



## Epiphany 4 Sunday February 1, 2015

*"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak."*

### Inviting the Mystery

Welcome  
Psalm Reading Psalm 111  
Call to Worship  
Prayer of Invocation  
Congregational Singing STS 89 Christ is alive  
STS 40 We will follow

### Engaging the Mystery

New Testament Readings 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Confession of Faith  
Passing the Peace  
Congregational Singing HWB 453 Let us break bread  
Congregational Sharing  
Prayer of the Church

### Celebrating the Mystery

Sermon Teresa  
Prayer of Commitment  
Congregational Singing STS 63 God fill me now  
Offering Sokjakriya  
Announcements  
Congregational Singing STS 119 We believe  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Sunnie  
Song Leader: Mo  
Pianist: Marcia

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21



**Birthdays This Week:** Sarah – Feb. 2

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Sun., Feb. 15** – Dan Wiens from MCC will be guest speaker for our worship service.
- **Beginning Feb. 22** – Peter will be leading a 3 week adult Sunday School series on the book *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Garry as he prepares for surgery on Thurs. Feb. 5 at HSC. Pray also for Margaret in the Victoria Hospital.
- Remember Tonya and Westen who are studying away from home, and Holly who is settling in to life in New Zealand.
- Pray for David Funk as he returns to full time ministry at Fort Garry EMC this week.
- EMC: Pray for Carl and Lisa Loewen (Steinbach EMC Filipino Ministry), for the challenges that come from counselling and encouraging the attendees of the Bible study. Pray for the vision of this ministry: to encourage people to move from religion to relationship with Jesus.
- MWC: Pray for organizers of a national youth camp being planned by Mennonite Church Nigeria, Sept.10-13, 2015, in Nigeria. The camp will include worship, seminars on peace making and peace building, motivational talks, career counselling, and Bible study.

Coffee for next week Feb. 8 – Murray and Marg  
Coffee for Feb. 15 – Bev and Marilyn

### Call To Worship

Come, and praise God!  
In the company of God's people,  
let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Great are the works of our God,  
full of glory and majesty.**

Our God is gracious and compassionate;  
**our God is merciful and forgiving**  
our God is faithful and trustworthy,  
**our God is just and good.**

Come, let's worship God together  
All you who revere the Lord;  
for reverence and awe are the foundation of true wisdom.

**God's praise will last forever!**

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### Prayer of Confession

The times when we have used knowledge in ways  
which put people down rather than build them up.

**God, source of all knowledge, forgive us.**

When we see people being exploited  
because of our food choices, and do nothing.

**God, source of all goodness, forgive us.**

When we have idolised the food choices in our rich nation  
at the expense of loving and caring for others.

**God, source of all love, forgive us.**

When we have ridiculed others  
for making weak or feeble choices  
because they lack wisdom, resources or opportunities;

**God, source of all wisdom, forgive us.**

Forgive us, O God, for seeing good only in what we understand  
and accept as your truths. Remind us of Paul's words, 'If I have  
all knowledge but do not have love, I am nothing.' Touch us,  
teach us, heal us and make us newly aware of your love and  
forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## ***Beyond Our Congregation***

**Scientist in Residence, *Following Carbon Flows Through Life and Times* by Dr. Henry Janzen, Wed., Feb. 4, 7-8:30 pm, Marpeck Commons.** Join CMU in welcoming Dr. Janzen, research scientist in soil biochemistry to campus Feb. 2-6. Human use and misuse of carbon has resulted in global worries about climate, hunger, extinction, and energy. These stresses will not be resolved by science alone; they demand also our learning to live more wisely and creatively within Earth's carbon cycle. Visit [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events) for more information.

**CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre, and folio café Open House, Sat., Feb. 7, 10 am – 4pm, Marpeck Commons, CMU** Come celebrate our opening! Debuting folio cafe's new lunch menu, and CommonWord's Ten Thousand Villages products, among other resources. Live music, prizes, food, and more.

**Sam's Place Film Night, Feb. 9, 7pm** - Sam's Place Film Night presents the world premiere of a made-in-Winnipeg documentary called *Conversations After Church*.

**Face2Face Community Discussion Series *You Lost Me: The Church and Young Adults* Feb. 10, 2015, 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Marpeck Commons, CMU** Many young Canadians have stepped away from institutionalized religion, a trend that has been growing for the past 25 years. Join us as we investigate young adult perspectives and convictions related to church and faith. Co-hosted by CMU faculty [Irma Fast Dueck](#) and Graduate Student Peter Epp ([article](#)), join in conversation with a diverse panel of young adults including Kirsten (Hamm) Epp, Danielle Morton, Mike Wiebe, and Lukas Thiessen. All are welcome and admission is free. Details at [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face).

**Fri., Feb. 20, 7 pm - "Stand up for Stansberry 2" Fundraising Concert** and bake sale, featuring the band "Those Guys" at the College Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau gym. Tickets are \$15 and kids under 12 are free. See poster on bulletin board and talk to Charles for tickets.

CMU presents **Xplore: Keep Thinking** XPlore is a 55-Plus Enrichment Program that offers courses investigating dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. Happening Wed. mornings at CMU for six-week block in Spring (Mar-Apr). Each morning consists of two 60-minute

class periods, divided by a 30-minute break for refreshments and fellowship. View new course, tuition, and registration information at [cmu.ca/xplore/](http://cmu.ca/xplore/). Poster on bulletin board.

**MCC Manitoba's 50th** - MCC Manitoba's 50th anniversary benefit concert will be held on April 18, 2015 at Knox United Church. Featuring the Faith and Life Men's and Women's Choirs, the University of Manitoba Women's Chorus and the Buffalo Gals Drum Group. Keynote speaker: The Right Honourable Joe Clark. Ticketholders for the rescheduled November event can obtain tickets for the new event by visiting [mccmanitoba.ca/50](http://mccmanitoba.ca/50) or calling (204)261-6381. Remaining tickets will be made available generally starting February 9.

**MWC Pennsylvania 2015** July 21-26, 2015. Why should I take a week off and come to PA 2015? Cesar Garcia writes... we hope that North Americans will feel *called* to join this global experience. Yes, it does involve committing time and money, but we believe that this is a rare opportunity to become involved in a spiritual experience that will be truly transformative. Are North Americans really so busy that they can't set aside 5 ½ days to spend time worshiping and fellowshiping and sharing about their faith-lives with sisters and brothers who live faithfully in many parts of the world? North Americans are being offered a chance to practice true hospitality by sharing life with our global faith family. What's more important than participating wholeheartedly and seeing what we can learn? And why not include children and young people so that they have an indelible experience of life in God's rich community, which could shape their understanding of church for the rest of their lives? Register at [mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://mwc-cmm.org/pa2015).