

### Youth Announcements:

**Sunday, today - Jr & Sr Youth;** we'll be meeting all together (Jr and Sr youth) to check out the MennoFolk art exhibit that's on for another week or so, which features our very own Sara Dyck and Rick Unger. It's pretty close to church (I think on Sargent somewhere?), but if any parents would be interested in coming along to take a look as well, and help provide rides, that'd be most welcome! We had also talked about going for treats at McDonalds after. Fun for the whole family! Plan to **meet at church at 2pm and be done at 3:30.** Bring a few bucks for your cold treat.

**Sunday, March 25** - We're going to be experimenting with dying eggs using natural ingredients (red cabbage, yellow onions, beets and turmeric!) We'll make the dying solutions first, then eat lunch while they cool and set (bring your own lunchbag) and then we'll colour the eggs! Done at 2pm.

### College and Career

**Sunday, today - Movie Night 7 pm TONIGHT** - meet at Mark's place. We're watching "A Man Called Ove" - a quirky Danish comedy. Bring some sort of snacky thing to share.

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*"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."*

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## FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF WINNIPEG

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**

**LENT 5**

(10:00 a.m.)

### GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Special Music

*We come (Jim Croegaert)*

Call to Worship

### Confession and Lenten Candle Liturgy

L: Lord you have seen that it is not good for us to be alone.

P: **We long for meaningful connection and intimate relationships.**

L: Lord we confess that we have not always known how to make or maintain these relationships.

P: **Grow in us only a love that is attentive to how love can grow in others.**

L: Forgive us when our love and our desires extend beyond what is good for us and good for others.

P: **Surprise us with new desires that are large and life-giving.**

L: Restrain us when we wander too far from what love is calling us to.

**All: And in all things restore us again and again to your abundant love and infinite desire for us.**

### Hymn (insert)

*From ashes to the living fount*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Feature

### Offertory Hymn #12 (HWB)

*Come let us all unite to sing*

Dedication of Offering

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

*Have Mercy (Gord Johnson)*

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-13

Message

*"Sexuality gone wild "*

### Hymn #377 (HWB)

*Healer of our every ill*

### SENDING

Special Music

*I have decided (Michael Card)*

Prayer and Benediction

### Hymn #305 (HWB)

*Where charity and love prevail*

Postlude

*Worship Leader: Rev. David Driedger*

*Message: Rev. Kathy Koop*

*Special Music: Mark von Kampen, Karen Barg, Dale Kraubner*

*Organist: Robert Neufeld*

*Children's Feature: Karen Friesen*

*Following the service, please join us for refreshments & fellowship in the basement.  
Thank you to the Vereneke Vimmen for serving us today!*

*Your offering contributes to the general work of the Church unless designated for a fund, program or project approved by Council.*

### THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### TODAY SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

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

**11:15 a.m. Adult Education - Saved! Now? Repeatedly? Later? Ever?: Sin and the Easter Story**

#### THIS WEEK

Tues, Mar 20: **7:00 p.m. Christian Formation Meeting**

Thu, Mar 22: **7:30 p.m. Church Choir Practice**

Sun, Mar 25: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Sunday School)**

#### Upcoming Events!

**March 27, 2018** – Meet at the Assiniboine Park Zoo.

**March 28, 2018** – FMC Chefs (spend some time together preparing a meal and then having lunch together)

**March 30, 2018** – Good Friday Communion Service at 10 a.m.

Choir Concert at 7 p.m. **“Lobgesang by Felix Mendelssohn”**

**Tabitha Circle will be selling and serving Paska on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018.**

Please come and join us for Paska and coffee.

**Opportunity for refugee support.** We are always looking for designated donations for the ongoing work of refugee support but we are also currently looking for a **small chest freezer** to help in the meal planning for Fabiola and her family. If you or someone you know can donate one please contact the church office.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of First Mennonite** by transferring your membership from a different church to First Mennonite or **would like to become a member** upon your confession of faith, please contact one of the ministers: Rev. Kathy Koop at [kathykoop@mymts.net](mailto:kathykoop@mymts.net), Rev. David Driedger at [daviddriedger@mymts.net](mailto:daviddriedger@mymts.net), or Rev. Mark von Kampen at [mvonkampen@gmail.com](mailto:mvonkampen@gmail.com)

Back by popular demand, there will be a **Music and Poetry Evening** here at First Mennonite Church on **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm!** Please start thinking of a song to play or sing, or a poem to read or recite. Get a group together or perform solo, or plan to be in the audience for another fun evening together! For more details or to sign up, please contact Henry Klassen at [haklass@mymts.net](mailto:haklass@mymts.net) or Barb Hodge at [barb@hodgefamily.ca](mailto:barb@hodgefamily.ca).

