

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **Feel overwhelmed by what is going on in Syria?** Want to help? Want to pray, but don't know how? April Yamisaki, pastor at Emmanuel Mennonite Church B.C., has an excellent prayer guide at <http://apriyamasaki.com/2015/09/07/how-to-pray-for-the-syrian-refugee-crisis>.
- **Matching Funds** - The Canadian Gov't is **matching donations** for relief in Syria made between **Sept. 12 and Dec. 31, 2015**. MCC is calling for donations to support work in the region: donate.mcccanada.ca/syria or call toll-free 1-888-622-6337.
- **MCC welcomes applications for Executive Director - MCC Manitoba**. Deadline Oct. 23, 2015.
- **SBC - Fall Fundraising Fasha, Sun., Oct. 4, 4 pm.**
- **A Lecture** by Father Gregory Boyle, SJ – “Jobs not Jails: Providing Hope, Training, and Support to Formerly Gang-Involved and Previously Incarcerated Men and Women.” **Tues., Oct. 6, 1:30 pm**, Multi-Purpose Room 210, University Center, **U of M**. Father Boyle is the founder and Exec. Director of [Homeboy Industries](http://HomeboyIndustries.com), the largest gang intervention, rehab and re-entry program in the US.
- **Book Release** for *I Will Not Be Shaken: A Songwriter's Journey through the Psalms* by Jamie Howison and Steve Bell. **Tues., Oct. 6, 7 pm at McNally Robinson**.
- **Listening for Grace**, written and acted by Ted Swartz, **Tues., Oct. 13, 7:30 pm, Laudamus Auditorium, CMU**. This play gives voice to fears and hopes of people of faith as questions around sexuality are opened through a father's journey, a church's struggle and a search for understanding. The play will be followed by a time of discussion. Seating is limited. Admission is \$10 (\$5 for students). To reserve tickets, call [204-487-3300](tel:204-487-3300) or email cbraun@cmu.ca

- **Finding Freedom from Anxiety:** a workshop on **Sat., Oct. 17 at Charleswood Community Church**. Also offered on Sat., Nov. 7 at Nassau Street Church. Brochures are near the mailbox or call Ken and Carolee Neufeld for information at 284-1973.
- **CMU Vespers - Sun., Oct. 18, 7 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium** with an Alumni Choir directed by Dr. Janet Brenneman, presenting a service of music by J.S. Bach.
- **J.J. Thiessen Lectures, Oct. 20-21, CMU Chapel** - Dr. Darren Dochuk of University of Notre Dame will speak on the topic “Crude Awakenings: The Faith, Politics, and Crises of Oil in America's Century”. For more information see cmu.ca/ijt.
- **Sister Walk** - Sister Walk is a one day event. Women are invited to join with other women on the journey towards healing from abuse. Pre-registration required. Lunch included. \$10. To register, email arp@mccmb.ca or phone [204-925-1917](tel:204-925-1917). **Sat., Oct. 31, 9:00 am-4:30 pm, MCC Manitoba program office, 159 Henderson Highway**.

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## ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

**Sunday, October 4, 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**

## World Day of Communion Sunday October 4, 2015

### We Gather and Praise

Welcome  
Psalm Reading Psalm 8  
Prayer of Invocation  
Call to Worship  
Congregational Singing HWB 156 All things bright and beautiful  
HWB 574 What a friend we have

### We Proclaim

Confession and Assurance  
Scripture Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Confession of Faith  
Passing the Peace  
Scripture Mark 10:2-16  
Congregational Sharing  
Prayer of the Church  
Congregational Singing STS 47 Let the children come  
Sermon Sol

### We Respond

Commitment of Faith  
Communion HWB 397 God loves all his many  
people  
Offering  
Announcements  
Congregational Singing HWB 433 Go my children  
Benediction

Worship leader: Sunnie  
Song leader: Mo  
Pianist: Marcia

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on Oct. 17 and 31.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Next Sunday, Oct. 11** – Thanksgiving service. Please bring items for our food bank which will be used as part of the Sunday morning worship display.
- **Monday, Oct. 12, 5:00 pm** is our Thanksgiving potluck supper. Your friends and family are warmly invited to join us. A special offering will be taken.



**Birthdays This Week:** Judith on Oct. 4 (today!) and Sokong on Oct. 9.

### REMEMBERING EACH OTHER:

- Pray for Judith as she builds friendships with her Outtatown team.
- Aberdeen received a note saying that Steinbach Bible College faculty and staff prayed for our congregation last week: "Blessings as you continue to serve God in your community."

### Highlights from Worship & Education:

- *Discussed Advent plans. Please share a roadway or pathway photo from your travels. Send them to Shirley via internet or paper copy.*
- *Peace Sunday - our special guest speaker will be Kathy Moorhead Thiessen who is returning from a recent term in the Middle East with CPT.*
- *Completed our fall adult S.S. session speakers on "Monday to Friday Faith Stories"*
- *Decided to continue printing our scripture verses in our bulletin and not purchase bibles for our pews.*
- *Reviewed positive comments about using the hand held microphone for sharing time. People need to speak directly into the microphone.*

### Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



Coffee for Oct. 18 – Herb and Esther

### **Confession and Assurance:**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, too often, we have failed to see ourselves as your beloved children.

Left: Too often, we have rejected those whom you embraced and blessed.

Right: Too often, we have failed to follow the way to your kingdom here on earth.

All: Gracious, unifying Lord. You prepare a table before us and welcome us. Forgive us and help us worship and feast with contrite spirits.

### **Commitment of Faith**

We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability  
and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully  
and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.

Amen