

December 10 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent
God's Love in Action

Theme: Preparation

Call to Worship

Song: SS 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness

Song BH 178. Come thou long expected Jesus

Welcome

Song: SS 15 Hope is a Candle

Offering

Confession Song: SS 71 Gentle God When We Are Driven

Confession Reading: SJ 128

Kid's story

Scripture: Mark 1: 1-8

Message

"What Comes Next?" - Responding and sharing

Song: Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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Sending Reading SJ 156

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Greeter/Usher– John Kuhl

Visuals – Roxana Enns, Betty Enns, Rita Wiebe

Music – Hannah Burkholder

Monthly Cleaning (December) – Doug and Pearl Braun-Dyck

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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:** *Norman Braun* leading the class.
- ❖ **11:00 a.m.:** Sunday Worship: Speaker: Kelvin Dyck

The Covenant Calendar

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

December 14, 7pm: Planning and Steering @ Covenant

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Here at Covenant

On Sunday, December 24, at 10:30pm, Covenant will again hold its annual Christmas Eve Vigil and Communion Service. Everyone is invited to come and participate by singing, listening, lighting a candle, sharing communion, or offering a reading or special musical number. Invite friends and listen to the Scriptures telling of the Christmas Story, followed by a midnight communion service.

The Planning and Steering Committee will be meeting on December 14th to begin planning the new budget for our Annual Meeting in February. Each committee chair should come to the meeting prepared to offer a preliminary budget for their committee.

In our Community

Love people? Us too. Want to be part of something amazing? Of course you do. The Pregnancy Care Centre is looking for volunteer support workers. If you want to talk more, please call or email Linda at 204.362.0797 or ed.pvpcc@mymts.net.

Recovery of Hope Counselling, together with the Neufeld Institute – Manitoba Chapter, is proud to announce that **Dr Gordon Neufeld, author of “Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers,” is coming to Morden on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018** to deliver a new full-day workshop called **“Keeping Children Safe in a Wounding World.”** Parents, educators, youth workers and caregivers will be interested to learn from Dr. Neufeld, one of Canada's leading developmental psychologists, as he uncovers the keys to helping children thrive while living in a wounding world. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.edenhealthcare.ca or call 1-866-493-6202.

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.

MC Canada

Pray for Jason Martin, new Director of International Witness, as he supports Witness workers and congregational partners through the restructuring process. Pray for understanding of the implications of these changes, wisdom in strategic planning for the future and a deep sense of God's leading and care.

MCC Manitoba

MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Associate Editor-Die Mennonitische Post. The associate editor is responsible to assist with all aspects of the production of the bi-weekly newspaper, the Mennonitische Post, under the direction and supervision of the managing editor. Applications are accepted until December 20. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/associate-editor-die-mennonitische-post.

CMU

Thinking about a unique option for after high school? **Outtatown** is a unique, one or two-semester certificate program of CMU. It's an incredible year for recent high school grads looking to travel, serve others, learn more about God and the world, make lifelong friends, and experience 'once-in-a-lifetime' adventure. Limited space is available so apply today! For more info: Outtatown.com.

Come to CMU Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Leona Hildebrand will lead the choir and Cheryl Pauls will be the reader. A reception will follow.

Mennonite Heritage Gallery

Exhibitions: Carolyn Mount and Tracy Fehr, Fri. Nov. 24, 7:30, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., CMU south campus. Nov. 24 – Jan. 20.

Invitation to Prayer

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

Pray for Colin getting treatment for pain relief. Pray for the skill of the surgeons, the support of the family and the efficacy of the treatment.

Pray for the many in our broken world who are suffering from famine, war, and earthquakes and other disasters.

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Prayer: Lord, teach us to live as contemplative activists, thrusting that your Spirit and your word provide all we need to dance with the angels on Jacob's ladder between heaven and earth. Amen

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
It is you who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
Making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
In the spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.