

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the USA during the election time.
- Pray for those who have gone before us.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on November 12 and 26



Birthdays this week:

Peter: November 8



Coffee November 20th: Herb and Esther

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **No Sunday School today.** It will resume next week with Ron's series on the parables. No potluck next week.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Go Purple** - November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Manitoba. Help bring abuse out of the shadows and into the light. Find ideas for how to go purple at <http://mccmb.ca/abuse>
- **Film Screening - On the Side of the Road** - In her documentary former West Bank settler Lia Tarachansky explores the collective Israeli response following the establishment of Israel as a state in 1948. Join us for the film screening followed by discussion with the director on November 9, 7:00 pm at Canadian Mennonite University, South Campus Chapel. Admission by donation.
- **"Changing Climate. Changed Lives."** Join us for MCC Matters 2016, where we'll explore the stories of those who are being affected and how Canadians can make a difference. Saturday, November 19 at CMU 12:00pm -5:00pm. Register today at <http://mccmb.ca/mccmatters> or (204) 261-6381.

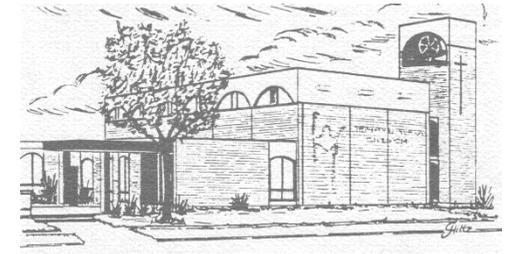
BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION cont.

- **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** - MCC is in need of baked goods for the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 26. If you're interested in donating your baking, please contact Sophia Bezopenko at sophiabezopenko@mccmb.ca or call (204) 261-6381. For more information on the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, please visit <http://mccmb.ca/Christmas-sale>.
- **Special Event: Chocolate Blues** - Come for a four course meal, live jazz, and discussion centering around fair trade chocolate at Sam's Place, 159 Henderson Hwy. Saturday, November 26 at 6 pm. To book your reservation at \$40 per seat, please e-mail manager@samsplacebooks.com or call (204) 415-4728.
- **Mark your calendar for Christmas at CMU on Saturday,** November 26 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. This is the perfect way to celebrate the start of Advent with family, friends and neighbours while enjoying music, festive decor, cookies, and hot apple cider. For more information see cmu.ca/Christmas.
- **CMU Study Tour to the Middle East (Jordan and Israel/Palestine):** April 26-May 15, 2017. Join **Gerald Gerbrandt**, Professor Emeritus of Bible and **Sheila Klassen-Wiebe**, Associate Professor of New Testament, on a journey in time to the land of the Bible. Meet people working for peace and reconciliation today. For more information visit cmu.ca/met2017 or call 204-487-3300.

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**ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, November 6, 2016**



*Welcome to Aberdeen!*

Weekly Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 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, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

***We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses***

Call to Worship Psalm 149  
Singing together HWB 615 Shall we gather  
STJ 113 For mornings bright  
Opening thoughts Hebrews 11:8, 20-22, 24-25, 31, 32-40; 12:1-2a  
Praying together  
Children's story  
Singing together HWB 616 Children of the heavenly Father  
Hearing the word Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

Honouring the saints

*Naming the Honored Dead*

Hymn: The Beatitudes (verses 1 & 2, sung to Ode to joy)

*Naming the Earthly Saints*

Hymn: The Beatitudes (verses 3 & 4, sung to Ode to joy)

Praying the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace

Singing together HWB 612 Steal away

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sharing our Offering

Announcements

Singing together HWB 616 Children of the heavenly Father

Benediction

Worship leader: Heather

Song Leader: Mo

Accompanist: Esther

**Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song.**

Praise God among the communion of saints.

**Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.**

Let them praise the LORD with dance,  
and celebrate with musical instruments,  
**because the LORD delights in them, and adorns the  
despairing with welfare.**

Let all the saints jump for joy; let them cry out with gladness where  
they rest.

**Let high praises of God be in their throats:**

word and song that overcome injustice,  
binding rulers in chains and the powerful in iron shackles;  
**bringing justice to them, and honour to all God's faithful.  
Praise the LORD!**

**Luke 6:20-31**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**Praying Together**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.**

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are--your precious children in this community of believers.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.**

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--**

Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

**and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**

Looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **Amen.**

**Hymn: *The Beatitudes (sung to Ode to Joy)***

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for God's kingdom shall be their's  
Blest are those who mourn with grieving; they of God shall be the heirs.

They shall not be lost, forsaken, but shall comfort full receive.  
God will bless them with his mercy and their ev'ry fear relieve.

Blessed are the meek and lowly; God shall give them of the earth.  
Blest are they who thirst for rightness; God shall slake their hungering.

God shall bless the ones whose mercy mirrors his abundant grace.

God will bless them now, forever; they in heav'n shall have a place.

Blest are they whose hearts are purely living truly by God's grace;  
They receive God's favored blessing and behold him face to face.  
Blest are those who seek not warfare but seek peace most constantly;  
Children of the Lord, they always live in peace eternally.

Blessed are the persecuted, cursed, insulted, and reviled;  
Though great evil stands before them, they shall never be defiled.  
Who for Christ's sake bear such evil, suff'ring, death, or bitter pain.  
Their reward is great and plenteous: they God's kingdom shall obtain.

**Ephesians 1:11-23**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8, 20-22, 24-25, 29, 32-40, 12:1-2a**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by

stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.