

## BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **Book Launch, Feb., 25, 7 pm, McNally Robinson Booksellers.** All are welcome to the [California Mennonites](#) book launch event with author and CMU faculty Brian Froese. Details can be found at [cmu.ca/events](#).
- **Lecture, Feb., 26, 7 pm, Marpeck Commons,** 2299 Grant Ave. Join us to hear Rev. Dr. David Widdicombe's lecture: To Sow The Wind: An Argument Against the War on Terror and Other Bad Ideas, presented by CMU's Biblical Theological Studies Department. Visit [cmu.ca/events](#).
- **CMU Xplore (55Plus), Spring Session, Mar. 4 – Apr. 8.** Course topics for the spring session include The Life and Thought of C. S. Lewis, Expanding our Horizons: Exploring the Global Mennonite World, Seeing Scripture with New Eyes, and Exploring Winnipeg's Denominational Landscape. Visit [cmu.ca/xplore](#) and register today!
- **CMU Face2Face Community Discussion – On Being Good Neighbours: An Urban Reserve at Kapyong? Mar. 5, 7 pm, Marpeck Commons.** You are invited to a conversation exploring opportunities and challenges of an Urban Reserve at Kapyong Barracks. Co-sponsored by CMU and Indigenous Relations, Mennonite Church Canada. Details at [cmu.ca/face2face](#).
- **CMU Opera and Musical Theatre Workshop Presents: The Merry Wives of Windsor,** directed by David Klassen, March 5-8, Laudamus Auditorium. Tickets are available at CMU main reception or at the door. Call to reserve [204-487-3300](#).
- **Feast of Words:** Come support MCC Man. at this **fundraiser event for Sam's Place on Mar. 21.** The Feast of Words will feature a series of delicious small plates from the Sam's Place kitchen, live music, readings by local actors, and a silent auction. Admission by donation, starting at 6 pm.
- **MCC Manitoba's 50th Anniversary Benefit Concert - April 18, 7 pm** at Knox United Church. Keynote speaker: The Right Honourable Joe Clark. Get your tickets by visiting [mccmanitoba.ca/50](#) or calling [\(204\)261-6381](#). (Tickets for the rescheduled November event are not valid.)
- **Quilting and sewing volunteer opportunities with MCC.** If you're interested in sewing or quilting with MCC call Sophia at [\(204\) 261-6381](#) or email [sophiakutsiuruba@mennonitecc.ca](#).
- **MWC Pennsylvania 2015** July 21-26, 2015.

## Lent and Easter Services:

Lent 1 Today *One More Time*  
Lent 2 Mar. 1 *Beyond Imagination*  
Lent 3 Mar. 8 *God's Foolishness* (Potluck Lunch)  
Footwashing and Communion at 6:30 pm  
Lent 4 Mar. 15 *God Amidst the Shadows*  
Lent 5 Mar. 22 *Letting the Seed Coats Decay*  
Palm Sunday Mar. 29 *A Second Look*  
Maundy Thursday April 2 at 6:00 pm  
Good Friday April 3 at 10:00 am  
Easter April 5 Breakfast at 9:30 am  
Worship at 11:00 am *We Have Waited for This*

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**Worship Bulletin Submission:** by Thursday evening 9:00 p.m.  
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## ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**



*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 the First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2015**

**Theme:** Upside down and inside out

**Focus Statement:** We think contracts are binding for both sides. Yet God turns our self-importance upside down and unilaterally offers second, third, and fourth chances. What if God's covenant isn't just about us?

**Gathering in God's Name**

Welcome

Call to Worship STS 161  
Congregational Singing STJ 10 Spirit, working in creation  
STS 124 My soul cries out

First Scripture Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Confession

**Leader:** If it were up to us, God, we'd do it differently.

**Congregation:** Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.

**Leader:** Yet with Noah, you put your bow in the clouds, offering all of creation something for nothing.

**Congregation:** That promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control.

Silence

**Leader:** Stick with us patiently,

**Congregation:** and grow in us the depth of trust our effort can't produce.

**Hearing God's Word**

Assurance Psalms 25:1-10  
Congregational Singing HWB 327 Great is thy faithfulness  
HWB 614 In the bulb there is a flower  
Sermon Sol

**Responding to God's Call**

Reader's Theatre  
Second Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Offering  
Congregational Sharing  
Prayer of God's People  
Call to Commitment

**Leader:** God turns things upside down and inside out by keeping covenant forever with every living creature.

**Congregation:** God, even in our mistrust and wanting more, we will live in your promise and seek a deeper relationship with you.

Announcements

Closing Song

STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Blessing

Worship leader: Rudy

Song leader: Darlene

Pianist: Deb

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on Mar. 7 and Mar. 21
- **Sunday, Mar. 8** – Potluck lunch



**Birthday This Week:** Peter Feb. 27

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Sunnie is away** today and will be back in the office on Tuesday, Feb. 24.
- **Beginning today** - Peter will be leading a 3 week adult Sunday School series on the book *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox. Peter will cover chapters 1-5 on Feb. 22, 6-11 on Mar. 1, and 12-15 on Mar. 15.



Coffee for next week Mar. 1 – Marvin and Sol

Coffee for Mar. 8 – Herb and Esther

**Psalms 25:1-10**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**Genesis 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."