

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **Ten Thousand Villages is accepting resumes** for a full-time sales associate for the 134 Plaza Drive location. If you have sales experience, can be passionate about fair trade, enjoy meeting new people, and have a working knowledge of Ten Thousand Villages, submit a cover letter and resume to Winnipeg.plaza@villages.ca by March 25, 2015.
- Do you have a green thumb? **MCC Manitoba's annual Plant Sale is on May 22-23** and now is a great time to start thinking about plant donations that you can contribute! We are looking for everything from bedding plants to flowers, vegetables, herbs, perennials and landscaping plants. Please contact Ron Dueck [204-896-5057](tel:204-896-5057) or e-mail ronwendy@mymts.net.
- **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.
- **Sam's Place, Wed. April 8, 7:30 pm.** Special Event: film screening of *Red Light Green Light*. How can we prevent sexual exploitation before it happens? Join us for a screening of a film that attempts to answer that question. Hosted by MCC Manitoba's Abuse Response and Prevention Program.
- All are welcome to attend the annual **CMU Celebration Banquet and inaugural PAX Award presentation to Jean Vanier** in Winnipeg on **April 8, 6 - 8:30 pm**. Please RSVP by March 30 by emailing jfriesen@cmu.ca or calling 204-487-3300. 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.



Coffee for next week Mar. 29 – Brad and Marcia
Coffee for Apr. 5 – Pete and Sharon

Lent and Easter Services:

Lent 5 Today *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 in the Fellowship Hall
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 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.
61 years in North End Winnipeg**

March 22, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Letting the Seed Coats Decay

Focus Statement: We expect maturity to be something we can arrive at - and then live in ever after. Yet God desires what we hide away in our secret hearts. For that seed to grow, the seed coat must first decay. What has to die in our lives so that a new covenant, written on our *hearts*, can bear its fruit?

Gathering in God's Name

Welcome

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing STS 124 My soul cries out
STS 56 Unless a grain of wheat

First scripture reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Confession and Assurance

Hearing God's Word

Gospel Reading John 12:20-33

Congregational Singing STJ 36 Long before my journey's start
HWB 483 O God, Who Gives us life

Discussing the Theme

Responding to God's Call

Reader's Theatre

Second Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Offering

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Call to Commitment:

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out,
Writing a new way of being into our very DNA

**Congregation: God, we will watch and wait for your
new thing to bear fruit within and among us.**

Announcements

Congregational Song HWB 614 In the bulb

Blessing

Worship Leader: Jeremy

Song Leader: Mo

Pianist: Deb

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on April 18



Birthdays This Week: Sunnie March 24
Pete March 26

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **April 12, 19, 26 Adult Sunday School** – Executive discussions

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Teresa and Jeremy as they pursue health options for her migraines.
- 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.

Confession and Assurance

Leader: Faithful God, we want to mature in faith.

**Congregation: But what does that really mean?
And what will we have to give up?**

Leader: We wonder what transformation requires of us,
our congregation, our denomination.

Congregation: We're afraid you'll ask too much.
Silence

Leader: We want to be your people.

**Congregation: Make us willing receivers of a covenant
knit right into the center of our beings.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.