

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- Come to CMU Christmas Vespers on **Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 PM**
- in the Laudamus Auditorium. Eric Marshall will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow.
See cmu.ca/vespers.
- Attend class for credit or audit LIVE wherever you are with the Steinbach Bible College Edgeless Classroom! **Revelation** and **Hosea-Malachi** begin January 2017. Visit SBCollege.ca/Courses for info and registration or call [204-326-6451](tel:204-326-6451).
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- EMC Missions is looking for four to six people for the **Mexico Work Team**. Help the Ebenezer Church in Cuauhtemoc in their church construction! Dates: **January 13-24**. Cost: \$1,800. Contact Ken Zacharias ([204-326-6401](tel:204-326-6401); kzacharias@emconference.ca) for information.
- Consider enrolling in a **CMU evening course** in 2nd semester - for credit or audit. Consider 'God through the Centuries; Women and Men; Children's and Young Adult Literature; Local Initiatives and Peace Processes; The Fifties and Sixties – North America Cold, Cool and Radical; Social Enterprise'...and many more. Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca for details.

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Sunday, December 18: Fourth Advent

Gathering

Congregational Singing HWB 201 Hark! The herald angels sing
Call to Worship

In the nighttime of our longing, we find ourselves far from God's presence.

Even though we yearn to see God's face, our daily burdens and distractions keep us from coming near. We forget that the truest joy comes from being in God's presence.

Come! Walk in God's presence.

Candle Lighting

Praising

Congregational Singing HWB 194 Away in a manger

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Angel

Christmas Program

Congregational Singing HWB 193 Silent Night

Responding

Special Music Sarai, Silvana and Belen

Sending

Congregational Singing HWB 318 Joy to the world

Benediction

Come, walk in the way of God's heart.

The dawn is breaking!

Christ is coming to free us from alienation.

He will show us the way.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Blanca as she travels to Mexico this holiday season.
- Pray for the patrons of our food bank over the next few weeks.
- Pray for those in other corners of the world who do not celebrate Christmas like we do, and yet still deserve our love and prayers.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on January 7 and 21
- **Today:** Christmas Service and dessert potluck
- **January 1:** Service will resume
- **January 22:** Winter Retreat at Camp Assiniboia



Birthdays this week: Melinda December 22



Coffee December 18th: Rudy and Mo

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Treasurer update:**
General Donations Budget for year: \$90 000
Donations received to date: \$70 000
- **Coffee Schedule:** There are some gaps in the coffee schedule that need to be filled. Please talk to Genevieve if you are able to help out.
- **The Messenger:** In 2017, The Messenger will have six print issues and six website issues. This means that some church news will appear in online only. If you would like a printed version of the online copy, please let Genevieve know.
- **Highlights of EMC Conference:** Both electronic and print copies are available from Genevieve if you wish.

