

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the victims of violence in England.
- Pray for the students in our congregation as they continue to work through the last months of school.

FOR YOUR CALENDER

- **Food bank:** Next meets on April 1 and 15



Coffee April 2nd: Murray and Marg

Upcoming Coffee April 9th: Joan and Heather

Birthdays: Pete - Today

Deb - March 30

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **On Wednesday, April 5** plan to attend **Spring at CMU** – an evening fundraiser in support of CMU's mission and programs. RSVP by March 29 to Joyce Friesen: jfriesen@cmu.ca or 204-594-0517. Go to cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information.
- **More upcoming concerts** at CMU (for more information see cmu.ca/events):
 - **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached**, showcasing CMU handbell and guitar ensembles, April 2 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. \$5 admission.
 - **Jazz at CMU** presenting CMU Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Soloists and Jazz Guitar Duo, April 4 at 7:00 PM in the Great Hall, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. \$5 admission.
 - The **Mennonite Community Orchestra**, CMU's Resident Orchestra, featuring guest soloist **Matthew Pauls**, baritone, CMU Assistant Professor of Music, April 9 at 3:00 PM in the CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Admission \$15 adults and \$5 students, 12 and under free.
 - **CMU Spring Choral Concert, with CMU Singers, CMU Women's and CMU Men's Choruses**, April 22 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre.
- **MCC Special event: Stolen Identities** on **April 6** at 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy. Join Skip Gagnon, founder of the International Indigenous Adoptees Movement, who will share his personal story as a survivor of the Sixties Scoop. For more information, visit: <http://mccmb.ca/stolen-identities>

BEYOND THE CONGREGATION cont.

- **MCC Film Night: Reserve 107 and For Love of a River** on **April 10** at 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy. Join us for screenings of two inspiring documentaries that explore themes of injustice and reconciliation. The screening will be followed by a Q and A with the filmmakers and elder Ellen Cook. Visit <http://mccmb.ca/film-night>
- **My Neighbour's Home is My Home:** a series of education interfaith events on Tuesdays from April 18-May 9. Each session features both a Christian and Muslim perspective on that week's topic. More information on bulletin board.
- 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

- **CMU** Invites applications immediately for a full-time **Maintenance Technician 2**. Contact Dianna Robson at drobson@cmu.ca or 204-594-0532.
- **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 karengpacepankratz@mcccanada.ca

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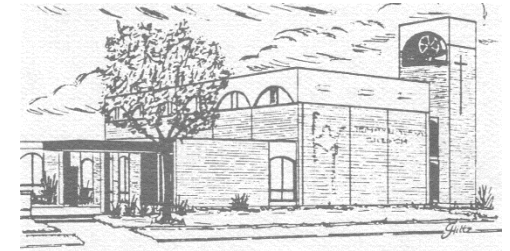
Office Hours: Thursday 9:30-12:00

Worship Bulletin Submission: by Wednesday evening at 9 pm.

Office email: aberdeenchurch2@gmail.com

ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 26, 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 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

Gathering

Welcome
Call to Worship

Congregational Songs HWB 545 Be thou my vision
 STS 3 Come, light of the world

Listening

Confessing and Words of Assurance
Scripture Reading John 9:1-41 and Psalm 23
Children's Story
Congregational Songs HWB 517 Open my eyes
 STS 10 Come! Walk in the light
Sermon John

Responding

Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Offering Dana

Sending

Announcements
Congregational Song HWB 143 Amazing Grace
Benediction

Worship Leader: Marilyn
Song Leader: Bev
Accompanist: Esther

Call to Worship

Here in this place we gather to worship.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Here in this place we gather to see you.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your
glory and beauty.

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves
honestly, and humbly worship you.

Confession and Words of Assurance

O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that
sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the
fullness of your truth.

**We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what
you want us to see.**

Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations,
and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the
way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the
darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of
light and new life.

**Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and
celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and
soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.**

(Pause for silent confession)

God who brings all things into the light,
restore us.

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot
see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

El SEÑOR es mi pastor, nada me falta;
en verdes pastos me hace descansar.
Junto a tranquilas aguas me conduce;
me infunde nuevas fuerzas.
Me guía por sendas de justicia
por amor a su nombre.
Aun si voy por valles tenebrosos,
no temo peligro alguno
porque tú estás a mi lado;
tu vara de pastor me reconforta.
Dispones ante mí un banquete
en presencia de mis enemigos.
Has ungido con perfume mi cabeza;
has llenado mi copa a rebosar.
La bondad y el amor me seguirán
todos los días de mi vida;
y en la casa del SEÑOR
habitaré para siempre.

John 9:1-41

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent").

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

"Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes,

we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.