

November 26 2017

Love in Action

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing: SJ #3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

Announcements

Praying for Peace in Asia

Offering & Special Music (Betty Enns, Beth Giesbrecht)

Children’s Feature: Amanda Loewen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 14-16

Congregational Singing: HWB 398 - “I love to tell the story”

Covenant Perspectives on Love-in-Action

- Joyce Bergen
- Peter Loewen
- Ruth Friesen

What Now?

Sharing and Caring

Congregational Singing: HWB 447 “O Jesus, I have promised”

Sending: HWB 763

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Greeter/Usher– Margaret Klassen

Visuals – Rita Wiebe, Linda Bueckert **Music** – Betty Enns, Beth Giesbrecht

Monthly Cleaning (November) – Larry and Myra Danielson

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This Sunday

- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Middle Years Children’s Connection:** Classes continue.
- ❖ **The Pre-school Class and Primary Classes:** Class is held during the service.
- ❖ **9:45a.m.: Covenant Youth Connection:** Class as usual.
- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Adult Connection:** *Don Bergen* leading the class.
- ❖ **11:00 a.m.:** Sunday Worship: Speaker: Kelvin Dyck

The Covenant Calendar

December 3, 7pm: Taize service @ Covenant 7:00pm.. First Sunday of Advent.

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 10:30pm: Christmas Eve Vigil and Communion.

Here at Covenant

A Taize service is being planned in partnership with the Morden Mennonite Church for December 3, the 1st Sunday of Advent. The service will begin at 7:pm and will take place here at Covenant. Invite your friends and neighbours to join in a special time of prayer, singing, Scripture, silence and candle-light.

In our Community

We welcome you to join us at our Douglas Kuhl School of Music's fall (okay, winter) strings/choir concert on Dec. 2, 7:00, at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. See the bulletin at the back of the church for more details.

Boundary Trails Health Centre Palliative Care Team is looking for volunteers to be involved in various programs. (Friendly Visitors, Comfort cart, fundraising etc.) Volunteers come from all walks of life and make a difference in our communities. BTHC Volunteer Education Training Sessions will begin in January 22, 2018. Deadline for registration is Dec.1/17. If you are interested please call: Jerri-Ann Froese @ (204)331-8815 OR Eunice Suderman & Maria Nickel @ 331-8909.

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity with meaning? Do you have a passion for people and Fair Trade? Ten Thousand Villages work helps create life changing opportunities daily for individuals, families, and communities around the world. Please consider volunteering this November and December at the Ten Thousand Villages Seasonal store in Winkler. We love volunteers. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Annelore White at (204) 325-5558 or email her at arwhite@mymts.net.

MC 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 Berghaler Mennonite Church, Altona.

Camps with Meaning Video: MCM produces a retrospective video for the banquets every year. It’s probably too long for congregational use, but makes for entertaining and edifying viewing in other settings. A quick way to find it is [here on our Vimeo page](#). It’s also on the [video page of the Camps with Meaning site](#).

MCC Manitoba

Relief for Rohingya refugees - Respond to the Rohingya refugee crisis by November 28 and the government will contribute a dollar to its Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund for every dollar you donate to MCC. Give today to have your donation matched! Call us at 1(888)622-6337 or visit mccmb.ca

CMU

Mark your Calendars - CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre Christmas Open House! A one-day sale will be held on **Nov. 25** from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, featuring in-store specials on books and foods, fair-trade gift items from Ten Thousand Villages, raffle draw, and food samples. Location: 2299 Grant Ave., Winnipeg.

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CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre presents an evening with Marcus Peter Rempel, farmer, author and speaker, Thursday Dec 7, 7:00 PM at CMU's Marpeck Commons. Marcus will be launching his new book *Life at the End of Us vs Them*. Evening will also include music by Cara Luft, door prizes, and a special discount on the book. For more information go to www.commonword.ca/go/1410.

CMU's **Sunday@CMU** radio program will feature a new sermon series by Dr. Andrew Dyck, Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies, throughout December. The five-part series uses the Advent/Christmas season as a springboard to discuss 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.

Mennonite Heritage Gallery

Along the Road to Freedom: Mennonite women of courage and faith BOOK now available. www.commonword.ca or Connie Wiebe 204 487 3300, ext 344 or cwiebe@cmu.ca

Invitation to Prayer

Pray for our friends in care: Bill and Marlene at Salem.

Pray for John and Rita as they work on John's recovery.

Pray for Russ and Christina as they begin a new chapter of life with the full adoption of their daughter. Pray for strength, wisdom, and blessing in the years ahead.

Pray for the many in our broken world who are suffering from famine, war, and earthquakes and other disasters. Pray for relief agencies like MCC and MDS which offer aid and support to people around the world.

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Prayer: Lord, please make it so that we would rather choose death than partake in evils against humanity. Make it so that we would rather risk our reputation and security than deny your call to work for freedom for the oppressed. Amen.

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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