### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

George and Tobia Veith, Mennonite Church Canada workers previously located in Macau, are now visiting congregations across Canada to share about their experience and ministry relationships. Pray for continued relationships and that all of their visits will spark vision and encouragement for ministry. They anticipate beginning a new assignment in China next year.

#### WITNESS PRAYERNET

Siaka Traoré, leader of the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso, invites prayer support for leadership and members of the small church plant in Sidi, a small farming community. Earlier this year, landowners demanded that each farmer provide an offering for the spirits believed to watch over the fields. As a matter of faith, Sidi church members refused to do so. Siaka reports that the village chief's son just issued an ultimatum: Christians must leave the village by January 31, 2015 and destroy the church building in which they gather so that the mayor's office can begin a new building project in its place. Death threats have been issued for those who refuse to comply. Siaka also says the land the church is located on was given to the Christians by the entire village. The building is less than one year old. A mediator who has a relationship with the chief's family has been called in to negotiate on behalf of the church. Please pray for the continuing faithfulness of the Sidi church and wise council from the mediator. Pray that God's presence, grace and love will be revealed to the chief's son and family, and that reason and peace will prevail.

#### WITNESS NOTES

Church Vitality in China - A Christmas Story: The huge interest in a western-style Christmas among Chinese people is an open door to introduce the Prince of Peace in China. Come and hear Myrrl Byler, Director of Mennonite Partners in China, share about the growing interest in religion in China and the opportunities this presents for Mennonite ministry. Details: Home St. Mennonite Church, 318 Home St., Wpg., Wed., Dec 3, 7:00 pm. There will be a free will offering in support of Mennonite Church Canada ministry in China.

THIS COMING WEEK AT NKMC				
Mon., Nov. 24th	1:00 pm	Quilting Bees		
	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Pioneer Boys meet		
Tues., Nov. 25th	10:00 am	Friendship Bible Coffee Ladies		
	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Young Adults		
Wed., Nov. 26th	7:30 pm	Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry		
		meets at Helene Kroeker's home		
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Youth – Movie Night		
Fri., Nov. 28th	1:00 pm	Food Bank		
SUN., NOV. 30TH	10:00 AM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		
11:00 AM	FIRST ADVENT	/ COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE		
	SPEAKER	PASTOR GARY MARTENS		
	NO SUNDAY SCHO	OL		

# **November 23, 2014**

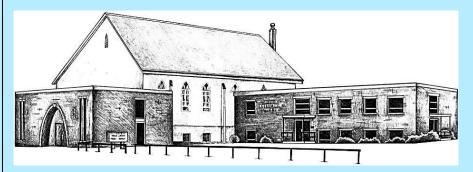


# North Kildonan Mennonite Church

1131 Roch Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2G 1S1 Website: www.northkildonanmc.com

"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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Care-Giving Ministry Team:
Gerhard & Helene Krahn
Elma Dyck Kauenhowen
Alice Pound
Frieda Vogt
James & Kim Zacharias

### Sunday, November 23, 2014 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 11:00am –Eternity Sunday / Totensonntag Worship Service Sunday School - Christmas Crafts

Organ Chorale Preludes:

Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade Max Reger Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (1873-1916)

Wer nur den lieben Gott laesst walten

O wie selig seid ihr dich, ihr Frommen
O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1896)

Ouartet What a Friend we have in Jesus

Hymn / Lied Die Zeit ist kurz, o Mensch, sei weise GB #436

Call to Worship Psalm 90

Hymn O God our Help in Ages past MH #84

Welcome, Introduction of Guests & Announcements

Sharing

Prayer of God's People

Offering Hymn Come, we that love the Lord MH #529

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** 

Quartet O loving Father, we come to you in Prayer

Poem "My Circle of Friends is Shrinking"

Hymn Under His Wings MH #575

Candle Lighting

Prayer

Quartet Auf Adlers Flügeln getragen

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

MESSAGE "WHEN LOVED ONES DIE..."

Quartet Ich werde kein Fremdling dort sein

Benediction

Hymn / Lied Wo findet die Seele die Heimat, die Ruh GB #459

*MH* – The Mennonite Hymnal GB – Gesangbuch der Mennoniten



# Worship Participants This Morning:

Guest Speakers: Pastor Gary Martens

Worship Leader: John Wiens

Greeters/Ushers: Helene Wiebe, Ursula Zapp,

Kyle Hirschfeld, Sara Peters

NKMC Quartet: Leni Lousier, Debbie Schween,

Howard Epp, Nick Peters

Organ / Piano: Peter Letkemann Audio/Visual: Heinrich Fust

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE LAST YEAR, NOVEMBER 23, 2013 – NOVEMBER 22, 2014

