

**Youth Announcements:**

**Sunday, today** - -- Field trip to The Forks!

**Friday, May 25** – Joint Youth with Sargent, Home St, Charleswood, Bethel, and Grain of Wheat.

**Sunday, May 27 – 2:00–4:00pm** - The youth will be making rollkuchen dough - we'll cut it out and freeze it so it's ready to go the following week when we serve Watermelon & Rollkuchen during coffee time.

**Westgate News**

**Westgate Spring Concerts:** Please feel welcome to attend the Junior High Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 30 and the Senior High Spring Concert on Thursday, May 31. Both concerts will take place at Bethel Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm.

**MCC News**

**SpringFest 2018 - May 25 & 26, 2018 @134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg**  
Join us for our annual SpringFest with a quilt show and sale, BBQ lunch, plant sale and more. Proceeds will provide relief kits to families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict and disasters around the world. For more details visit [mccmb.ca/springfest](http://mccmb.ca/springfest) or call us at 204-261-6381.

**Special Event: Responding to need in DR Congo - Tuesday, May 29, 7:30 pm @1771 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg**

Join us at Fort Garry MB Church to hear Bruce Guenther, MCC director of disaster response, and Rick Cober Bauman, MCC Canada executive director, share about MCC's relief response to the crisis in DR Congo's Kasai region. RSVP to Elizabeth Kessler by May 25 at 204-261-6381 or [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca).

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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, MAY 20, 2018**  
(10:00 a.m.)

**GATHERING**

Welcome & Announcements  
Occasional Choir  
Call to Worship

*This is the Day*

Come, sing a new song of worship!

**Come, sing a new song of praise!**

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

**With joy we celebrate Pentecost.**

A day when power and comfort flowed.

**A day of hope and inspiration.**

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

**and the glory was given to the people.**

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises!

**We sing praises, indeed!**

**Hymn #1 (HWB)**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Offertory Hymn (insert)**

Dedication of Offering

***What is this place***

***God of every new beginning***

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Occasional Choir

Scripture Reading

Message

**Hymn #300 (HWB)**

*Müde bin ich*

Acts 2:1-21

*"Unsetting Winds"*

***O Holy Spirit, making whole***

**SENDING**

Occasional Choir

Prayer and Benediction

**Hymn #292 (HWB)**

Postlude

*Song of Fellowship*

***Away with our fears***

*Worship Leader: Emily Rempel*

*Occasional Choir Conductor: Henri Enns*

*Message: Rev. Kathy Koop*

*Accompanists: Alanna Fast*

***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, MAY 20, 2018**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service (No Sunday School)**

### **THIS WEEK**

Thu, May 24: **7:30 p.m. Church Choir Practice**

Fri, May 25: **7:00 p.m. Paint Nite**

Sun, May 27: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sunday School)**

**11:15 a.m. Potluck lunch - Parent-Child Celebration**

**7:00 p.m. Spring Concert (FMC Choir with Sargent Church)**

### ***A new photo directory is underway!***

- 1.) If you already have the perfect (current!) photo you can send it directly to Leanne Peters (petersle@mymts.net). She will send you a short form to fill out to make sure our records are accurate.
- 2.) If you don't have a photo to submit you can get your photo taken on May 27th in the Meeting Room across from the office before the worship service starting at 9:00 am and after the service 11:00am until noon.

You do not need to formally be a church member to be included. We invite anyone who is connected and active in our church to be a part of this important church document. Please contact Leanne Peters or David Driedger if you have any further questions.

**Junior Youth – is collecting spare change for MCC's Grow Hope** program for the next few Sunday's. Please find "the Big water jug" in the church basement.

**FMC is hosting a Paint Nite on Friday, May 25, led by Sashira Gafic.** This event is free, and is open to anyone interested in spending an evening working with watercolours. 7-9pm in the church basement. Please call or email the Church Office to register by Friday, May 18.

**Mark your calendars for another evening of wonderful music!** The Church Choir, along with the Sargent Church Choir, invites everyone to a Spring Concert taking place on Sunday, **May 27 at 7:00 pm in our church.** The choirs will present songs from their own repertoires and will also sing as a mass choir.

**Summer Special Music Scheduling** - The Worship Committee is looking towards the warmer months and *is scheduling summer services.* If you are interested in providing special music or accompaniment, please contact Sashira Gafic (sashira@gmail.com,) or Barbara-Anne Hodge (barb@hodgefamily.ca). All voices, instruments, and genres are welcome! We look forward to hearing from you!

**Garage Sale (of sorts)** - We are in the process of clearing items out of the Katherine Friesen Centre. Pictures of items available (for a donation to the church) are on our website in the Church Documents section. There will also be copies posted on the bulletin board downstairs and in front of the office. Contact the office if interested.

