

PRAYER REQUESTS

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

Thank you God, for sending Christ, who entered our darkness with marvellous light. Thank you for dwelling among us and giving us hope. (taken from The Mystery of God's Dwelling, www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2164)

Please continue pray for Mennonite Church Canada workers in the Philippines as they work to help victims of a Super Typhoon there: **Dan and Joji Pantoja** and all their staff at **Peacebuilders Community** are assessing needs, training church volunteers in disaster response, and making challenging decisions about prioritizing relief. Also pray for **Darnell and Christina Barkman** who lead **Peace Church Philippines** and are sending volunteers as well.

WITNESS PRAYERNET

Please pray for **Erna and Henry Funk**, who are preparing to embark on a short term Mennonite Church Canada volunteer assignment with **SERVE Nazareth**. They will help to connect Christian volunteers with local Arab churches. The Funks are from Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim, SK.

WITNESS NOTES

Cross-border connections provide sharing and spiritual refreshment for MC USA and MC Canada leaders. Thank you for enabling us to co-host the annual bi-national gathering for conference and area church ministers in Denver, CO., Dec. 4-7

Mennonite Church Canada is committed to creating family friendly resources—and we couldn't do it without your generous support. Thank you for helping us create the 2013 edition of Advent at Home, The Mystery of God's Dwelling, a collection of activities, prayers and reflections that raise awareness of God dwelling amongst us. Find your free, downloadable copy at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2164.

THIS COMING WEEK AT NKMC...

Mon., Dec. 2nd	6:40 pm	Willing Helpers at Bethania PCH
	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Pioneer Boys meet
Tues., Dec. 3rd	2:30 pm	Bethania Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Program
	6:30 – 9:30 pm	Young Adults
Wed., Dec. 4th	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Youth – Baking Night
Thurs., Dec. 5th	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 6th	7:00 pm	Advent Retreat in Lower Aud.
Sat., Dec. 7th	6:00 pm	Ehrenfest in Lower Auditorium
SUN., DEC. 8TH		SECOND ADVENT
	10:30 AM	COFFEE TIME IN LOWER AUDITORIUM
	11:00 AM	PRESCHOOL – GRADE 7 SUNDAY SCHOOL
	11:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
SPEAKER		PASTOR GARY MARTENS
	2:00 PM	LADIES' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December 1, 2013

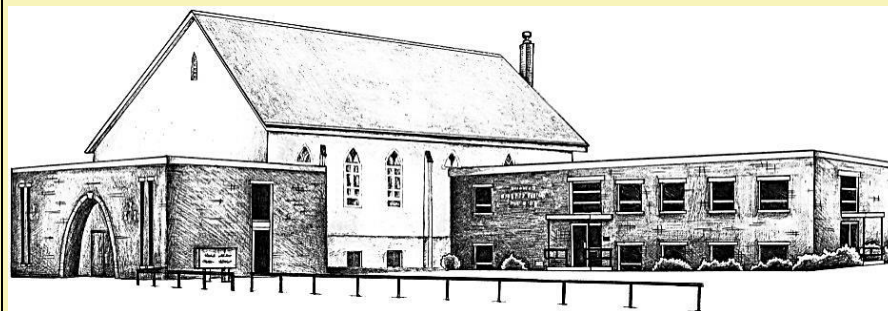


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"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 3:11



Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning. We hope that you enjoy this morning's service and that you will join us again.

We strive to communicate God's truth in a way that is relevant to the challenges we all face. If we can help you, please contact us.

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FIRST ADVENT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

10:30AM – COFFEE TIME IN LOWER AUDITORIUM

11:00AM – PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 7 SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM – COMMUNION / WORSHIP SERVICE

O, the mystery of God's dwelling...in our present!



WE GATHER...

Prelude
 Choir *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*
 Prayer of Invocation
 Call to Worship
 Hymn *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* GB #50
 Welcome, Introduction of Guests, Announcements
 Sharing Time
 Advent theme song *Joyful is the dark* HWB #233
 Prayer of God's People
 Offering *Soon a tiny child will come*
 Lighting of the Advent wreath

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Children's time
 Scripture reading Isaiah 2:2-5, Romans 13:11-14
 Hymn *Oh, how shall I receive thee* HWB #182

SERMON BEING PART OF THE MYSTERY

Choir *Come, come to the table*
 Communion
 Bread Choir *Advent Prayer*
Kyrie Eleison
 Wine *Amazing Grace* HWB #143

AND WITH REJOICING WE GO FORTH

Benediction
 Hymn *Bless'd be the tie that binds* HWB #421
 Postlude

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book GB – Gesangbuch der Mennoniten



NEXT WEEK – SECOND ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2013

10:30 AM COFFEE IN LOWER AUDITORIUM
11:00 AM PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 7 SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
SPEAKER PASTOR GARY MARTENS
2:00 PM LADIES' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Worship Participants This Morning:

Speaker: Pastor Gary Martens
Greeters/Ushers: Hein & Marlene Krahn, Margaret Kankel, Ryan Reimer
Worship Leader: Lisa Friesen
Children's Story: Ingrid White
Candle Lighter: Megan Reimer
Worship Music: NKMC Choir, Betty Loewen, directing
Violinist: Lhasa Petik
Pianist: Erika Krahn, Trudy Voth
Audio/Visual: Adrian Zacharias



DECEMBER 1, 2013 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Hospital

Concordia Hospital Susanna Harder
Let us remember and pray for our members in Extended Care and Personal Care Homes, and also for those who are sick at home.

