

Call To Commitment ~ Adapted from *Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness*, Alice Shuman

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Lord, we pray that the fruit of Your Spirit may grow in us.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Lord, help us to destroy any passions or desires that turn us away from you.

Transform our sinful natures and teach us Your way.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Lord, walk ahead of us and help us to follow you.

Lord, walk beside us and hold us up in difficult times.

Lord, walk behind us and protect us.

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Lord, help us choose the freedom Christ offers us.

Lord, help us to truly know the freedom from bondage in all that holds us hostage.

Lord, help us choose to walk in the holiness of Christ' pathway.

Lord, help us to rejoice in the freedom you extend to all our sisters and brothers.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- Ethiopia is experiencing its worst drought in 30 years. More than 10 million people – including six million children – need immediate food assistance. MCC is working with partners in drought-prone areas by assisting with food, caring for livestock, and improving water supplies. Support our response today - call (204) 261-6381 or visit <http://mccmanitoba.ca/EthDrought>
- **2nd Annual Eden's East-side Road Ride** cycling event is happening **Saturday, August 27th**. Ride your bike 80 kms from La Broquerie to Woodridge and back in support of mental health recovery. Register on-line at www.edenhealthcare.ca or by calling 204-325-5355.
- **MDS Volunteer Opportunity in Carmacks, Yukon** (July-August) and **MDS Family Project** July 17-August 12 at Camp Assiniboia or Camp Silver Lake. Children of all ages welcome for the Family Project. Contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas (866-261-1274 or epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net) for further details.
- Stay connected with CMU and folio café this summer! Bring a friend and this bulletin to get **25% off artisan gelato** at folio café! Folio café is open regular hours this summer: Monday-Friday 7:30 AM– 9:30 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

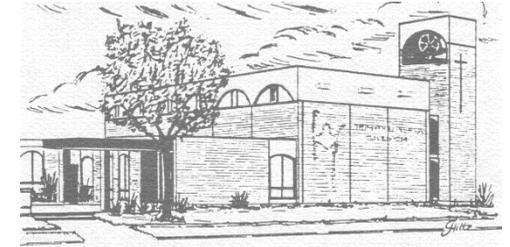
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**ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, June 26, 2016**



*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.  
62 years in North End Winnipeg**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**  
**“Freedom to Choose Holiness”**

**Gathering**

Welcome  
Congregational Songs  
    HWB 16 God is here among us  
    HBW 53 God of the earth, the sky, the sea

Call to Worship  
Prayer of Invocation

**Listening**

Congregational Songs STS 63 God, fill me now  
Passing The Peace  
Scripture Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Sermon “Of Tomatoes and Weeds” John

**Responding**

Call To Commitment  
Congregational Song STS 89 Christ is Alive  
Congregational Sharing and Prayer  
Offering

**Sending**

Announcements  
Congregational Song HWB 433 Go, my children  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Sunnie  
Song Leader: Deb  
Accompanist: Pete

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for those travelling this summer, vacationing away from home and visiting family and friends. May we all experience renewal, joy and safety.
- Pray for the children and youth of our neighbourhood as they have relaxed schedules, that they may find joy-filled and positive activities and experience safe choices.

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- **Congregational Meeting** – Today: Building Committee update, Nominating Committee 2016-17 recommendations, financial update and refugee information.
- **Food Bank** - Next meets on July 9 and
- **EMC Convention** – July 1-3 in Steinbach



**Birthdays this week**

- Everett on July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There is no regular worship on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Aberdeen worship will commence July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to everyone who prepared our coffee breaks this year!

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Listen! For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works

of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**A Call to Worship (Psalm 77)**

Holy God, we gather together as your people to recall all your mercies.

**Generous God, we give thanks for our shared memories and blessings.**

Amazing God, we your people gather to remind each other of your grace.

**Mysterious God, we give thanks for each new revelation you bless us with.**

Merciful God, we gather to learn of your transforming love for all people. Open our hearts, souls and spirits to hear your word.  
**Embracing God, we worship you, our Alpha and Omega, who is with us now and forever.**

God of great wonders, your awesome powers and holy presence amongst us guides and blesses us, as we gather as your people to praise your name.

**God, the Source of all beauty and holiness, we give you our thanks for the way you liberate your people, and show us new ways to be your holy people. Amen.**

