

Youth Announcements:

Sunday, Today –Christmas Baking! We will be serving coffee again mid-December in our ongoing effort to raise funds for our youth trip to Youth Assembly this summer, so we'll be baking some Christmas goodies to serve next time. Great work last week, by the way! - that went really well, and a special shout out to Ryan & Haley who did tremendous work with the dishwasher!!!

Sunday, Dec 9 - Christmas party!

College and Career

Staying in touch - If you're not getting emails of regular events email mvonkampen@gmail.com to get on the contact list. We're also gathering cell numbers to stay in touch by text. Text yours to David Dyck.

In Winnipeg It's Christmas! The Winnipeg Singers invite you to a delightful afternoon of carols on **Sunday, December 9, 3:00 p.m.** Westworth United Church. Get into the Christmas spirit with Manitoba & Canadian composers, W.H. Anderson, Esther Beresford, Jesse Krause, Ed Henderson & Michael McKay Tickets at McNally's, online or at the door.

"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

DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Watching and Waiting

(10:00 a.m.)



GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

FMC Orchestra

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

People: **We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

People: **Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.**

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Advent Hymn (insert)

Longing for Light

Hymn #186 (HWB)

Fling wide the door, under the gate

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Feature

Offering: FMC Orchestra

Pacem Noel

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

FMC Orchestra

Welchen Jubel

New Testament Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Message

"God dreams for us"

Hymn #182 (HWB)

Oh, how shall I receive thee

RESPONDING

Communion

Bread – Hymn #471(HWB)

Eat this Bread

Wine

WE GO FORTH

Benediction

Hymn #172

Postlude

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark von Kampen

FMC Orchestra Conductor: Emily Hodge

Children's Feature: Colin Bock

Message: Rev. Kathy Koop

Organist: Robert Neufeld

Candle lighters: Sara Kunkel and Charles Koop

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

TODAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Communion

Sunday School – Children's program rehearsal (after the Children's item)

7:00 p.m. Church Choir Concert –For Us a Child is Born

THIS WEEK

Wed, Dec 5: **7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Handmaid of the Lord**

Thurs, Dec 6: **6:00 p.m. Women's Choir Practice**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sun, Dec 9: **10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Sunday School – Children's program rehearsal

11:30 a.m. FMC Senior Citizens Homes (Sunset House)

Membership Meeting

***Offering Envelopes for 2019** are now available for pick up in the basement.

Annual Congregational Meeting: The ACM will be held on Sunday, **February 10, 2019. All Committee reports** are due in the Church office by Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Christmas cards as well as visitor information for Advent visits are available in front of the church office. Please contact Friede Thiessen, Pearl Wiebe or David Driedger if you have any questions.

Please join us on Saturday, December 15 at 7:00 pm for a special evening of music when we will hear **Handmaid of the Lord**, an original musical telling the Christmas Story with narration by our own Henri Enns; soloists include Monika Wall, Jessica Rae Ayre (from Sweet Alibi), Aaron Hutton, Wes Rambo (from Those Guys), Sam Plett and the Nativity Chorus conducted by Elroy Friesen. (Freewill offering). You are invited to come join the nativity chorus! Rehearsals will take place at our church on December 5 and 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 with dress rehearsal on December 14 at 5:00- 7:00. Please let Barb Hodge know if you are interested!

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Faith and Life Male Choir and Women's Chorus Christmas Concerts.

December 15, 7:00PM Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, Winnipeg;

December 16, 3:00PM, Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Altona. A

freewill offering to support the choir ministry will be taken.

Staff applications for summer 2019 are up on the Camps with Meaning website! If you are between the ages of 14 and 94, you are welcome to join us at Assiniboia and Koinonia next summer. Head to <http://www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff/application-forms/> to download the appropriate application form and help us start building the 2019 camp community.

Westgate News

Save the dates to learn more about the education Westgate has to offer:

A) Open House Thursday, January 17th at 7:00pm.

B) Grade 5 & 6 Day Friday, February 1st from 9:00-12:15.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate presents the musical, 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, December 13, 14 & 15 at the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (University of Winnipeg). Show times are 7 pm each evening. There is also a 2 pm matinee show on the Saturday. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by phoning the school at 204-775-7111.

