

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for the students as they return to school.
- Pray for people travelling in the aftermath of the Fort Lauderdale violence.

**FOR YOUR CALENDER**

- **Food bank:** Next meets on January 21 and February 4
- **Church Retreat:** January 22nd



**Birthdays this week:** Heather – January 11



**Coffee** January 15<sup>th</sup>: Ron and Ruth  
**Upcoming Coffee** January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Henry and Darlene

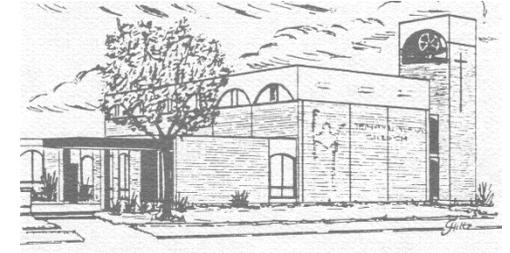
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- In 2017, **The Messenger** will have six print issues and six website issues. This means that some church news will appear online only. If you would like a printed version of the online copy, please let Genevieve know.
- **The worship schedule** for this quarter is now out. Please check your mailboxes to find a copy if you are on the schedule.
- **Genevieve's office hours** will be switching from Friday mornings to *Thursdays from 9:30 am-12:00pm*. Worship bulletin submissions will now be due by 9:00 pm on Wednesday nights.

**BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:**

- **Special event: MCC Storytelling from Jordan, Iraq and Iran**  
*Thursday, January 12, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy* Join us at Sam's Place for storytelling by Gordon and Carolyn Epp-Fransen who served as MCC Representatives for Iran, Iraq and Jordan. Gordon and Carolyn will share about refugees from the Syria and Iraq crisis and the Christian response. For more information visit <http://mccmb.ca/events>.
- Come worship with us at CMU Vespers on Sunday, January 15 in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. on the CMU Chapel Theme **If We Walk in the Light**. The worship will be led by choir conductor Robert Neufeld and worship leader Danielle Morton, CMU Spiritual Life Facilitator & Coordinator. The service begins at **7:00 PM**. For more information see [cmu.ca/vespers](http://cmu.ca/vespers).
- Participate in **Face2Face – A Conversation within an Abrahamic Tent: A Jew, Muslim and Christian in Dialogue** with moderator Dr. Harry Huebner and panelists Dr. Karl Koop, Dr. Ruth Ashrafi, and Shahina Siddiqui. The event will be held Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 PM at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. For more information see [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face).
- CMU is pleased to be presenting, on February 25th, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, **A Transformative Moment: Seeking God in the Transitions of Young Adulthood**, a one-day workshop for pastors and lay leaders engaged in or thinking about ministry for and with young adults. Join Gil Dueck and an ecumenical group of workshop leaders, panelists, and peers as we consider young adulthood as not just a problem, but, rather, as a stage of life that opens up unique opportunities for seeing God. For more information contact Peter Epp, Church Engagement Coordinator at 204-4887-3300 ext 330 or [pepp@cmu.ca](mailto:pepp@cmu.ca).

**ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, January 8, 2017**



*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**

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## Epiphany Sunday – January 8, 2017

Focus statement: With the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem we see yet another promise of God coming to fulfillment. Isaiah said, “Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” Magi come from the East to discover the mystery. They see it revealed in the face of a child.

### **Gathering**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing HWB 199 The first Noel, the angel did say  
Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming (insert)

Passing the Peace

### **Listening**

New Testament Readings Matthew 2:1-12  
Ephesians 3:1-12

Special music Sarai and Belen

Congregational Singing HWB 218 As with gladness men of old  
We Three Kings (insert)

Children's story

Sermon: “Epiphany - Revelation then and now” Jeremy

### **Responding**

Congregational Sharing

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Announcements

Sending Song Go Tell It on the Mountain (insert)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Rudy

Song Leader: Bev

Accompanist: Emily

### **Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the awe that comes from remembering your saving mystery.

**In a little child, God is revealed to us.**

The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

**We, who were once outsiders, now share in the inheritance.**

All of us, part of the same body, sharing the same promise,

**Through the gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Throwing light on the inner workings of this mystery was God's plan from all eternity.

**God's gift of grace is a gift to be received by all.**

***In thankfulness we treasure the immeasurable riches of Christ.***

### **Ephesians 3:1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.