

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Mennonite Church Manitoba is accepting applications for the position of Associate Program Director of Camping Ministries (APD). The APD oversees all aspects of our summer and winter programs and provides on-going support and training to all summer program staff and volunteers. This is a 1.0 fte position. The application deadline is September 21, 2017. For more information please visit our "News" page at www.campswithmeaning.org.

Walk the Talk on Saturday, Sept. 23 - Come join your voice in the call for the federal government to Walk the Talk of reconciliation! Events begin with a walk at 1PM and will conclude at 6:30 PM at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (177 Dysart Rd) where the **main gathering** with stories and music will take place at 6:30 PM. Learn more at www.adoptandimplement.com

Are you a student at the University of Manitoba? Come check out the U of M Menno Office (room 102D University Centre) where all are welcome to come hang out, make new friends, reconnect with old friends, enjoy good food, music and conversations about faith, life and everyday stuff. If you have questions call 204-474-969.

Mennonite Church Canada

Special Delegate Assembly 2017 (Oct. 13-15, Wpg.): Discernment Documents will be available by Sunday, Aug. 13, at www.futuredirectionsmc.ca. These documents share important background and proposals for the re-organization of our Five Area Churches and MC Canada. Register for Special Assembly by September 8 and save \$\$\$. Register online at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>.

We need your voices! Youth are wanted at the 2017 Special Delegate Assembly, held in Winnipeg from October 13-15. Emerging Voices Initiative (EVI) is partnering with Mennonite Church Canada to invite financial support available to any youth interested in attending the gathering, with no need to apply. EVI will also be providing youth programming related to the Future Directions process. For more info, visit <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017>.

Celebrate the 13 Teams that have already registered for Ride for Refuge Team on **Saturday, Sept. 30!** *Become a team captain and encourage the ministry of Witness workers who live far from home and families as they serve the church through International Minsistry.* Register at <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca> or contact Jason Martin at jmartin@mennonitechurch.ca or (226) 747-1833.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF WINNIPEG

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

(10:00 a.m.)

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Church Choir *When in our Music God is Glorified (Charles Engelberg)*

Call to Worship

Hymn (insert)

This House

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Hymn #324 (HWB)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Litany of Commitment (From Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 12:2)

Leader: Today we celebrate the greatness of our God – the one who created us with minds to learn, and who opens our hearts to understand that biblical learning is for God's glory and for our good.

People: We are a reflection of God's light; wanting children to experience the transforming power of God's love and to shine God's light in the world. Arise, let your light shine.

Leader: We are thankful for **teachers** who teach about God's word. We are thankful for **students** who see the light of God's word unfold before them as they study. We are thankful for a **congregation** who encourages and supports the students in their efforts.

People: Let us look to God and be radiant. Let us reflect the brightness, as nothing can hide God's glorious light. Arise, let your light shine.

Leader: Together, Lord, we promise to study and use our biblical learning each day, as we serve you faithfully. We give you all the praise, honor and glory.

All : *We believe that expressing our faith through lives of compassionate peacemaking and service to others shows that the light is stronger than darkness.*

Offering Hymn #545 (HWB)

Be thou my vision

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Church Choir

Thy Will be Done (Joyce Elaine Eilers)

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-15

Message

"Renewed Faith Commitment"

Hymn (insert)

Listen, God is calling

SENDING

Church Choir
Benediction
Hymn #420 (HWB)
Postlude

Dank sei dir Herr (Thanks be to Thee)

Heart with loving heart united

Worship Leader: Rev Mark von Kampen
Church Choir Conductor: Yuri Klaz
Organist: Robert Neufeld

Message: Rev Kathy Koop
Accompanist: Maddy Hildebrand

Following the service, please join us for refreshments & fellowship in the basement. Thank you to the Tabitha Circle for serving us today! Donations for the coffee and goodies will be directed toward the Nursery Renovations.