Please join us for an evening of music celebrating Christmas on **Monday, December 10th, 7:00 pm** at Westminster United Church. All are welcome. Admission is free. An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the event with the remainder being donated to LITE (Local Investment Toward Employment).

MCC News

Learning Tour: Health and mental health in Haiti – Join us in April 2019 to see MCC's work in action through a week-long learning tour to Haiti. For more information visit mccmb.ca/haiti-health-learning-tour or contact Brad Reimer at 204-261-6381. Those interested are invited to attend an information meeting held at 7 pm on December 11 at 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg.

MCC Canada welcomes applications for Donor Engagement Manager.

Applications are accepted until December 7. For more information and to apply, visit mcccanada.ca/donor-engagement-manager

We are calling all men to come and together to create a **male choir** for the 7:00 pm. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**. There will be two rehearsals. On Monday, December 10 & Tuesday, December 18 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Multi-purpose room. Please indicate your interest and willingness to participate with Henry Engbrecht. Please contact by email henry44@shaw.ca or call or text .

Donation Summary to November 25, 2018			
	General Fund Donations		
	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Previously Reported	390,196	381,432	8,764
November - Week 1	6,889	5,370	1,519
November - Week 2	2,787	6,169	-3,382
November - Week 3	3,325	11,644	-8,319
November - Week 4	17,074	8,165	8,909
YTD Total Donations	420,271	412,780	7,491
	This Year	Last Year	Difference
Total Donation Budget	516,000	518,000	-2,000
Required Donations	95,729	105,220	-9,491
Weeks Remaining	5	5	0
Required Giving per Week	19,146	21,044	-1,898

CMU News

Celebrate the good news of Christmas by attending **Messiah**, featuring the **CMU Festival Chorus** and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 PM, Centennial Concert Hall. See cmu.ca/events.

CMU's **Sunday@CMU Radio Program** will feature a sermon series by Dr. Sue Sorensen, Associate Professor of English, **starting Dec. 2**. Sue explores Jesus' miracles and relates them to Advent/Christmas. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio.

Consider enrolling in a 2nd semester CMU evening course for credit or audit. Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.

All are invited to attend **CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Allison Pauls will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow.** See cmu.ca/vespers.

Registration Procedure for Dec 9 Special General Meeting of First Mennonite Senior Citizens Homes Inc.

For the above Corporation to consider the three resolutions announced in the bulletins of Sunday Nov 18 and Sunday Nov 25 as well as in the membership letter, the Corporations Act of Manitoba contains two requirements that have to be complied with in order to make binding decisions on the resolutions:

- A) The members (shareholders)have to be registered.
- B) A two - thirds majority of the registered members present is necessary for approval.

The Registration Plan:

1. The Church Service will end at 10:55 and the Special Meeting will start at 11:30.
2. To avoid delay of the Special Meeting members are asked to register **before** the Church service if possible.
3. In the Foyer there will be **4 Registration sections** organized in alphabetical order where members are asked to identify themselves for registration.
4. Registered members will have a hand **stamped**.
5. Upon re-entry to the sanctuary for the Special Meeting registered members will receive a **handout and a set of ballots**.

The Board is counting on membership cooperation to meet the requirements of the Regulations and to not unduly delay the start of the Special Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

This is how you can help.

1. Bring a pen.
2. Register before the service to avoid congestion in the Foyer at the break.
3. Inform friends and family members who are not here today.
4. If there are questions about the registration, Board member Doris Wickstrom, will be in the Foyer to answer them.

Longing for light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus

1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness.
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled.
 3 Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry.
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, — man - y are home-less.
 5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple,

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus

1 Long-ing for truth, — we turn to you.
 2 Long-ing for hope, — man - y de - spair.
 3 Long-ing for wa - ter, — man - y still thirst.
 4 Long-ing for warmth, — man - y are cold.
 5 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Em Am7 D G

1 Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple,
 2 Your word a - lone — has pow' r to save us.
 3 Make us your bread, — bro - ken for oth - ers,
 4 Make us your build - ing, — shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 5 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

C Am Dsus D

1 light for the world to see.
 2 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3 shared un - til all are fed.
 4 walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5 mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em

Bm Em Am7 D

hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
 Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

G Dsus D Em Em7/D C

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church

Am7 D G Am7/G 1-4 G 5 G

gath - ered to - day.