

YOUTH:

Sunday, Dec 3 - Grade 9-12 afternoon at the movies! Studio Ghibli's Howl's Moving Castle is going to be playing at Polo Park on this day only - so we're going!!! Long live Miyazaki!

Sunday, Dec 10 - There is a final congregational special meeting to cover the last 2 items of the Task Force's recommendations. This is taking place in the basement immediately following the worship service, and a light lunch will be provided for those who attend. The children will be served lunch up in the MPR to allow parents to attend the meeting. If you (grade 6 and up) would like to be part of the group in charge of child supervision during this meeting, please let me know!!! Church Council has asked if some of the youth could be there to supervise. After the lunch, I thought we could turn a movie on.

Friday, December 15: JR YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY! Grades 6-9, 6:00-9:00pm. It'll be an appetizer potluck. Bring an appetizer along to share, and we'll eat together and then watch the classic Christmas movie Gremlins! Drinks and dessert will be provided. I'll have the ovens ready to go if anyone needs something heated up.

Westgate News

Please join us for an evening of music celebrating Christmas on **Monday, December 4th, 7:00 pm** at Westminster United Church. This special evening will feature our Junior students, Senior School Chorus and Senior Concert Band. All are welcome. Admission is free. An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the event with the remainder being donated to the Christmas Cheer Board.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate: If you ordered, please pick up your **Sobey's Gift Cards** by this **Friday Dec. 8** from **Westgate**.

The **Winnipeg Singers celebrates** the season with a Medieval Christmas, Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m. at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. Lloyd Pfautsch's "Day for Dancing" will be performed along with other medieval carols. Guests joining the Singers are "The Hammers", Susan and Paul, Laurel Ridd, flute, Caitlin Broms-Jacob, oboe, Victoria Sparks, percussion.

Tickets: Noreen Gafic, 204- 772-8113 or online at www.winnipegsingers.com

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF WINNIPEG

DECEMBER 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(10:00 a.m.)



GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Women's Choir

Call to Worship

Sleep Little Jesus (by Robert Preston)

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Candle Lighting

Hymn #172 (HWB)

O come, o come, Immanuel

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Feature

Offering Hymn #175 (HWB)

O saviour, rend the heavens

Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Women's Choir *Stars are for those who lift their eyes (by Pauline Delmonte)*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Message

"Where is God?"

Hymn #182 (HWB)

O how shall I receive thee

RESPONDING

Communion

Bread – Hymn #471 (HWB)

Eat this Bread

Wine – Women's choir

Suesser die Glocken

SENDING

Prayer and Benediction

Hymn #105 (HWB)

Hark the herald angels sing

Postlude

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark von Kampen

Message: Rev. Kathy Koop

Women's Choir Conductor: Karis Wiebe

Accompanist: Alanna Fast

Children's Feature: Leanne Peters

Your offering contributes to the general work of the Church, unless otherwise indicated on the envelopes provided.

In keeping with our vision to be instruments of God's grace and our mission to minister to human beings with love and compassion, First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg commits to being a safe, welcoming and inclusive community for all persons who gather here. We celebrate the image of God in persons of every ability, age, race, gender and sexual orientation. We affirm full participation in church membership, leadership, and marriage regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. We commit to respond clearly, with support and accountability, in matters of harassment and prejudice. First Mennonite Church commits to being a place where faith and life can grow and flourish.

TODAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Communion

11:15 a.m. FMC Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Church Choir Concert - Gloria from Vivaldi

THIS WEEK

Thurs, Dec 7: **7:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

Sun, Dec 10: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

11:15 a.m. FMC Orchestra Rehearsal

11:15 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting

***Offering Envelopes for 2018** are now available for pick up in the basement.

On Nov. 19, 2017 insufficient time remained to consider recommendations from two sections of the Task Force Report on budget shortfall solutions. A meeting will be held to do so on **SUNDAY morning, December 10, 2017 at 11:15 a.m.** (after the worship service). A light lunch will be served, for which a silver collection will be taken.

To remind members of what is to be discussed, a meeting agenda is included in your bulletin today. Members are encouraged to attend.

After the children's item on Dec. 3rd and 10th all children and youth are invited to go to the multi-purpose room to practice for the 3rd Advent service on Dec. 17th. There is no Sunday School during Advent.

One of the Poinsettias in the sanctuary has been placed in memory of Henry Kroeker who passed away 5 years ago on December 13, 2012.

FMC sends notices of deaths for publication in Canadian Mennonite magazine. If you have privacy concerns about this, please contact the church office.

Please fill out and place in the offering basket or at the office.

Congregational Care Committee is beginning to look ahead to **Advent visits for our over 85 year old member!!** This important ministry of the church takes a lot of organization and you can help us in the following way. Please fill out the below section and drop off in the offering bag or at the church office.

Name: _____

(Please check where applicable)

____ I have done visits last year and would like to **visit the same people**

____ I have done visits in the last year and **I am open to visiting new people**

____ I have not visited but would like to try making visits.

____ I am **not interested or able** to make visits this year.

CMU News

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre presents the book launch of **Life at the End of Us vs Them**, by Marcus Peter Rempel. Thursday Dec. 7, 7:00 PM at CMU's Marpeck Commons. For more information go to www.commonword.ca/go/1410.

Consider enrolling in a 2nd semester CMU evening course for credit or audit. Choose from a range of options including: Principles and Paradigms of Youth Ministry; Who is Jesus?; Fundamentals of Marketing; Organizational Leadership; Advanced Journalism; History of North American Conservatism; Study of Voluntary Simplicity; The Art of Peacebuilding...and many more. Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.

CMU's **Sunday@CMU** radio program is featuring Dr. Andrew Dyck, Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, on the theme of Advent, Jesus Christ's second coming, and what it means to live as a faithful Christian. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio and online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

MCC News

Christmas Giving - 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 today.

MCC Canada welcomes applications for Director of Fundraising & Communications based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until December 22. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/director-fundraising-communications

SALT - If you're interested in a year long cross-cultural internship or work experience in a faith-based context, consider applying for SALT 2017-18! We're looking for communicators, educators, French or Spanish speakers, development grads, peacebuilders, nurses, IT experts, social workers, and more. Young adults ages 18-30, apply today at <http://mccmb.ca/salt>.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Faith and Life Choir Christmas Concerts, "The Glory of the Lord", on Saturday, December 16, 2017, 7 p.m. at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, and Sunday, December 17, 2017, 3 p.m. at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Altona.