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| <u>Name</u>          | <b>Birthdate</b> | <b>Date Passed</b> | <u>Age</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Kaethe Noll          | Dec30-1924       | Dec23-2013         | 88         |
| Tina Baerg           | Dec30-1929       | Jan09-2014         | 84         |
| Frank Enns           | May-22-1923      | Jan28-2014         | 90         |
| Frank Martens        | Aug24-1930       | Jan31-2014         | 83         |
| Gerhard (George) Bra | un Jul27-1924    | Jun26-2014         | 89         |
| Annie Knels          | Mar03-1928       | Jul29-2014         | 86         |
| Margarethe Janzen    | Oct28-1924       | Aug26-2014         | 89         |
| Donald Klapecki      | Jun11-1956       | Sep10-2014         | 58         |
| Erich Hirschfeld     | May-19-1968      | Oct19-2014         | 46         |

~NEXT WEEK~ FIRST ADVENT ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

10:00 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL

11:00 AM COMMUNION / WORSHIP SERVICE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPEAKER PASTOR GARY MARTENS



NOVEMBER 23, 2014 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

In Hospital...

Concordia Hospital
Concordia Hos

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

Arlington Haus Katharina Wagner

**Bethania Personal Care Home:** Margarethe Baerg, Martin Bergen, Agnes Derksen, John Guenther, Anna Hildebrandt, Elizabeth Klassen,

Margarethe Klassen, Henry Klein, Dagmar Redekop, Maria Wiens

Cedarwood (Steinbach)
Donwood Manor
Irene Baron Eden Centre
Lion's Manor
Valentine Harder

Maples Personal Care Home Mary Letkemann, Anny Stein

Misericordia Care Centre

Peter Janzen

Residence Despins Hildegard Knopf
Taché Personal Care Home Rob Bell

### PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES



- 1. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Anna Funk & Ike Guenther, Erika & John Wiens, Adelheid & Phil Colosimo and Elvira Krahn on the death of Anna's sister, ELISABETH REMPEL of Germany, on November 4th, 2014. We extend our sincere sympathies and pray for God's comfort upon all the families.
- 2. **John & Erna Martens** would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and condolences they've received following the passing of John's brother Henry. They were greatly appreciated. Blessings to you all!
- 3. **Next Sunday, November 30th**, we will be celebrating communion together as we begin Advent. You are invited to check your heart to make sure that you are in good relationship with God and others as you prepare for this event
- 4. We wish to extend a warm invitation to all seniors and friends, to our annual *Ehrenfest*, which takes place on **Saturday**, **December 6th at 5:30 pm**, in the Church basement. Please come and enjoy the program, as we spend time in fellowship together. A cold supper & dessert will be served. **Anyone wishing to be picked up should please contact the Church office at 663-5059 by Friday, December 5th.**
- 5. Our annual **Ladies' Christmas Celebration** takes place on **Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm.** We invite all women and girls to this annual tradition of mothers, daughters and grandmothers and their friends celebrating the Christmas Season. Donations of baked items are appreciated. Willing Helpers (2nd half) will meet at **1:15 pm**.
- 6. The Sunday School department is looking for someone who would be willing to sew a few costumes for the Christmas Eve service. If you are able to help, please contact Shauna Zacharias at 204-946-1286 or email at s.zacharias@gen-x.ca
- 7. In the New Year, the Worship Committee has planned to focus Sunday mornings on issues in our lives. Some topics we are pursuing are: mental illness, depression, aging, death, struggling relationships, chronic pain, and wealth. If you would like to participate in the planning of any of these services or if there are others you would like to see us address, please talk to Pastor Gary.
- 8. **July 21-26, 2015** The Mennonite World Conference will be held in Harrisburg, PA. For more information, check out the website <a href="www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015">www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015</a>. Talk to Pastor Gary if you are interested in attending.
- 9. It's still not too late to get your **2015 NEUKIRCHENER KALENDAR**. Suggested donation is \$30 per calendar. Please make your cheques payable to **Mennonite Church Manitoba** and drop them off at the church office by **Monday, December 8, 2014.** A combined order will be submitted at that time. **If you have any questions, please call Liana in the office at 663-5059.**

- 10. I'm working on the December calendar and newsletter this week, so please have your calendar information, or anything you would like to have added to the newsletter in to me no later than Wed., the 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! ~Liana
- 11. The **2014 Annual Reports** are being produced a little differently this year. Reports from all groups are required to be submitted to the office **NO LATER THAN 4PM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**<sup>TH</sup>! Those reports received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be added to the **Financial Reports** which are required in the office **NO LATER THAN 4PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 5**<sup>TH</sup>! This will ensure that everyone has ample time to read the report before the Annual General Meeting, which will be taking place on **January 24, 2015**.

| 12. ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2014 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Attendance – Sanctuary                          | 138        |
| General Donations                               | \$2.623.00 |
| Memorial Fund in memory of Else & Peter Peters  | \$100.00   |
| Memorial Fund in memory of Gerhard Neufeld      | \$75.00    |
| Memorial Fund in memory of Jacob Wall           | \$25.00    |

Budget Update – Receipts up to the end of October total \$216,531 or 63% of our Budget. To meet all our budget commitments for this year we require an additional \$126,469. We very much appreciate your generosity but also ask that you please prayerfully consider your giving, in order to meet our financial commitments.