Bethania Personal Care Home: Margarethe Baerg, Agnes Derksen, Anna Hildebrandt, Elizabeth Klassen, Margarethe Klassen, Dagmar Redekop, Maria Wiens

Grunthal Menno Home: Frank Enns

Lion's Manor Valentine Harder

St. Norbert Personal Care Home: Frank Martens

Taché Personal Care Home Rob Bell

PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

George & Nora Thiessen are requesting your prayers. George will be undergoing a 2nd surgery on **December 2nd** for the removal of melanoma on his back. Doctors are hopeful that they can get all the cancer, but won't know how successful they are, or whether further treatment is necessary until after the surgery. *Please pray for the Lord to grant wisdom and guidance to the doctors, strength and healing for George, and strength and peace for Nora and their extended family. May the Lord hold them especially close at this time.*

1. **Peter & Betty Braun** would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful Memory Keepsake Box they received for their 50th Anniversary. It's already being put to use to store the precious memories of their celebration!

2. a) The Youth would like to thank everyone that came out to enjoy the Spaghetti Lunch on the 24th. A good time was had by all, and a total of **\$1661.00** was raised! Thank s to everyone who helped make this a success!

2. b) The next event taking place will be the **6th Annual Youth Potluck Supper, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 starting at 6:00pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend! The Youth provides the turkey, stuffing, gravy and beverages, and you supply the side dishes, salads and desserts. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables in the church foyer and Education wing. This supper is not a fundraiser, just an evening of good food and fellowship! ***Come meet our Youth and share the blessings of Christmas together!***

3. The choir will be singing on **Christmas Eve** together with the Sunday School, and **Christmas Morning.** Rehearsals begin at **7:30pm** and will continue **every Thursday until Dec. 19th.** Please come and join us!

4. **Willing Helpers meet tomorrow, Mon. Dec. 2nd, at Bethania at 6:40pm** to present a program with the **Guitar Ladies.** We're invited to stay for coffee, so no meeting at church.

5. The Church Council would like to invite our seniors to the annual **Ehrenfest on Saturday, December 7th** in the church basement. A supper will be served at **6pm** followed by a program. If you require a ride, please contact **Leni Lousier at 204-661-3459** and we will arrange for a volunteer to pick you up.

6. Our annual **Ladies' Christmas Celebration** will be next **Sunday, Dec 8th at 2 pm.** We invite all women and girls to this annual tradition of mothers, daughters and granddaughters and their friends celebrating the Christmas Season. Donations of baked goods will be appreciated. Guitar Ladies will practice @ 1:10 pm. Willing Helpers (1st half) will meet @ 1:15 pm. W.H. choir practice begins @ 1:30 pm. Everyone else, please join us @ 2 pm.

7. The **Mission Choir** will be singing in **Bethania PCH on Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm.**

8. **All children, preschool to Grade 3 are invited to join us at our Christmas Eve program on December 24th at 7:00 pm to come to the front and listen to a story. Parents are welcome to join their children.**

9. Please note that orders and payment for the **2014 NEUKIRCHENER KALENDAR** must be dropped off at the church office by **Monday, December 2, 2013.** Suggested donation is **\$30 per calendar.** Please make your cheques payable to **Mennonite Church Manitoba.**

10. **During this advent season we will be holding three one-hour Advent retreats.** We will sing a few songs, read scripture and be lead through prayer, and quiet meditation. It will be a time to refresh our spirits, and spend time in quiet reflection during an often hectic time. There will be a slightly different theme for each retreat and you are welcome to attend one, two or all three. **The retreats will be held December 6, 20, and January 3 at 7pm, in the basement at North Kildonan Mennonite Church.**

11. The **Bethania Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Program** will be taking place on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 2:30pm at Bethania.** **Everyone is welcome to attend!**

12. ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Attendance - Sanctuary	140
General Donations	\$3,473.52
Youth Spaghetti Lunch	\$1,661.00
M.C.C. – General	\$100.00
M.C.C. – Philippine Hurricane Relief Fund	\$105.00
M.C.C. – Sow purchase	\$200.00
Memorial Fund in memory of Jacob Wall	\$50.00
Memorial Fund in memory of Kathe Ketler	\$20.00
Community Kitchen	\$500.00
Quartet CD Purchase	\$10.00

BEYOND NKMC

13. **WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE – WMC (204-775-7111)**
Westgate's senior high students are presenting the drama Les Miserables on December 4-7 at 7:30 pm at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre Auditorium-Deaf Centre Manitoba (285 Pembina Highway). Tickets are \$10.00 each. Rush Seating. Please contact the Westgate office at [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111) or by visiting the website at www.westgatemennonite.ca.

