

## BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **From Truth to Reconciliation – Sat. April 18, 10:30-12 noon**, Marpeck Commons. CMU and MCC Manitoba invite the public to a conversation with Rt. Hon Joe Clark on reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples.
- **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.
- **Sam's Place Event** - What are people in Manitoba doing to fight racism against Indigenous people? What can you do? Hear from artist KC Adams who is behind the "Perceptions" project and Staff Sergeant Bob Christmas of the Winnipeg Police Service as well as MCC Man. staff. Join us at **7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21**. For further information contact [StevePlenert@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:StevePlenert@mennonitecc.ca) or call **204-925-1918**.
- **Earth Day** takes place on **April 22**. MCC encourages you to mark Earth Day with worship, financial giving and action. For a resource of worship and advocacy suggestions, check out Creation Covenant, produced by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in conjunction with MCC. <http://mcccanada.ca/media/resources/2027>
- **Steinbach Bible College** invites you to attend their Spring Concert, **Fri., April 24, 7 pm** in the SBC Chapel, and Graduation Ceremony, **Sat., April 25, 2 pm** at the Steinbach EMC. All are welcome.
- **Pilgrim Year Concert and Day Conference with Steve Bell, May 8 – 9**, CMU Chapel. Explore the fertile tradition and spirituality of the Christian calendar year alongside ancient psalms and prayers of the church. **Evening Concert on Fri., May 8 at 7:30 pm** and **Day Conference on Sat., May 9 from 8:30 am–4 pm**. Registration at [pilgrimyear.stevebell.com](http://pilgrimyear.stevebell.com).
- Mennonite Disaster Service continues to bring people home in High River, Alberta. Although High River flooded in June 2013 there are still people who have not been able to move home. Come volunteer for a week or two this spring and summer. Call **1-800-241-8111** for more info or to book a week for you and your friends.
- **Attention quilters!** MCC Quilt Show & Sale is looking for quilts to showcase on May 22-24. Deadline for quilt registrations is May 15. Phone Sophia at **(204)261-6381** or register online at [mccmanitoba.ca/quiltshow](http://mccmanitoba.ca/quiltshow).

- **Student Awards** - Tell us how you're putting your faith into action, and you could receive a bursary or scholarship through MCC Man. For more info, visit [mccmanitoba.ca/studentawards](http://mccmanitoba.ca/studentawards).
- **Host an IVEPer** - Seven young adults from around the world will be in Manitoba from August to July to work with MCC partner agencies through International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). **Hosts are needed!** For more information please visit [ivep.mcccanada.ca](http://ivep.mcccanada.ca) or contact MCC- **204-925-1919**
- **Inner City Youth Alive** is looking for staff to join their Gem Lake Wilderness Camp team! They are currently looking for camp counsellors, Assistant Program Coordinator, Camp Liaison, Camp Cook / Host Family. These are paid positions. See poster on bulletin board.
- **Grow Hope - become a farmer!** Through a new initiative of MCC and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, you can sign up to sponsor an acre on a Manitoba farm for \$300. Proceeds from your acre will be donated after harvest and thanks to government matching funds, your \$300 can grow into as much as \$2500. For more info, visit [mccmanitoba.ca/growhope](http://mccmanitoba.ca/growhope) or call **(204)261-6381**.

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

**Sunday, April 12, 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**

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

*Easter is not a one-day event. It is a way of life in which we as Easter people leave our locked rooms of fear behind, freed to “practice resurrection” in our daily lives: loving, forgiving and feeding one another, and our world, secure in God’s all-embracing love, as Jesus taught us through his life, death and resurrection.*

### Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship and Prayer (based on Ps.133 and Acts 4:32-35)

Congregational Singing    HWB 269 Thine is the glory  
                                         STS 1 Praise the one who breaks

Scripture Reading        1 John 1:1-10; 2:3 and 6b

Confession and Assurance    HWB 707

### Hearing

Song of Commitment        HWB 226 You are salt of the earth

Gospel Reading            John 20:19-31

Sermon                        Sunnie

Prayer/Song                STJ 54 Longing for light

### Responding

Second Reading            1 John 1:1-10; 2:3 and 6b

Offering

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Sending Song                STS 89 Christ is alive

Blessing

Worship Leader: Leona

Song Leader: Mo

Accompanist and Offertory: Marcia

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on April 18 and May 2



**Birthdays This Week:** Margaret April 13

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Please note the following change of address:**

Alice and Linda Doerksen

614-1179 Rothesay St., Winnipeg, R2G 4K1

Phone: 204-668-2311 Cell: 204-792-5536

- **Today, April 19, and 26 Adult Sunday School –**

Executive discussions

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our refugees Human and Sabreen as they continue to wait in Turkey to come to Canada. Give them patience and optimism in the process as it unfolds.



Coffee for next week April 19 – Ron and Ruth

Coffee for April 26 – Henry and Darlene

### 1 John 1:1–10; 2:3 & 6b

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have

fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us ....

Now by this we may be sure we know him, if we obey his commandments ... [and] walk just as he walked.

### John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Call to Worship (based on Psalm 133 and Acts 4:32-35)**

L: How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

**P: It is like precious oil on our heads, running down our faces and over our clothes.**

L: How wonderful it is when we, like the disciples of long ago, gather as “one in heart and soul,” giving witness to the power of the resurrection, sharing all that we are and have with each other, as that “great grace” falls down upon us as it did on them.

**P: It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. And like spring showers falling softly after a long winter, giving life to new seedlings, sprouting from the rich prairie soil.**

L: Let us give thanks for God’s blessing of life forevermore. Amen.

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