

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those who have left our congregation over the years, that they may find peace and love wherever their faith journeys take them.
- Pray for the Lent journeys of our congregation.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on March 18 and April 1
- **Potluck:** March 19th



Coffee March 12th: Bev and Genevieve
March 19th: Jeremy and Teresa

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are hosting Westen's choir from Bethel College on **March 20th**. If you are interested in helping to plan a meal or billet a student, please contact Ron.
- **Donation receipts** are in your mailbox.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- Teaching on "**Jesus the Jew**" by Rabbi Alan Green will take place on March 7, 14 and 21 at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. For more information, see poster on bulletin board.
- **Providence Public Lecture Series:** Every Saturday in February and March, Providence is hosting a public lecture at McNally Robinson Bookstore (7 pm). Admission is free. This week's topic: "The Relationships Between First Nations and Business in Manitoba".
- **Xplore: Keep Thinking:** CMU's 55-plus enrichment program begins this week. It is still possible to register on line at cmu.ca/xplore or in person at the first class, Wednesday, March 8, 9:00 or 10:30 AM.
- The CMU Opera/Musical Theatre Workshop presents their full production of **H.M.S. Pinafore, or The Lass That Loved a Sailor**. Gilbert and Sullivan's witty humour shines in this comic tale of love vs. rank, with performances from Thursday, March 9 to Saturday, Mar 11 at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 2:30 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. Tickets available at the door: adults \$20; students \$15.

BEYOND THE CONGREGATION cont.

- **MCC in Haiti** *Wednesday, March 15, 7 pm, Winkler and Thursday, March 16, 7 pm, Winnipeg*
Join MCC Haiti Representative Rebecca Shetler Fast to hear about MCC's unique approach to respectful and sustainable faith-based international development work in Haiti. For location details and more information, please visit <http://mccmb.ca/events>
- The annual **Manitoba MDS Awareness & Fundraising Events** are approaching. Come hear MDS stories from 2016 projects and plans for 2017 - especially, Fort McMurray. Arborg area supper at the Morweena E.M Church on **April 8th** or in Altona on **April 22nd**. See the poster on bulletin board for details.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **MCC** invites applications for **Director of Finance** until March 15. For more information and to apply, visit <http://mccmb.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/director-finance>
- **Abundance Canada** is accepting applications for a Full-Time **Administrative Assistant** in Winnipeg. For more information, go to www.abundance.ca
- **MCC Canada welcomes applications for MCC Canada Executive Director**. Interested individuals are asked to apply online at <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings> by April 7. Any inquiries regarding this position can be sent to karengracepankratz@mcccanada.ca
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Aberdeen Evangelical Mennonite Church

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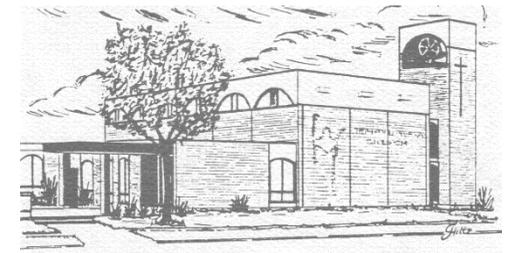
Office Hours: Thursday 9:30-12:00

Worship Bulletin Submission: by Wednesday evening at 9 pm.

Office email: aberdeenchurch2@gmail.com

ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 5, 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**

Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Restore Us, Oh God! We Hunger.

As humans, we hunger for many things. God, our Provider, knows our deepest longings, offering both sustenance and deliverance from temptation.

Gathering

Welcome

Call to worship

Congregational Songs HWB 46 I sing the mighty power of God
HWB 582 Guide me O thou great Jehovah

Confession and Words of Assurance

Listening

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 32

Children's Story

Sermon

Responding

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Congregational Songs HWB 472 I am the bread of life
HWB 474 I hunger and I thirst

Offering

Sending

Announcements

Congregational Song STJ 27 God of the Bible (verses 1, 2, 5)
Benediction

Worship Leader: Jeremy
Song Leader: Darlene
Accompanist: Emily

Call to Worship

In the midst of myriad distractions, we gather, longing for you.

Restore us, O God! We hunger.

In the midst of the temptation to live in fear, we gather, trusting in you.

Restore us, O God! We hunger.

In the midst of the challenges of daily living, we gather, craving your presence.

Restore us, O God! We hunger.

Come, worship the One who feeds our deepest hungers and sustains us with love.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written:

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Confession and Words of Assurance

God of abundance, you give us *all* we need. We confess that, too often, we focus on what we *don't* have. We forget that it is you who truly sustains us. Forgive us. Satisfy us with your steadfast love, and help us to take refuge in remembering that what you provide is good. It is enough.

(Pause for silent confession)

God of abundant grace,

restore us.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Sing praises to the Lord! Taste and see that the Lord *is* good.

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Do not be like the horse or the mule which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

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