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

TODAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sunday School Teacher Dedication)

1:00 p.m. Youth kick-off

THIS WEEK

Tue, Sept 12: ***10:30 a.m. Morija Circle***

Wed, Sept 13 ***12:00 p.m. Tabitha Circle***

Thurs, Sept 14: ***7:30 p.m. Choir Practice***

Sun, Sept 17: ***10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sunday School)***

FMC Youth kick-off is today!!! Grades 6+ are welcome and encouraged to come from 1-3pm to the church basement for ice cream floats and games! Friends are welcome. See you there!

Are you willing to serve as First Mennonite Church's delegate at the Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Special Delegate Assembly that is taking place ***October 13-15, 2017*** in Winnipeg? If you are willing, please contact Kathy Koop (204-772-2419 or kathykoop@mymts.net) ***by September 14***. Delegates are expected to read the background materials and attend a meeting of all FMC delegates prior to the assembly. The registration fee is \$275 before September 15 and includes all meals. Upon request and to the extent that funds are available, Church Council may approve some financial assistance for a member to attend.

This past week, on September 7, CMU's Emeriti faculty invited the CMU community to celebrate the launch of ***a book authored by our member Waldemar Janzen***, a CMU Emeriti Professor (Old Testament), who has written a book about the life of his father entitled *Wladimir Janzen, Teacher, Minister, and Gulag Survivor*. We congratulate Waldemar Janzen on this accomplishment. Books will be available in FMC's basement on September 24 and October 1.

Are you interested in exploring questions of faith and church membership? We are looking at offering an opportunity for discussion once or twice a month on a Sunday morning from October until March. Please contact the church office or any of the ministers if you are interested.

Sunday School Teachers 2017 – 2018

Age 3 & 5:

Nathan Hoepfner and Arik Engbrecht
(Need 1 more teacher)

Grade 1 & 2:

Jennifer Derksen
Tara Giesbrecht
Sabina Loewen

Grade 3 & 4:

Lindsay Harms
(Need 1 more teacher)

Grade 5 & 6:

Emma Berg and Rudi Engbrecht
(Need 1 more teacher from Sept – Dec.)

Grades 7:

Anne-Marie Klassen and Nancy Ens

Grades 8 & 9:

Colin Bock and Lara Schroeder

Grades 10 – 12:

Erika Enns-Rodine

Coordinator:

Donna Martens

Bethania Group

The Bethania and Pembina place Annual Spiritual Care Fundraising Dinner will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at Douglas Mennonite Church (1517 Rothesay St.) Dinner – 6:00 pm. "Featured Performance by – Encore Vocal Quartet. For tickets, please contact Bethania no later than Monday, September 18th at 204-667-0795 or erna.wiebe@bethania.ca. Donations will be accepted at the event.

CMU News

CMU friends and alumni – you're invited to Fall@CMU Sept 22-23. Join us on Friday, September 22 at 7:00 pm to celebrate Distinguished Alumni Stories and to open a new academic year. Class Reunions, Menno Cross Cycle-cross races for all ages, Farmer's Market, BBQ lunch and MPK Folk Festival will take place on Saturday. See cmu.ca/fallatcmu for full details.

MCC News

We Are All Treaty People Celebration - September 17, 2017, 1 pm @The Forks. Come out to the Forks, near the Provencher Bridge, for food, music, games and more to build and celebrate relationships, raising awareness for Treaty 1. For more information visit mccmb.ca/events

A Cry for Home - Everyone needs a home — where families are safe and secure, where their basic needs are met, where they can come and go freely, and where they can imagine a future. But that is not the reality for Palestinians — or even for some Israelis. This fall, MCC invites you to listen to their stories and hear their cry — A Cry for Home. Find out more about the new campaign at mccmb.ca/cry-for-home and join us for the Manitoba launch at Sam's Place, 159 Henderson Hwy, on September 21 at 7 pm.

Treasurer's Report - Eight months ending August 31, 2017

General Fund	This Year Actual	This Year YTD Budget	Over/ (Under) Budget
Total Donations & Misc. Receipts	297,301	277,800	19,501
Salaries & Related Expenses	191,210	190,400	810
Building Expenses	38,237	27,200	11,037
Church Administration & Program Expenses	43,364	44,300	(936)
Support to Conferences & Organizations	89,420	89,420	-
Total Disbursements	362,231	351,320	10,911
Net Receipts	(64,930)	(73,520)	8,590

Notes:

Donations: 7% higher than budgeted. We're on track for a \$12,000 deficit at year-end.

