

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **Blumenort EMC is seeking a fulltime Community Life Pastor** who will focus on developing Christian community inside the congregation and providing oversight for community outreach ministries. For a full job description or to send in a resume please contact Anthony Reimer at anthony.reimer@blumenortemc.ca or 204-326-1644.
- **CMU Vespers, Tonight**, 7:30 pm, Laudamus Auditorium. The theme of the March service is "Lent".
- **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. 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.
- **Sam's Place, Thurs., Mar. 26, 7 pm** - Join us as participants in MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) share stories, music, dance and food from their countries! This year's participants are from South Africa, Vietnam, Honduras, Zambia and Paraguay.
- All are welcome to attend the annual **CMU Celebration Banquet and inaugural PAX Award presentation to Jean Vanier** in Winnipeg on **April 8 from 6 - 8:30 pm**. Please RSVP by March 15, if possible, by emailing jfriesen@cmu.ca, calling 204-487-3300 or visit cmu.ca/events for details.
- **Mennonite Disaster Service Annual Spring Banquet, April 11, 6 pm**. For reserved tickets call MDS at 204-261-1274. See the poster on the bulletin board.
- **Mennonite Community Orchestra**, April 12, 3:00 pm, CMU Chapel. Featuring Mozart's *Exultate Jubilate*, Anton Dvorak's *Symphony #6* and Igor Stravinsky's *Pulcinella Suite*. Tickets are available at the door: Adults \$10; Students \$5.
- **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 4 Today *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 15, 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**

## March 15, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Lent

*God Amidst the Shadows*

**Focus Statement:** Life is hard, and we're sure we're in it alone. Yet in our supposed abandonment, God not only hears our distress but responds to it. How can we recognize God's presence in the shadows and see the life that is there?

### **Gathering in God's Name**

Welcome / Passing the Peace

Call to Worship STJ 119  
Congregational Singing HWB 582 Guide me o thou  
HWB 580 My life flows on

Lent Reading  
Congregational Singing HWB 585 In your sickness  
STJ 54 Longing for light

### **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21  
Sermon Sunnie

### **Responding to God's Call**

Congregational Song STJ 105 Don't be afraid  
Second Reading of Gospel Text John 3:14-21  
Congregational Sharing and Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Closing Song HWB 167 For God so loved us  
Blessing

Worship Leader: Ron  
Song Leader: Darlene  
Accompanist: Esther

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on Mar. 21 and April 18



**Birthdays This Week:** Ron March 16  
Joan March 16  
Henry March 16

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Today, March 15,** Peter will conclude the Adult Sunday School series on the book *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for Deb and Jim as they offer support to Deb's parents who are dealing with health issues.
- Pray for Alice and Linda as they prepare to move to a new home.
- Pray for the work of MCC as it responds to an unusually high number of emergencies which has put a strain on its resources. MCC is low on funds and out of relief kits, hygiene kits and blankets. MCC urgently needs 2,000 relief kits and 8,000 hygiene kits. Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. Hygiene kits give people the supplies they need to stay healthy.
- Pray for us as individuals and as a community in recognizing God's hand in turning us upside down and inside out this Lenten season.



Coffee for next week Mar. 22 – Mo and Rudy  
Coffee for Mar. 29 – Brad and Marcia

## **Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

## **John 3:14-21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”