

March 4 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent
Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship (Stand)

O Lord, let our souls rise up to meet you
As the day rises to meet the sun.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Welcome

Reading: I Cor. 1: 28-30

Gathering song: God of the Bible SJ 27

Offering

Prayer

Scripture: John 2: 13-22

Silence
Assurance
Song: Longing for light SJ 54

Children's feature

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19

Message

Sharing and prayers

Announcements

Sending Song: HWB 541 How clear is our vocation, Lord

Benediction

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Greeters/Ushers – Jake and Ruth Friesen **Music** – Betty Enns

Worship Leader: Kelvin Dyck **Speaker:** Byron Rempel-Burkholder

Visuals - Betty Enns, Rita Wiebe

Monthly Cleaning: (March) – Garry and Linda Bueckert

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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:** Classes continue.
- ❖ **9:45a.m.: Covenant Youth Connection:** Classes continue.
- ❖ **9:45 a.m.: Covenant Adult Connection:** Classes continue.
- ❖ **11:00 am:** Sunday Worship Service: Speaker: Byron Rempel-Burkholder
- ❖ Our monthly **potluck lunch** will be served in the basement after the service. All are welcome!

*We welcome Byron and Melita Rempel-Burkholder to our fellowship this morning. They are members at Home Street Mennonite Church and have recently served the wider church at Bethlehem Bible College in Gaza.

The Covenant Calendar

March 10, 7:00pm: Lenten Book Study @ Covenant Church Basement

March 11: 4th Sunday of Lent. Speaker – Kelvin Dyck. Communion will be served.

March 18: 5th Sunday of Lent. Speaker – Kelvin Dyck

March 22, 7:00pm: Planning and Steering @ Covenant

March 25: Passion Sunday: Speaker – Rita Wiebe

March 29: Maundy Thursday @ Morden Mennonite Church

March 30, 10:30am: Good Friday

April 1: Easter Sunday. Speaker – Kelvin Dyck

In our Community

Saturday March 10, 2018 @ 6 – 8 pm: *Pregnancy Care Annual Banquet*

Westside Community Church, Morden. Tickets are Free – why not host a table of your fabulous friends? Call 204-325-7900 to reserve you a spot.

The new **Habitat for Humanity Winkler-Morden Chapter** is officially active and working in our community! As a Chapter, we seek to put God's love into action by bringing our communities together to build affordable housing for families. For more information about how you can get involved, apply to be a Habitat Family, or to donate, please visit: www.habitat.mb.ca (Chapters -- Winkler-Morden) or send us a note at: **wmhabitat@outlook.com, 362-5026.**

MC Manitoba

Fundraising hymn sing for the new Mennonite Hymnal. Douglas Mennonite Church, March 11, 2018. 7:00pm. For more info on the project, visit www.mennomedia.org/resonate. Special Guests: George and Esther Wiebe, Marilyn Houser-Hamm and, Henry Engbrecht will lead a number of songs. Freewill offering. Note the attached poster.

Camps with Meaning online registration is open! This is our ministry together as Mennonite Church Manitoba. Please visit www.campswithmeaning.org to register for summer camp. We want all families to afford camp. Note our new Campership Fund, which assists families at a much higher level than before.

MCC

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!

Summerbridge 2018 - MCC is now accepting applications for Summerbridge, an 8-12 week service program for young adults of diverse cultural backgrounds who are connected with a Mennonite or Be in Christ church. If you are a church or

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young adult interested in learning more, please contact Katie Laban at katielaban@mccmb.ca or 204-925-1929.

CMU

CMU is honoured to host **Senator Murray Sinclair** as he shares stories and insights of Canadian communities, churches, and educational institutions responding to the TRC 94 Calls to Action. Senator Sinclair will speak on 'The TRC, Calls to Action, and the Mountain before Us: Stories of Hope and Challenge'. Join us on **Monday, Mar. 5, 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons**. An in-person and live-streamed event.

CMU presents "**Journeying Together: Accompanying the Aging**", a one-day workshop for deacons, caregiving teams, pastors, and Christians working in health care or other caregiving roles. Join John H. Neufeld, Heather Campbell-Enns, Kathleen Rempel Boschman, Charlene Epp, and more as we explore what it means for Christians to journey together with the aging. Mar. 17th, 2018. For more information, and to register, please go to cmu.ca/pastorsworkshops.

CMU hosts the **Shi'a Muslim – Mennonite Christian Dialogue 7**. The opening event at 7:00 PM on Mar. 7 in Marpeck Commons will introduce presenters, welcome guests, and introduce the theme "Religion and Youth". All are welcome. More information available at cmu.ca/community.

Invitation to Prayer

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

Pray for those with chronic or long-term health issues: Bev, Peter, Colin.

Pray for Derek, Laura and family as they wait on God for the recovery of Derek's father, Harv Thiessen. Pray for the skill of the physicians and for the strength and stamina of the family as they support Harv's wife, Helene, in these difficult times.

Continue to Pray for Rita and her family as they grieve the passing of Rita's mother. Pray that they would experience the comfort and peace of God in the coming days.

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Prayer: Keep us from self-pity, Lord, and stir us to rise each morning expecting to encounter you and be caught up in your work. Amen.

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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