

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- **Merry Christmas from MCC!** Thank you for your support this past year. Your donations, prayers and volunteering are greatly appreciated. We pray you have a joyous Christmas and a happy new year.
- **CMU Advent Vespers, Sun., Dec. 20, 7 pm, in the Laudamus Auditorium.**
- Be equipped for worship planning and leading at **Planning Well: A Workshop for Pastors, Worship Planners, Musicians and Leaders** with Dr. Christine Longhurst on **Jan. 30 from 9:30 am to 12 pm at CMU in the Chapel.** For more information see cmu.ca/leadingwell.
- **Urgent need – housing for refugees.** If you can help, please contact MCC at (204)925-1910 or joannaschellenberg@mccmb.ca.
- **Come gather for house made soups, paninis, coffee, and seasonal treats at Folio Café, CMU, this December!** Folio will close for the Christmas break between December 24 and Jan. 3 2016, so make sure to plan your visits before then! For more information see foliocafe.ca.
- **Help needed - MCC's IVEP midyear conference** needs your help! 57 young adults from all over the world are coming to Winnipeg this Feb. We're looking for billets from Feb. 4-8 (5 nights). We're also looking for groups to provide lunch or supper on February 5, 6 and 8. If you can help with billeting or a meal, contact ionkahriztovadyck@mccmb.ca or (204)925-1929.
- **Copies of Eden Health Care Services Annual Report** are on the back table for your interest.

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**Third Advent December 20, 2015**  
**Freedom Bound: The Path of Love**

**Focus Statement:** *From the smallest tribe of Israel, from a poor teenager, from the margins God is bringing real and unexpected freedom. The fourth Sunday of Advent explains what God's labor of love will mean for the world. The upheaval that Mary sings about is nothing short of revolutionary.*

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Lighting the Advent Candle Poem - How the Light Comes

Congregational Songs HWB 212 O come all ye faithful

SS 20 Walking slowly unto Beth'lem

Reading (congregation read the bold print)

Mary, did you know

**that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?**

Did you know

**that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?**

**This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.**

Mary, did you know

**that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?**

Mary, did you know

**that your Baby Boy will calm the storm with His hand?**

Did you know

**When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God?**

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Special Music Sol and Pete

Reading (congregation read the bold print)

Mary did you know

**The blind will see.**

**The deaf will hear.**

**The lame will leap.**

**The dumb will speak**

**The praises of The Lamb.**

Mary, did you know

**that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?**

Mary, did you know

**that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?**

Did you know

**that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?**

**The sleeping Child you're holding is the Great, I Am.**

Congregational Songs HWB 211 Lo how a rose e'er blooming

HWB 197 Angels we have heard on high

Message Theresa

Special Music Weston and Tanner

Advent Offering Bev

Congregational Sharing and Sermon Reflection

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 193 Silent Night

Benediction

Worship Leader: Ron

Song Leader: Darlene

Accompanist: Esther

*Teresa would like to give credit to Rachel Held Evans whose online piece 'The Inn Keeper' was used as part of today's sermon.*

### Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - Next meets on Jan. 9 and Jan. 23, 2016.
- **Jan 24, 2016** - Aberdeen Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia.



**Birthdays This Week** Melinda – Dec. 22

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Murray and Marg's grandson Addison is selling a very special calendar that is a compilation of his drawings. They have some with them in church this morning. The calendar is \$20 and proceeds will go to L'Arche.
- **Worship at Aberdeen will resume Jan 3, 2016. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**
- **Note from the Executive:** our budget for donations for this year is 98 000 and we have received 80 000 thus far.



Coffee for Jan. 3 – Mo and Rudy  
Upcoming coffee for Jan. 10 – Mak and Sokong

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- for safe travels during the Christmas season and peace amidst family gatherings.
- Marcia has received an early Christmas gift from Handi Transit. They have reinstated her as a client (for the winter season only). Other good news is that Marcia has just begun a 5 mornings per week contract which increases her weekly work hours. Marcia asks for your continued prayers.
- Prayers have been answered: the Colombian government and leftist rebel group the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, recently signed a peace agreement after 50 years of fighting. This three year process will be finalized March 23, 2016 and includes; recognition and compensation for the victims, the creation of an "Integral System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and No Repetition", a pledge from both the government and the guerrillas ensuring an end to violence, and agreement on other accords on land restitution, political participation, and the drug trade.