BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- The Board of Directors of MCC Manitoba is pleased to announce that Darryl Loewen has been appointed as MCC Manitoba's next Executive Director beginning August 2016. Peter Rempel will continue to serve as Interim Executive Director until then.
 - -Stefan Epp-Koop, Chair, MCC Man. Board of Directors
- Help needed MCC's IVEP midyear conference needs billets for IVEPers from Feb. 4-8 (5 nights). Contact ionkahristozovadyck@mccmb.ca or call 204-925-1929.
- Tonight, 7 pm CMU Vespers in the Laudamus Auditorium.
- MCC Canada welcomes applications for Interim SOOP/Summerbridge Coordinator. Apply by Jan. 22.
- ANNUAL MEETING of the MCC Furniture Thrift Store, Mon., Jan. 25, at 7:30 pm at the Portage Avenue Mennonite Church. Anyone interested is welcome.
- Sam's Place event: "The Problem of ISIS: Alternative Responses to Terrorist Violence" on Jan. 28 at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. William Rory Dickson, Department of Religion and Culture, from the U of W.
- Mennonite Heritage Gallery: New exhibition features three artists: painter Margruite Krahn, musician and composer Andrew Balfour, and printmaker Norman Schmidt. The opening is Sun., Jan. 31, 2:30 pm with a live performance by Andrew's "Alchemy Ensemble".
- Dr. Martin Entz (Faculty of Agriculture, U of M) will deliver a public lecture as CMU's 2016 Scientist in Residence, titled The Science of Sabbath: Meeting the Expectations of The Land, on Wed., Feb. 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm in Marpeck Commons. CMU Face2Face Cohabitation: The Question of Living Together Before Marriage. What clarity might we gain on the biblical, theological, sociological/cultural, and relational dynamics that underlie the reality of cohabitation? Join the discussion on Tues., Feb. 9 from 7-8:30 pm in the Marpeck Commons.

- Join CMU for an exciting evening of vocal and instrumental student finalist performances at the Verna Mae Janzen Music Competition on Feb. 11 at 7 pm in the Laudamus Auditorium. Free Admission.
- Sowing Seeds of Development Attend a roundtable discussion on the successes and challenges in rural international development featuring keynote speaker Beny Mwenda, Chairperson, Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension (TSAEE) as well as panel speakers from The Marquis Project, MCC, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and CMU, Feb. 11 from 12:30–2:30 pm in the Conference Room, CMU.
- CMU Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life, A 55-Plus Enrichment Program. The next Xplore session begins on Mar. 9. Visit <u>cmu.ca/xplore</u> for information.
- MCC Low German Mennonite Services presents
 Paraguayan Mennonite Music Celebration at Sam's
 Place on Feb. 25, 7 pm. The event is free. For more information, contact Tina Fehr Kehler at tinafehrkehler@mccmb.ca or call 204-325-7907.
- Green thumb? The annual plant sale supporting the work of MCC is looking for volunteers to join the planning committee for the event, which will be held May 27-28, 2016. For more info, contact Ron Dueck at 204-896-5057.

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ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 17, 2016



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

Sunday January 17, 2016

Theme: When Jesus intrudes into our world, things happen. Our time is miraculously transformed into God's time, the eternal breaks into the temporal, and the glory of God breaks forth into our world.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Songs H 178 Come thou long expected Jesus

H 55 Let's sing unto the Lord

Call to Worship

Prayer of Confession Words of Assurance

Congregational Songs H 483 Oh God who gives us life

STS 72 One is the body

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2: 1-11

Sermon Jim

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Announcements

Closing song STJ 10 Spirit working in creation

Benediction:

Let us go into the world to expect miracles, giving the glory to God, the miracle worker. May God go with you and give you a sense of expectation as you see God at work in your life this week. Amen.

Worship Leader: Ruth Song leader: Mo Accompanist: Emily

Call to Worship

Who can catch the wind in one's hand or discern its source?

Who can tell how the spirit of God will move or where?

God has broken into the world as God willed.

In a child, God does the inconceivable, infusing the ordinary with the divine.

Let us with awe and reverence worship the God of unlimited freedom.

The God of the miraculous,

the God of transforming love.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we confess the moments when, in spite of the evidence of the scriptures, we have conceived of a "closed universe," and the impossibility of miracles. We have even doubted the ongoing presence and power of your Christ at work in this world.

Forgive us for the weakness of faith that fears to risk, that fails to reach out and receive, that discounts as coincidence or lucky happenstance the mini but not minor miracles in the everyday life of ordinary affairs. And forgive us for the weak prayers we offer on behalf of others.

Transform our innermost being, we pray.

Amen.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Food Bank Next meets on Jan. 23 and Feb 6.
- Jan. 24 Aberdeen Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia
- Jan. 26 Ministerial Meeting



Birthdays This Week Linda on Jan. 18 Esther on Jan. 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a congregational meeting today following the worship service.



Upcoming coffee for Jan. 31 – Mo and Rudy

PRAYER REQUESTS – for the next few Sundays we will be requesting prayers for EMC missionaries:

Elvira Cote (Native Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Manitoba)

 Pray for wisdom as Elvira teaches people who have a desire to learn. Pray that Elvira will have good health and for a partner to help her in ministry.

Albert and Edna Martens (Athletes in Action, Manitoba)

 Pray for Albert as he takes a running ministry trip to Spain, Grand Canary Island and North Africa in January

Fred and Stella Neff (Mid-Way Christian Leadership, Grand Rapids, Manitoba)

 Pray for Sunday School teachers. Often there are as many children in church as adults. Pray for them as they mentor adults through worship and Bible study.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone waterjars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.