# God of Every New Beginning

*Unison*

1 God of ev - ery new be - gin - ning, each re - kin - dling, all fresh starts,  
2 God the Spir - it, life - be - stow - er, sing - ing wind and danc - ing fire,  
3 God In - car - nate, dwel - ling with us, Word made flesh by hu - man birth,  
4 Tri - une God, en - twined and vi - brant, nev - er - end - ing, un - be - gun,

re - a - waken - ing joy and won - der, rous - ing nerve in fear - ful hearts:  
fount of faith's i - mag - i - na - tion, hope's en - dur - ance, love's de - sire:  
Love em - bod - ied in our sto - ry, Suffer - ing Ser - vant here on earth:  
man - i - fest in three - fold splen - dor that re - mains di - verse - ly One:

shep - herd us through doubts and shad - ows; with new prom - ise prod and brace;  
come, re - new your gifts a - mong us, let them form our minds and wills;  
shape our lives by your self - giv - ing, feed - ing, heal - ing, wash - ing feet;  
teach us how our life to - geth - er forms a wit - ness to your care;

show us how our past con - nects us to your fu - ture full of grace.  
fire us with the truth that frees us; breathe a - gain the peace that stills.  
help us still be - hold your im - age in each heart and face we meet.  
through this ho - ly mys - tery may we firm - ly trust and great - ly dare.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944 - )

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942 - )

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BEACH SPRING

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**Parent-Child Celebration!** On Sunday, May 27th, we invite all to attend a potluck lunch to welcome baby Daniella (daughter of Fabiola Muhindo) and baby Juniper (daughter of Sara Kunkel and Charles Koop) into our fold. Please bring a nut-free dish to share and please consider one or more of the following ways to show support to the new parents:

A card/note with your favourite prayer, a meal delivered to their home, or a small monetary gift. Money can be given to Sashira Gafic or David Driedger prior to the potluck. If you have any questions please contact Sashira Gafic via e-mail: sashira@gmail.com, or David Driedger.

**Mission Sale - September 30, 2018** I know what you are thinking: "Isn't it a little early to start thinking about the Mission Sale?" It's never too early to start on this mission!! The organizers have expanded the scope of our mission: help our church family grow by bringing members of the Marimba family from the Congo to reunite them. This is a situation to which many of us can relate. Without the support of others, we would not have had the opportunity to worship and live the way we do here in Canada.

To grow as a church family, we need to do mission work together. To assist, we have added a new element to our Mission Sale: a Silent Auction. To make this a success, we are asking you to donate prizes to the Silent Auction. The donations do not have to be big or expensive, like a pair of Jets or Bomber tickets (although we will accept those too). A donation of your time or your talent is just as valuable. Some ideas are to make a dinner for 6, offer free babysitting for an evening, or help plant a flower garden. Perhaps you are a secret artist and have something you have made that others can enjoy or you make beautiful music and are willing to host a house concert. All donations are accepted. Please submit your donations to the Church Office.

**Can you help?** – If anyone is interested in occasionally giving rides to Fabiola and her family to church on Sundays please contact David Driedger. Pick up time has typically been 9:30am. They need room for 6. There is one driver who has agreed to work with another driver if you do not have space for all of them.

### **CMU News**

CMU and CommonWord invite you to the following book launches:

- **Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization** on May 24 with editor Steven Heinrichs and others.
- **Hope, Healing and Community: Celebrating 50 Years of Eden Health Care Services** on May 29 with author Glen Klassen.
- **Conflict Resolution in Asia: Mediation and Other Cultural Models** on May 30 with author Stephanie Stobbe.

All launches are at 7:00 PM at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. See [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events) for more information.

Church Council is calling a members' meeting for immediately after the worship service on June 3, 2018. The agenda will consist of one item, which relates to some of the decisions members took last year to implement certain Budget Deficit Task Force recommendations. Specifically, members approved Recommendations 2.2 and 2.3:

**Recommendation 2.2:** *Tear down the existing KFC and convert that land to expanded surface parking. This added parking will be a partial offset from the recommendation below.*

**Recommendation 2.3:** *Convert the existing surface parking spaces at Arlington and Notre Dame to 'for profit', rented to neighboring groups such as Health Sciences Centre staff and Sunset House tenants. Install electrical plugs for each space. These spaces will be permanent, full time rental spaces, and therefore not available to First Mennonite Church.*

Council has been working on both items. Regarding the parking lot at Arlington & Notre Dame, Council has concluded (after a cost/benefit analysis) that more revenue would be generated for less effort and cost if the lot were sold and the proceeds added to the FMCW Legacy Fund, from which FMC will receive annual grants.

Regarding the demolition of the KFC and use of the property as surface parking, a conditional use order will be required from the City to allow FMC to do so. Council has been working with City planners on this issue, and City planners have indicated that they would support FMC's application if there was no increase overall in FMC's surface parking in the area. One way FMC could achieve this is to sell the parking lot. Members already agreed, by approving recommendation 2.3, that these parking spaces would not be available for parking by members. Council is asking members to consider whether FMC can commit to selling the lot or ensuring that it is used for something other than parking within the next two years, in exchange for support of its application for permission to use the KFC property as surface parking.

**"Being the Church Together"** – Survey Forms. *At our congregational meeting on December 10, 2017 members of FMC voted that members complete annually a Stewardship Affirmation form by which each member would indicate how they plan to contribute to the Church for the following year by voluntary service and financial resources. Forms inviting you to share how you plan to contribute by voluntary service have been distributed through the bulletin and are available in three locations, one in front of the Church Office, one in the Church Foyer and one in the Basement adjacent to the Library. Please drop off the completed forms by the end of May. Thank-you! Please remember to put your name on the form.*