### Mennonite Church Manitoba

**Mennonite Church Manitoba invites applications** for the part time position of Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister. For more information please visit [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca). Please note that this is a different position than the recent ad for an Executive Assistant for Mennonite Church Canada.

**Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concert: "Send Forth Thy Spirit"** on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg and on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Steinbach Mennonite Church in Steinbach, Manitoba.

**Mennonite Women Manitoba** invite you to Resilience Road: struggles, steps and strategies, a day for women. April 28, 9:30-3:00 at the Charleswood Mennonite Church. Resource person; Dr. Moira Somers Ph.D Clinical Neuropsychologist. To register email or call Kathy Giesbrecht [kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca) 204-896-1616 ext; 268 by April 20th. Registration fee; \$50.00 ( includes lunch) More information at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) Event page.

### CMU News

On **Thursday, Apr. 5, 7:00 PM**, plan to attend **“Spring at CMU,”** an evening of celebration in support of CMU. Featured: CMU PAX Award to Steve Bell; music by Steve Bell and CMU Singers; short reflections from faculty, alumni, and students. Contact Joyce Friesen at [jfriesen@cmu.ca](mailto:jfriesen@cmu.ca) to reserve a seat or [cmu.ca/springatcmu](http://cmu.ca/springatcmu) for more information.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to **CMU Open House** on Mar. 27. Meet faculty, student council, athletics staff, student life staff, and current students. Attend a class or chapel, enjoy free gelato, and learn about the printing press with students from Spy Tower Press. For more information see [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

Attend one of the upcoming **CMU musical events**. See [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events) for info.

- **Vespers Service** “Preparing for Easter” today 7:00 PM in Laudamus Auditorium
- **Bach on the Bridge** Mar. 21 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM and 12:00 -1:30 PM Marpeck Commons Bridge
- **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached** Mar. 25 at 7:00 PM Laudamus Auditorium (Admission \$5)
- **Jazz at CMU and Concert Band** Apr. 4 at 7:00 PM CMU Chapel (Admission \$5)

### MHC Gallery

Exhibit Openings featuring **Anthony Chiarella and Faye Hall, inspired by Malcolm Guite**, Fri., March 16, 7pm, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., south campus Canadian Mennonite University. Exhibits run until May 5.

## MCC News

### **IVEP Night - Thursday, March 22, 7 pm (159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg)**

Every year we welcome young adults from around the world through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). Join us at Sam's Place as Winnipeg IVEP participants share a taste of their home countries: Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Palestine, Swaziland and Zimbabwe!

**From Our Family to Yours: Spring break kit packing** - Looking for a meaningful way to spend time with your child or grandchild over the spring break? Come pack relief kits and learn about MCC's relief work around the world on March 28th, at 2pm or 6:30pm. Limited space, RVSP to Sophia Bezopenko at [sophiabezopenko@mccmb.ca](mailto:sophiabezopenko@mccmb.ca) or 204-261-6381. For more details, visit [mccmb.ca/spring-break-kits](http://mccmb.ca/spring-break-kits).

**Sargent MCC Thrift Shop welcomes applications for part-time Assistant Manager.** Applications will be accepted until a successful candidate is chosen. For more information and application instructions, please visit [mccmb.ca/sargent-thrift-assistant-manager](http://mccmb.ca/sargent-thrift-assistant-manager).

**Film Screening: Seven Points on Earth on Thursday, March 29, 7 PM @159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg** - Join us at Sam's Place as MCC Low German Mennonite Services hosts a screening of Royden Loewen and Paul Plett's film *Seven Points on Earth*, a documentary about 7 Mennonite farmers around the world.

## Westgate

**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate** is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2018-19 school year. Applications are available on the Westgate website ([www.westgatemennonite.ca](http://www.westgatemennonite.ca)) or by calling the school at [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111).