#### BEYOND NKMC...

### 13. WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE - WMC - (204-775-7111)

You are invited to attend **Westgate's Merry Evening** fundraising event on **Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm at Pantages Theatre**. The show features Westgate's Concert Choir and Band, Brooke Van Ryssel, The WhizBang Shufflers and comedian Matt Falk. Tickets are available by calling Edith at the school office at (204) 775-7111. \$100 tickets include a 6:15 reception prior to the 7:30 show; \$40 tickets for the show only, and special \$20 tickets for students. Come experience Westgate's talented community!

## 14. CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY – CMU (204-487-3300)

The Grand Opening Ceremony of Marpeck Commons (CMU's library and bridge capital project at 2299 Grant Ave), will take place at **1:30 PM on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Commons. This Ceremony is part of a larger **Public Open House** planned between **11:00 am** – **3:00 pm** on that day. You are also invited to take in either of two *Christmas at CMU* concerts that day, at **2:30 PM and 7:00 PM**, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.

**CMU Bookstore Moving Sale - On now through December 4, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.** Huge discounts! Many books priced at \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, discounted CD's, children's picture books, Christian fiction, boxed greeting cards, journals, devotionals, Bibles, and more. Don't miss the sale, ends December 4, while supplies last.

#### 14. CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY – (204-487-3300) continued

**Volunteers Needed -** CMU needs your help to move library, bookstore, and resource centre materials to their new home in the newly constructed Marpeck Commons. If you or any of your family or friends is available to help during December 8-17, please contact Shirley Thiessen at <a href="mailto:sthiessen@cmu.ca">sthiessen@cmu.ca</a> or 204-487-3300.

**NO Application Fee** if you **apply to CMU** for next fall before November 30! Don't delay – go to <a href="www.cmu.ca">www.cmu.ca</a> to check out exemplary academics in our Christian university. Degree programs and courses in arts, science, theology, business, and music!

### 15. MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MCC (204-261-6381)

- MCC Canada welcomes applications for the Donor Relations Coordinator -Global Family Program. Interested individuals are asked to contact <a href="mailto:loriobirek@mennonitecc.ca">loriobirek@mennonitecc.ca</a> with a cover letter and resume by December 1, 2014. View the complete description at <a href="http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/donor-relations-coordinator-global-family-program">http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/donor-relations-coordinator-global-family-program</a>.
- 16. **Canzona**, under the Artistic Direction of Dr. Elroy Friesen, will be performing J. S. Bach's "*Magnificat*" and G. F. Handel's "*Dixit Dominus*", and will be joined by the University of Manitoba Singers for the magnificent opening chorus of J.S. Bach's "*Nun ist die Heil und die Kraft*" from Cantata 50. The concert takes place <u>Tonight</u>, 7:30pm at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 525 Wardlaw Ave. & Nassau St. N. Tickets are \$30 Adults, \$24 Seniors and \$15 Students, and can be purchased at McNally Booksellers or at the door.
- 17. You Are Invited! Festival of Christmas Praise Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, R.W. Affleck Chapel Providence Campus, Otterburne, MB. Providence is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival of Christmas Praise. Celebrate with us through festive carols and songs of the season!
- 18. **First Mennonite Church Choir** is presenting Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata No. 61, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* and Franz Schubert's Mass in G with orchestral accompaniment on **Sunday, November 30, 2014** at **First Mennonite Church, 922 Notre Dame Avenue at 7:00 p.m.** Soloists are Karis Wiebe, soprano, Daniel Peasgood, tenor and Howard Rempel, bass. Admission is free. Please join us to sing in the Advent season!
- 19. **Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery** 600 Shaftesbury Blvd (south campus, CMU) **Opening: November 28, 7:30pm** (with refreshments by Edible Alchemy) *Women Wielding Knives: Exploring Power in Domesticity,* Jodi Hildebrand (ground floor, curated by Jaimie Isaac); and *A Thread, a Thought, a Knot*, Chantel Mierau (upper floor); two artists at the MHC Gallery, **November 28, 2014 to January 17, 2015**. Please bring some non-perishable food for a hamper donation.

- 20. Faith and Life Women's Chorus and Faith and Life Male Choir Christmas Concerts will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, and December 7<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm at Steinbach Mennonite Church.
- 21. The **Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** will be performing *Taurins Conducts Messiah*, on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm.** They have added the *Messiah Sing-Along*, **Friday, December 12, 7:30pm** as well. For every ticket purchased, the WSO will give **20% of all sales back to our church!** If more than 100 tickets are sold, the church will receive 25% of the sales. Tickets must be purchased through the WSO box office, and you must mention the code **NKMC**.

## Psalm 90:1-6, 12 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place

throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

<sup>4</sup> A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.