

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- You are invited to come hear what God is doing through the ministry of **EMC Project Builders** at their annual general meeting, **Mon., Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm at Fort Garry EMC.**
- **CMU Bookstore Moving Sale, now through Dec. 4.** Huge discounts! Many books priced at \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, discounted CD's, children's picture books, Christian fiction, boxed greeting cards, journals, devotionals, Bibles, and more.
- **Fri. Dec. 12, 7:30 pm – The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** hosts a **Messiah Sing-Along.** See www.wso.ca for details.
- **Thurs., Dec. 18 – Community Christmas Party.** ICYA is serving a holiday dinner to 600 people and giving hampers to 70 families. There are many ways to help – time, money and items are needed. Contact Dorian Funk 204 582 8779 for details or see the poster on the bulletin board.
- **Christmas Giving** - Un-frustrate your Christmas giving this year! Give a gift of hope with **MCC's Christmas giving program.** Visit <http://donate.mcccanada.ca> or call our office at **(204)261-6381.**

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Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might shake at Your presence,
as when the melting fire burns,
as the fire causes the waters to boil,
to make Your name known to Your adversaries,
that the nations may tremble at Your presence!
When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,
You came down; the mountains quaked at Your presence.
For since the beginning of the world men have not heard,
nor perceived by ear,
neither has the eye seen a God besides You,
who acts for the one who waits for Him.
You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness,
those who remember You in Your ways.
Indeed, You were angry, for we had sinned;
in *our sins* we remained a long time,
and shall we be saved?
But we all are as an unclean thing,
and all our righteousness is as filthy rags;
and we all fade as a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
There is no one who calls on Your name,
who stirs up himself to take hold of You;
for You have hidden Your face from us
and have consumed us because of our iniquities.
But now, O LORD, You are our Father;
we are the clay, and You are our potter;
and we all are the work of Your hand.
Do not be wrathful beyond measure, O LORD,
nor remember iniquity forever;
look upon us, we pray,
we all are Your people

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Call to worship (adapted from Isaiah 64 and Psalm 80)

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship [pause]. Redeeming God, show our face, so that we, your people, would share your hope.

All: Oh, that you would reveal your hope to us, O Lord.

People: Let your light shine, so that the nations would see our glory.

Leader: Speak to us, for your words do not pass away.

People: Walk with us, and the peoples tremble.

Leader: Restore us, that we might be saved.

People: Mold us, and we will bend to your will.

All: Rend the heavens and come down, O Lord of hope.

Confession

Leader: Today in this safe but dark, holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus not on our sins as is our habit, but instead on the sins done against us.

People: We have suffered rejection, hurt, and abuse. People have hurt us in our childhood, at school, at work, and even in church. These hurts continue to shape us in unhealthy ways.

Leader: We are crumbling clay that needs to be reformed and rebuilt by you, God, the Potter.

People: Heal our places of shame, Lord.

Leader: To “forgive those who trespass against us,” we ask for strength to release our wounds to you, to stop holding onto them.

People: Heal us, Lord.

All: Restore our hope, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Assurance

Leader: God, the faithful Potter, longs to remake and restore his children.

All: God's power rekindles hope in us and gives us life, real life. Thanks be to God.