BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION

- Russ Schmidt and Carol Thiessen, together with others from their church at St. Benedict's Table, are sponsoring a Syrian refugee family of 4. They are looking for financial contributions, housing, household goods and advice! Contact them at cathiessen@shaw.ca. You can find an online household item sign-up sheet, more info and links at http://stbenedictstable.ca/2016/01/refugee-sponsorship-update-weve-been-matched-with-a-family/
- What did Mennonite World Conference do in 2015 besides host the Assembly? Check out this new 4 min. video MWC Year in Review: 2015 https://www.mwc-cmm.org/video/1618
- CPT invites you to partner with them in 2016.
 Consider joining one of the Colombian delegations to learn more about the work they do and become a part of the Colombian solidarity movement. If you cannot come to Colombia this year, encourage a friend. Or donate to provide scholarships for individuals who want to participate. International Delegations:
 May 28-June 11: Free Trade Agreements and Human Rights
 - **July 16-30**: The Phenomenon of 'Land Grabbing' **September 10-24**: Conflict, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation.
- International worship festival Join us for a night of song, dance and worship with 50 young adults from all around the world who are serving with the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) throughout the US and Canada! Sun., Feb. 7, at 7:30 pm, Bethel Mennonite Church
- SBC Discovery Days, Feb. 8, 8 am 4 pm. Experience a day in the life of a college student! Grades 11 and 12 and young adults are invited to attend this free event. For more information and to register, visit <u>SBCollege.ca</u>.

- Learn to sew! MCC's Material Resources Centre is offering a six-week beginner's sewing class with Brenda Suderman. Tuesdays 6-8:30 pm, beginning Feb. 9.
 \$90 for 6 week course (no class March 8). Fee includes fabric, supplies, and use of sewing machines. Register by February 5 by contacting Sophia (204)261-6381 or sophiabezoplenko@mccmb.ca. Registration open for 16+.
- Verna Mae Janzen Music Competition, Feb. 11 at 7 pm in the CMU Laudamus Auditorium. Free Admission.
- Sowing Seeds of Development Roundtable discussion on 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.
- 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.

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ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 31, 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

Worship Service for Stewardship Sunday January 31, 2016

GATHERING

Welcome

Congregational Singing SJ 44 The love of God

SJ 32 If you believe and I believe

Call to Worship Prayer of Invocation

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing SS 111 For me to live is Christ

Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Harold Penner "Giving from the Heart"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing HWB 383 God whose giving

Offertory Everett
Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Congregational Singing HWB 388 Grant us Lord the grace

Benediction

Worship Leader: Sunnie Song Leader: Darlene Pianist: Emily

Welcome to Harold Penner CFP, Stewardship Consultant for Mennonite Foundation of Canada. Harold and his family attend St. Vital EMC Church.

A Call to Worship - Psalm 98

Come, let us gather to sing to our God, and celebrate with songs of praise.

Listening God, hear all of creation's thankful songs as they echo all around the earth.

Come, all people from the ends of the earth, and sing for joy for our God has done wonderful things through steadfast love and faithfulness.

Compassionate God, we joyfully sing because of your acts of saving grace and generous mercy.

Come, let us enter the presence of the Holy One, and worship the Triune God who reigns with justice, equity, covenants and love for all.

Together we celebrate the reign of God, who is our Faithful Lord, Loving Savior and Spirit of Wisdom. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.

We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying out that you have turned away and left us empty handed. Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.

We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning away from those which lead us to deeper community or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us.

Help us surrender to your loving embrace that enfolds us.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Food Bank Next meets on Feb. 6 and 20.
- Sun., Feb 7 Adult and Youth SS
- Sun., Feb 14 Long Weekend, Lent begins, no SS
- Sun., Feb 21 Potluck
- Sun., Feb 28 Youth SS, Adult SS Richard Rohr "Falling Upwards"
- Sun., Mar 6 Communion and Footwashing



Birthdays This Week - Sarah on Feb. 2



Coffee for Feb. 7 – Murray and Marg Upcoming Coffee for Feb. 14 – Brad and Heather

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- for NERC (North End Community Renewal Corporation) as they strive for youth to be visible in positive services and events, neighbours to know each other, and cultural and faith-based groups to share their gifts and enrich the community.
- for the children, staff and parents at our neighbourhood schools; David Livingston, Niji Mahkwa, Children of the Earth and R.B. Russell.

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."