

## Church Family Announcements:

### Coffee:

December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Henry & Darlene  
December 30<sup>th</sup>- Peter & Marlene Rempel  
January 6<sup>th</sup>- Sol, Marv  
January 13<sup>th</sup> – Aldo & Miriam



### Upcoming Events

The next Aberdeen Food Pantry will be held on **January 5th**.

There will be no prayer night until January.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**- Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia. Details to come in the new year.

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**Budget Update:** Thank you for the donations received; we currently need \$28,600 to meet out 2018 donation budget. – The Executive

Teresa will be out of the office December 24<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>. She'll be back on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Teresa Enns Zehr, Pastor  
Office Hours Monday – Thursday 1-5  
Worship Bulletin Submission by Noon on Thursday

### Ministerial:

Marlene Rempel Aida Vidal  
John & Kathy Schlamp Ron Penner

## Aberdeen EMC



Welcome to Aberdeen!

Our worship is a response to Gods call to repentance and faith.  
Seeking to live in harmony with Gods will, we will extend our service and witness in the name of Jesus Christ.

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**Sunday, December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Waiting**

Welcome

Congregational Singing

Hope is a candle STS #15

Walking Slowly unto Bethl'em STS #20

Call to Worship

Leader: Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

**People: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!**

Leader: The little baby in his mother's womb, he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

**People: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.**

***All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!***

Prayer

Responsive reading- HWB 827 (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Lighting of the fourth advent candle

[after lighting the first Advent candle]

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in hope,  
the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

[after lighting the second Advent candle]

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in love,  
the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

[after lighting the third Advent candle]

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in joy,  
the joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

[after lighting the fourth Advent candle]

Prepare the way of the Lord.

We light this candle in peace,  
the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

**Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

**Birth**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7

Christmas Play- Children

Lighting of the fifth Advent Candle

[after lighting the Christ candle]

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world,  
was born on this day,  
and he brightens all things.

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**

Congregational Singing

Twas in the moon in Wintertime #190

O little town of Bethlehem #191

**Tidings to Shepherds, Meeting the Baby**

Scripture reading Luke 2:8-20

Congregational Singing

Away in A manger #194

Hark! The herald angel's sing #201

**Joy and Wonder**

Responsive reading HWB 665

Sharing Prayer

Offering

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Congregational Singing

Silent night, Holy night #193

Oh du Froliche #209

Benediction

Worship Leader: Jim

Song Leader: Ron

Pianist: Esther

## **From Angel and Blanca**

Hello Aberdeen church

These are the first six months of our mission assignment and is Christmas season. In this time our children have made good progress, after a rough start now they enjoy their new friends and doing good at school. We have spent a lot of time with them during the adaptation to their new home. There is always the feeling of missing Winnipeg.

Meanwhile we continue to meet new people, and our surroundings.

The Christmas season is a perfect time to tell others that the Saviour has come! So it happen at the *posada*, a traditional Christmas gathering, to which we added the Christmas story, a play led by Blanca, she even invited to the guest's children to be part of it, and the children did a good job, we all enjoyed it.

Also, Angel's involvement with the migrant caravan allowed him to help people and have a better understand of the immigration issue.

While we comfort ourselves with these activities, it is our children who always remained us of our Christmas memories in Canada.

The Infantes family would like to thank you for your prayers, and we wish you a Merry Christmas!.

Angel, Blanca, Sarai, Belen, Christopher, Carlos Tadeo.

## **Beyond our Congregation**

### **Mennonite World Conference**

#### **Mennonite witness amid suffering and hope in Ukraine**

In a region of Ukraine that thousands of Mennonites left generations ago, two dozen of today's Mennonite leaders from across Europe gathered for three days of fellowship in October 2018. Hosted by Ukrainian leaders from Mennonite Brethren churches, meetings in the city of Zaporizhzhia included participants from Portugal, Spain, France, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Lithuania and Ukraine.

[Read more](#)

Prayers of gratitude and intercession

December 2018: Pray for missionary evangelist Laston Bissani ([click here](#) to read about his work). After four years of building a good house for his family in

Milange, Mozambique, he and his wife Carlotta were attacked in their home with a demand for money. The family has gone to Malawi to recuperate with → the church family there. Pray that the Holy Spirit would minister healing to the family after this trauma.

December 2018: DR Congo is awaiting the presidential elections of 23 December 2018. Pray for the unity of Congolese churches as they support this historic process. Congolese Christians often have polarized opinions on the current electoral process. May God give us peace and reconciliation among ourselves so we can then facilitate peace and reconciliation among the political actors. Pray for the calming of different actors involved in the electoral process as the course is set for the 23 December 2018 election. *Prayer submitted by pastor Josué Selemani, leader of Paroisse Missionnaire Shalom in Bukavu, a Mennonite Brethren church in eastern Congo.* [Read more.](#)

### **MCC Manitoba**

MCC Manitoba welcome applicants for the [Volunteer Youth Engagement Coordinator](#) and [Manitoba MCC Thrift Coordinator](#). Applications for both positions are accepted until December 28. For full details and to apply, visit [mccmb.ca/serve](http://mccmb.ca/serve).

This Christmas, give a gift that gives twice! Through **MCC's Christmas Giving** projects, you can bring joy to the people you love and transform lives around the world. Each gift comes with a card that explains the gift you've given. Choose from a variety of gift options that will be meaningful to friends, teachers, co-workers or family! Visit [mccmb.ca/christmas](http://mccmb.ca/christmas) today.

The MCC Furniture Thrift Shop welcomes applicants for a Truck Assistant. Applications should be emailed to Laurie at [mccmgr@shaw.ca](mailto:mccmgr@shaw.ca). For full details visit [thrift.mcc.org/jobs](http://thrift.mcc.org/jobs).

MCC Canada welcomes applicants for the [Donor Engagement Coordinator](#) and [Shared Program Accountant](#). For full details and to apply, visit [mccmb.ca/serve](http://mccmb.ca/serve).