**Westgate Parent Council:** Our **Cookie Dough Fundraiser is on!** (from the same manufacturer as Subway cookies)! If you are interested to order *please find a Westgate student* (if they don't find you first) and they can give you the details on ordering as orders go directly through the student. Students must have all orders and money returned to the school by Tuesday, March 20th, 2018. Pick-up will be on Tuesday, April 17th, 2018. Thanks in advance for your support of the P.A. and Westgate. Any questions please contact Monica Bock [2cmbhome@gmail.com](mailto:2cmbhome@gmail.com).

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**Pianist Michael McKay** will perform **Franz Liszt's "Via Crucis"**—with narrations from Anne Catherine Emmerich's "The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ"—in a candlelight "liturgical recital". The recital is a meditation on the Stations of the Cross, telling the story of Christ's passion through music and spoken word. Date and Time: Sunday, March 25, at 7:30 PM. Location: Westminster United Church (745 Westminster Avenue, Winnipeg). Admission: \$20.00, payable at the door.

**Our Fellowship Committee** is reaching out asking for **volunteers to help serve at funerals**. All are welcome to help serve. Please respond to Nancy Ens by email at [nens01@mymts.net](mailto:nens01@mymts.net). There is also a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs. We are updating our contact list at this time. When you are called or emailed, it would be appreciated if you could respond quickly to the request. Irene Kroeker and Louise Martens are the main contacts.

**Let's connect over spring break!** Consider coming out to one or both of the following events: (open to anyone)

**Tuesday, March 27** - Meet at the Assiniboine Park Zoo; Let's meet by the outdoor seating area at the Polar Bear observation area around 10am. Bring snacks and dress for the weather!

**Wednesday, March 28** - FMC Chefs; Meet at church at 10 am. We will spend some time together preparing a meal and then having lunch together. Anyone can help in the kitchen, but the kids can also feel free to play during this time. We will make soup, biscuits and sugar cookies. Talk to Erika or Kathy to let us know you're interested, or if you have any questions.

What a difference 10 years can make! Our photo directory is starting to look more like a historical document than current reflection of our congregation. It is wonderful to see how families have grown, be reminded of loved ones who have passed away, and new people who have joined. The Congregational Care Committee is looking for a few individuals willing to **organize a new photo directory**. We plan on taking pictures here at church on Sundays (or you can send in your photo). So we will need someone with an interest in photography and someone who can organize the files and information accurately and clearly. Please contact the office or David Driedger if you are interested.

The primary purpose of the **Congregational Care Committee** is to minister to and care for the members of the congregation with love and compassion. As a committee we help to coordinate that care. A key part of caregiving is having caregivers! We know that many of you already offer this on an ongoing or informal basis but we would like to build our list of those interested in visiting or offering other forms of care for the congregation. Currently there is a group knitting shawls to offer as a form of care and we hope to provide opportunities to make meals together that can be frozen and brought to those who could use them. Something as simple as offering a phone call to check in to see how people are doing can be very valuable. If you are interested in becoming more involved in how we can care for each other please contact David Driedger, Friede Thiessen, Pearl Wiebe, or Eileen Funk.

# 59 From ashes to the living fount

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1 From ash - es to the liv - ing fount your  
2 Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty your  
3 (*below*)  
4 From ash - es to the liv - ing fount, your

church must jour - ney, Lord, bap - tized in grace, in  
voice speaks deep with - in, re - turn - ing us to  
church must jour - ney still, through cross and tomb to

grace re - newed by your most ho - ly word.  
ways of truth and turn - ing us from sin.  
Eas - ter joy, in Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

## SUNDAYS I & II

- 3 From desert to the mountaintop  
in Christ our way we see,  
so, tempered by temptation's might  
we might transfigured be.

## SUNDAY III

- 3 For thirsting hearts let waters flow,  
our fainting souls revive;  
and at the well your waters give  
our everlasting life.

## SUNDAY IV

- 3 We sit beside the road and plead,  
"Come, save us, David's son!"  
Now with your vision heal our eyes,  
the world's true Light alone.

## SUNDAY V

- 3 Our graves split open, bring us back,  
your promise to proclaim;  
to darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"  
and glorify your name.