

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Angel and Blanca as they travel to Mexico to be with Blanca's mother in her last days.
- Pray for those caught in the storm, that everyone may find safety and warmth.

### FOR YOUR CALENDER

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



**Coffee** March 19<sup>th</sup>: Jeremy and Teresa  
March 26<sup>th</sup> Bev and Genevieve



**Birthdays This Week:** Tonya : March 14  
Ron March 16  
Joan: March 16  
Henry: March 16

### BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Last Chance: 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: "Suffering, Dignity, and Medical Assistance in Dying: A Christian Response".
- **Child Evangelism Fellowship of MB** is inviting you to their Faith In Action Fundraising Event on **March 14** at Winnipeg Evangelical Free Church. RSVP at 204-663-3300
- **MCC in Haiti** *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>
- Film Premiere **For Love of a River: Two Stories of Loss & Longing**, March 18, 7:30, Dramatic Arts Centre, 585 Ellice Ave, Winnipeg. Panel discussion to follow. Presented by the Interchurch Council on Hydropower. See <http://hydrojustice.org>

### BEYOND THE CONGREGATION cont.

- Join Canadian violinist and vocalist **Rosemary Siemens at the Park Theater on March 19, 7pm** on her "Have a Little Faith" tour. This evening features gospel, bluegrass and country music, as well as inspirational story telling. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at [parktheatervideo.ticketfly.com/listing](http://parktheatervideo.ticketfly.com/listing) and at the door. Visit [rosemarysiemens.me](http://rosemarysiemens.me) for more details.
- The final **CMU Choral Vespers** service of the academic year will be held on Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. T. All are welcome to attend
- **CMU** will be hosting Bach on the Bridge and Pop-Up Poetry on **Tuesday, March 21**. Listen to Bach's music performed by CMU students and have a poet write on demand in Marpeck Commons.
- 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 8<sup>th</sup>** or in Altona on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. See the poster on bulletin board for details.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **West Central Women's Resource Centre** is hiring a housing worker. For more information, see poster on the bulletin board.
- **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](http://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](mailto:karengracepankratz@mcccanada.ca)

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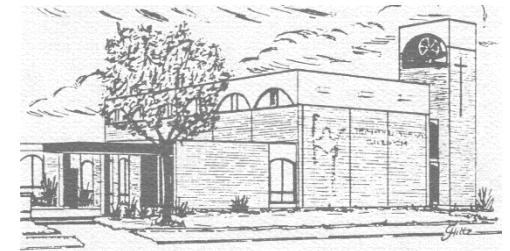
**Genevieve Giesbrecht, Secretary 204 - 221-3000 (office)**  
Office Hours: Thursday 9:30-12:00

**Worship Bulletin Submission:** by Wednesday evening at 9 pm.

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## ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

### Sunday, March 12, 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 12, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for what happens in our lives. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our wonderings.

**Gathering**

Welcome

Call to worship

Mindful that God, the great mystery, has called us.

**We come to worship.**

Curious about God's way in the world,

**We come to worship.**

Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

**We come to worship.**

Receive our worship and wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

Congregational Songs HWB 582 Guide me O thou great Jehovah  
HWB 584 They that wait upon the Lord

Poem

**Listening**

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17

Children's Story Shirley

Congregational Songs HWB 580 My life flows on  
STS 45 Calm me Lord

Sermon Paul

**Responding**

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering

**Sending**

Announcements

Congregational Song HWB 575 Precious Lord

Benediction

Worship Leader: Ron  
Song Leader: Mo  
Accompanist: Sol and Pete

**Poem: Beloved is Where we Begin**

Beloved Is Where We Begin. If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing. Do not leave without hearing who you are: Beloved, named by the One who has traveled this path before you. Do not go without letting it echo in your ears, and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart, do not despair. That is what this journey is for. I cannot promise this blessing will free you from danger, from fear, from hunger, or thirst, from the scorching of sun or the fall of the night. But I can tell you that on this path there will be help. I can tell you that on this way there will be rest. I can tell you that you will know the strange graces that come to our aid only on a road such as this, that fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength, that come alongside us for no other cause than to lean themselves toward our ear and with their curious insistence whisper our name: Beloved. Beloved. Beloved.

-Jan Richardson

**Genesis 12:1-4**

The LORD had said to Abram,  
"Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.  
"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."  
So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

El SEÑOR le dijo a Abram: «Deja tu tierra, tus parientes y la casa de tu padre, y vete a la tierra que te mostraré.  
»Haré de ti una nación grande,  
y te bendeciré;  
haré famoso tu nombre,  
y serás una bendición.  
Bendeciré a los que te bendigan  
y maldeciré a los que te maldigan;  
¡por medio de ti serán bendecidas  
todas las familias de la tierra!»  
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### John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

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—De veras te aseguro que quien no nazca de nuevo no puede ver el reino de Dios —dijo Jesús.

—¿Cómo puede uno nacer de nuevo siendo ya viejo? —preguntó Nicodemo—. ¿Acaso puede entrar por segunda vez en el vientre de su madre y volver a nacer?

—Yo te aseguro que quien no nazca de agua y del Espíritu no puede entrar en el reino de Dios —respondió Jesús—. Lo que nace del cuerpo es cuerpo; lo que nace del Espíritu es espíritu. No te sorprendas de que te haya dicho: “Tienen que nacer de nuevo”. El viento sopla por donde quiere, y lo oyes silbar, aunque ignoras de dónde viene y a dónde va. Lo mismo pasa con todo el que nace del Espíritu.

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—¿Cómo es posible que esto suceda?

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»Como levantó Moisés la serpiente en el desierto, así también tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna.

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