

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **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.
- **CMU Face2Face Community Discussion – On Being Good Neighbours: An Urban Reserve at Kapyong? Mar. 5, 7 pm, Marpeck Commons.** Co-sponsored by CMU and Indigenous Relations, Mennonite Church Canada.
- **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.
- **CMU Kairos Blanket Exercises** – A tool for reconciliation workshop, March 7-8.
- **Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery** presents the following:
March 13 – June 20
Opening: Sunday, March 15, 2:30 pm
Lynda Toews: A PLACE IN THE KINGDOM
Paintings and Heritage Stories Celebrating Farm Animals
Judy Paschalis: TILLIE’S STORY
A series of quilts about the life of a Kansas Mennonite woman
Annie Janzen: MY LIFE’S STORY IN JARS ON 9 SHELVES
- **John and Margaret Friesen Lecture, Mar. 17, 7 pm,** Marpeck Commons: ***Come Watch This Spider: Animals, Mennonites and the Modern World***, presented by Dr. Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies and Professor of History at the U of W. Admission is free, reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/events for details.
- **SBC Leadership Conference, March 20-21,** featuring author Mark Buchanan. Early bird **deadline is March 6**. For more information or to register, visit SBCollege.ca.
- **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. See poster on bulletin board.

Lent and Easter Services:

Lent 2 Today *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, March 1, 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**

## Upside Down and Inside Out

Worship Service for the Second Sunday of Lent  
March 1, 2015

**Theme:** When we hear a promise, we expect it to result in what we have in mind. Yet God's imagination is bigger than ours. How can we open ourselves to unbelievable actions that turn our world inside out?

### Gathering in God's Name

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Congregational Singing    HWB 545 Be Thou my vision  
                                         HWB 472 I am the bread of life  
First Scripture Reading    Mark 8:31-38  
Confession and Assurance

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading        Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Congregational Singing    STJ 58 Who has known the mind  
Sermon                      Esther

### Responding to God's Call

Reader's Theatre  
Second Reading        Mark 8:31-38  
Congregational Singing    STS 124 My soul cries out  
Offering  
Congregational Sharing  
Prayer of God's People    HWB 349 Spirit of the living God  
Call to Commitment  
Congregational Singing    STS 56 Unless a grain of wheat  
Announcements  
Closing Song              HWB 545 Be Thou my vision (v 1)  
Blessing

Worship Leader: Sunnie  
Song Leader: Mo  
Pianist: Deb

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

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



**Birthdays This Week:** Herb    March 4  
                                         Sharon    March 4

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Continuing today** - Peter is leading an Adult Sunday School series on the book *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox. Today Peter will cover chapters 6-11, and on Mar. 15 chapters 12-15.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Jeremy and Teresa as they prepare for upcoming medical appointments in Toronto.
- The Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists "wants to partner with our brothers and sisters in the West and in Ukraine to call for a negotiated diplomatic settlement to the conflict in Eastern Ukraine." MWC has written back assuring them of our solidarity and prayer support. Please pray for the church in Russia.
- In the next two months, hundreds of people in Zimbabwe, India, Colombia, Indonesia and many other countries will apply and interview for their US visas so they can participate in PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference. Pray that the visa process will go smoothly for them, so that PA 2015 can be a truly global Anabaptist gathering!



Coffee for next week Mar. 8 - Herb and Esther  
Coffee for Mar. 15 - Mo and Rudy

### Confession

Jesus, you are hard to follow.

**Be reasonable!**

**Don't talk about suffering and rejection,  
death and dying.**

Like Peter, when we said we would follow you,  
we had something better in mind.

**We're just trying to keep you, and us, safe.**

*Silence*

Keep us close by your side,

**and give us the imagination to see what you see  
and the courage to follow you into it.**

### Call to Commitment

God turns things upside down and inside out  
by letting us in on the big picture.

**God, even when following is hard,  
we will stick with you  
and wait expectantly to see  
what else you have in mind.**

### Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."