Building Exp: Over budget in Snow Clearing (\$3100), Heating Repairs (\$2500), Closing KFC (\$1600), Plumbing Repairs (\$2,000); Utilities (\$1,000)

Operating Exp: Under Budget re Credit for Defective Christmas Trees (\$1500),

Donation Summary to August 31, 2017

Month	General Fund Receipts		
	This Year	Last Year	Difference
January	33,147	37,342	-4,195
February	30,073	27,329	2,744
March	37,711	30,515	7,196
April	56,466	44,599	11,867
May	44,786	36,035	8,751
June	33,962	43,023	-9,061
July	32,312	24,567	7,745
August	24,401	22,186	2,215
YTD Total	292,858	265,596	27,262

Note: April 2017 has an extra Sunday
and May 2017 has one less Sunday

If you or anyone you know is in **need of transportation to church on Sunday** morning and live in the West part of the city please contact the office. If anyone else is interested in providing rides from other parts of the city please call the office.

Calling all who wish to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! (albeit one regulated by a conductor) Yuri Klaz and the FMC Choir warmly invite all interested persons to come for fellowship and singing on Thursday evenings. (September-June). Rehearsals begin at 7:30pm in the choir loft. You may join for Sunday services only, Concerts only, or both Sundays and concerts! If you would like more information please email Lori Klassen at philori@hotmail.com, or speak with any chorister. Looking forward to seeing you in the loft!

This year the **Congregational Care Committee** wants to explore **prayer as a form of care** for each other. We have a few ideas but we are also interested in your thoughts. Please pay attention to upcoming announcements and if you are interested or have some ideas please contact David Driedger or Kirsten Schroeder.

First Mennonite Church junior choir invites all those in grades 1-8 to come and practice on Wednesdays at church from 6-7pm. Bring interested friends from church and your home area to join us and talk it up at church and **Sunday** school. This year we're looking for a minimum number of 20 committed singers to make a go of the 2017/18 choir season. Our planned start date is **October 4th!** For questions and registration **contact Monica Bock at 2cmbhome@gmail.com by the registration deadline of September 20, 2017. RSVP either way if you have sung in past years and will or will not be returning.**

Invitation to participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry at First Mennonite Church.

What is it? The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started in 1998 by Janet Severi Bristol and Victoria Galo while studying at The Hartford Seminary. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Bristol and Galo state that, "*Shawls are symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles ...*"

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (or would like to learn) and wish to participate in this new FMC ministry, please contact Rev. Kathy Koop by September 24.

Mission Sale October 1, 2017 - With our Mission Sale approaching, it is a good time to can, bake, sew or make your wonderful contributions to our annual sale! Your donations of these items as well as fresh produce, plants and herbs will be gratefully accepted on the morning of the sale, which will be held on **Sunday, October 1** after the service. Miscellaneous items should be new or gently used, pre-priced by the donor and delivered to the church on Saturday, September 30. Any miscellaneous items not sold should be taken home by the donor at the end of the sale. Thank you for your contributions to this important event!

This House (shall be called)

vs 1 from the Jamaican church
vs 2 M. von Kampen

Intro
swing eighths

This house shall be called a place of re - stor - a -
Come my chil - dren come and love one an - oth -

- tion a place where the bro - ken
- er and feast on the ban - quet

are made whole heal - ing wa - ter flows
I have pre - pared O - pen wide the gates

and mer - - cy a - bounds here My
that ev'ry - one may en - ter for

Spir - it a - bides here says the Lord
my in - vi - ta - tion's to be shared

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Listen, God is calling

NENO LAKE MUNGU

Refrain

Leader, freely All, in tempo

Lis - ten: lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.

1 Je - sus tells his peo - ple: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

that he came to save us and sets us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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