

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the new peace process in Colombia.
- Pray for the drug violence in the city.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on November 26 and Dec 10
- **Spanish Church:** Next meets on December 10
- **First Advent:** Next Sunday
- **Second Advent and Communion:** December 4



Birthdays this week: Holly November 22



Coffee November 27th: Sol and Pete

Upcoming Coffee December 4th: Angel and Blanca

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **John Derkson** will be here to speak and will lead us in Sunday School after the service.
- The **Christmas Program** will be held on **December 18th**. Everyone is invited to bring something for the dessert potluck that morning.

Note:

Dear Aberdeen friends,

It is with many mixed emotions and thoughts that we would like to let you know we will no longer be attending Aberdeen. We are grateful for the time our family has spent at Aberdeen. The relationships are the most important gift we have received, along with plenty of food for thought and food on potluck Sundays. Those gifts remain a part of us going forward.

Blessings,

Randy and Charlotte

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- The Menno Simons College Student Association is hosting a event on **November 25th from 6:00-8:00** entitled “**Common Unity.**” The event will feature students, staff and members of the wider community (including Judy Wasylsica-Leis, Karen Ridd and many more). Refreshments will be served. Admission is by donation with funds going towards a new scholarship fund. Contact Genevieve for more information.
- Join CMU on **Thursday, November 24, 7:00 – 8:00 PM** (Marpeck Commons) for a **Public Launch of ‘Philippians’**, the latest commentary published in the Believers’ Church Bible Commentary series.
- **Gaza Calls: Canada Answers: 11:00 am, Saturday, November 26** - Sam's Place, 159 Henderson Hwy. Join Christians from across Canada in a live video conference with Suhaila Tarazi, Dr. Raji Sourani, and Sami El-Yousef who will speak to us from Gaza and address the Christian presence, medical realities, and human rights situation there.
- **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** - Join us for the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale at 134 Plaza Dr, Winnipeg, on **Saturday, November 26, 9:30am-4pm.**
- **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](tel:2044154728).
- You are invited to hear what God is doing through **EMC Project Builders at their annual general meeting**, taking place on **Monday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Braeside EMC, 1011 Munroe Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba. The meeting will also be live-streamed (see www.emconference.ca). All our welcome!

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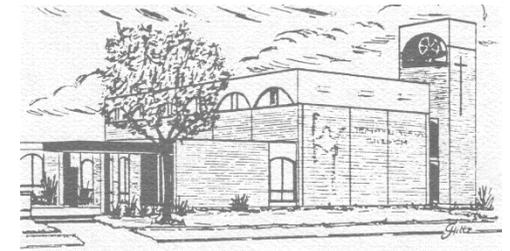
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**ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, November 20, 2016**



*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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Gathering**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship and to praise.

**With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

**With glad hearts let us join together in praising God, Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Opening Prayer

Congregational Songs STJ 3 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
STS 41 Blessed are they

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

Children's story

Sermon John Derksen

Congregational Songs The gift of love (handout)  
HWB 229 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

**Responding to God's Word**

Prayer of Commitment

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offertory

Announcements

Congregational Song STJ 83 Put peace into each other's hands  
Benediction

Worship leader: Marilyn  
Song Leader: Ron  
Accompanist: Emily

**Prayer of Commitment** (inspired by 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13)

Lord,

Because love is patient...

**Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen, hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.**

Because love is kind...

**Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please" and "Thank You" because those little things still mean so much.**

Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud...

**Help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.**

Because love is not rude or self-seeking...

**Help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. When I'm tempted to get wrapped up in my own little world, remind me there's a great big world out there full of needs and hurts.**

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs...

**Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.**

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

**Help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenseless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference.**

Because love always protects and always trusts...

**Help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.**

Finally, because love always perseveres...

**Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others. Thank you for showing us what the word love really means. Amen.**

**1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13**

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages. Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