14. **CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY – CMU (204-487-3300)**
CMU Christmas Craft Bazaar / December 5 / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm / Great Hall - Get your Christmas shopping done and support crafty folks from the CMU community in the process. CMU students will be selling baking and art work as well as handmade jewelry, pottery and clothing. 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.

Vespers / December 15 / 7:30 pm / Laudamus Auditorium / 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. - CMU invites you to welcome the Christ child in a spirit of anticipation, mystery and celebration through a service of prayer and singing. The choir will be led by John Martens, Emeriti Professor of Music, with the worship led by President Cheryl Pauls. A reception with President Pauls will follow. Free, all are welcome.

15. **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MCC (204-261-6381)**
Action request: Please join MCC in advocating for peace in Syria by writing a letter to the Canadian government urging it to call all parties involved in the conflict to a ceasefire and a negotiated peace settlement. A sample letter and contact information are available at <http://mccottawa.ca/call-peace-syria> or by calling (204)261-6381.

15. **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE – (204-261-6381) continued**

HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES: Mennonite Central Committee has begun its response to Typhoon Haiyan, providing funding for immediate needs and supporting an initial disaster response assessment team from Peacebuilders Community Inc., a ministry of Mennonite Church Canada Witness. **All donations from individual Canadians to MCC's Typhoon response made between Nov. 9 and Dec. 23 are eligible to be matched by the Canadian government.** To donate please go to mcccanada.ca/typhoon.

Student Seminar - MCC's Ottawa Office is accepting registrations for its 2014 student seminar, held in **Ottawa from Feb 13-15**. The 2014 seminar is called *"Inconvenient" relationships? Indigenous rights, reconciliation, advocacy* and will include sessions on Indigenous rights, a tour of Parliament and attendance at Question Period. More info is available at <http://mccottawa.ca/student-seminar> or by calling MCC Manitoba at (204)261-6381.

MCC in Canada: A 50th Anniversary Conference at the University of Winnipeg, December 13 & 14, 2013. Free admission, register on site. For further details go to <http://mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca/events/> or call (204)786-9391.

16. **MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA – MCM (204-896-1616)**

The **Faith and Life Choirs Christmas concerts** will be held on Saturday, **December 7th 7:00pm at Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church** and Sunday, December 8th 3:00pm at Altona Berghaler Mennonite Church. See poster for details.

17. **First Mennonite Church Choir** invites you to celebrate Advent with us at **922 Notre Dame Avenue on tonight, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be singing John Rutter's *Magnificat* with orchestral accompaniment. Soprano soloist is Karis Wiebe. Admission is free. An offering will be taken. All are welcome to attend.

18. *'Handmaid of the Lord'*, the story of the nativity told from Mary's point of view with contemporary original music, is being presented **Dec. 6, at 8pm Eastview Community Church, 3500 DeVries Ave.** Soloists are: Monika Wall, Flo, Aaron Hutton, Scott Reimer and Stephen Haiko. The Nativity choir and instrumentalists capture the mystery, struggle and triumph of the greatest story ever told.

19. **John Black Memorial United Church, 898 Henderson Hwy.,** would like to invite family and friends to the **Blue Christmas Service, Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm in the chapel.** The *"Blue Christmas"* tradition honours the feeling that many people have that the Christmas season is not an easy one to get through. It acknowledges the darkness we all feel at times but offers, as well, a gentle word of hope and healing. It will be a time of quiet reflection and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow.

20. The **Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir** will be performing *"Christmas with the Phil: Trumpets Sound, Angels Sing"*, on **Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 & 7:00 pm, at Westminster United Church.** For tickets call **204-896-7445** or **Betty Loewen at 204-661-1233.**

21. Bethel Mennonite Church presents *Vivaldi's Gloria* with orchestral accompaniment on **Sunday, December 15th at 3:30 pm** with soloists Chelsea Froese and Rebecca Hill and conducted by Waldy Ens. Admission is free.



We would like to wish the following members a happy and blessed birthday...

Jake Krahn	12/01
Chris Redekop	12/02
Wil Braun	12/03
George Thiessen	12/03
Linda Borger	12/06
Elsa Braun	12/06
Irene Froese	12/06
Brian Dyck	12/08
Kathe Remillard	12/08
Rob Zacharias	12/12
Perrin Zacharias	12/19
Chris MacDonald	12/20
Tina Baerg	12/21
Cornelius Thiessen	12/21
Mark Dyck	12/22
Huu Loi Phan	12/22
John Voth	12/22
Hans Rempel Sr.	12/23
Rob Bell	12/24
Anny Neufeld	12/24
Kathy Wagner	12/24
Ronald Bergen	12/25
Dan Epp	12/26
Adina Wall	12/28
Kaethe Noll	12/30
Linda Dyck	12/31
Kim Hoban	12/31
Adeline Thiessen	12/31

We apologize if we have missed anyone. If you have been missed, please contact the Church office, so we can update your information