Church at Rome (long weekend)

Sept 7 - Welcome back Sunday and Potluck

Call to Worship (Colossians 2)

All: Lord Jesus Christ, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Leader: In you the fullness of God dwells.

People: You are the head of every ruler and authority.

All: Through your life, death and resurrection, all rulers and authorities are disarmed; all legal demands are erased; and all trespasses are forgiven!

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we seek guidance from people near at hand, rather than looking to Christ's wisdom. Lord have mercy.

We confess that we seek to earn your favor by following more and more rules, rather than looking to Christ's grace. Lord have mercy.

We confess that we seek to impose our demands on the world, rather than looking to Christ's cross. Lord have mercy.

Amen.