

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those fleeing to safety in Canada.
- Pray for of us struggling with illness.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on April 1
- **Potluck:** Today



Coffee March 26th Bev and Genevieve
April 2nd: Murray and Marg

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- 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 and at the door. Visit 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.
- **IVEP Night Thursday, March 23, 7 pm 159 Henderson Hwy.** Every year we welcome young adults from around the world through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). Join us at Sam's Place as Winnipeg IVEP participants share a taste of their home countries: Bolivia, Germany and South Africa.
- **On Wednesday, April 5** plan to attend **Spring at CMU** – an evening fundraiser in support of CMU's mission and programs. The CMU PAX Award will be presented to Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, and we will celebrate the leadership of the Capital Campaign Cabinet in constructing Marpeck Commons. Go to cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information.

BEYOND THE CONGREGATION cont.

- 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.
- Want to encounter other cultures? Come hear fascinating stories and experience the diversity at CMU's **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**. Courses run **June 12-16 and June 19-23, 2017** and are a great opportunity to experience an inspiring community of people gathered to learn about peace. For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca. Apply by April 1 to avoid a \$50 late fee.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **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 Executive Assistant to Executive Director** (12 month term) based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until March 22. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-assistant-12-month-term>
- **MCC Canada welcomes applications for Executive Assistant to Director of Programs** based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until March 27. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-assistant-director-programs>
- **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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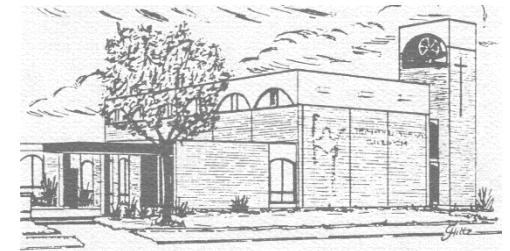
Office Hours: Thursday 9:30-12:00

Worship Bulletin Submission: by Wednesday evening at 9 pm.

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ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 19, 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 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Restore us, O God! We thirst. Our bodies know the desperate need for water; we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

Gathering

Welcome

Congregational Songs STJ The Love of God
STJ Rain down

Call to Worship

In a dry and weary land,
restore us, O God.

Parched and depleted,
restore us, O God.

Longing for your living water,
restore us, O God.

We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

Confession and Words of Assurance

Listening

Scripture Reading John 4:5-42

Children's Story Shirley

Congregational Songs HWB 606 Oh have you not heard
STS 64 There is a well

Sermon Teresa

Responding

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Sending

Announcements

Congregational Song HWB 372 O healing river

Benediction

Worship Leader: Shirley

Song Leader: Ron

Accompanist: Deb

Confession and words of assurance

O God, you are the living Water. You restore us to life.

We confess that in the desert moments of our lives

we forget your faithfulness.

Our bodies grow tired;

our hearts dry up.

Our minds become clouded

and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

**When we see the dryness behind and before us,
we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another.**

We cry out: "Is the Lord even among us?"

Forgive us, O Lord,

for in the harshness of life's desert journey

we quickly focus on ourselves.

We forget that you have been,

you are,

and you will forever be our deliverer.

**Restore in us a remembering spirit,
that we may hope in you again.**

Renew our hearts, O Lord.

**Make us generous in our praise,
that we may worship you anew!**

(Pause for silent confession)

God, our living Water,

restore us.

Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water. Let

all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come—without money or

price. Come and draw freely from the well of our Lord, which will

never run dry.

John 4:5-42

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of

worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”