

Notes

- **Thank you note to Friends @ Zoar.** We want to say a huge thank you for all the love, support, cards, food, and prayers. Elmer's death has left a vacant spot in our family and also in the church. With much love, Margaret and family.
- **Ric** will be away from October 16-24. He will be back in the office on Thursday, October 26th.
- **Special Assembly 2017 Follow-up:** A one issue news sheet, recordings of the streamed video, and other materials can be found via <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>.
- **Shekinah Retreat Centre** is searching for volunteers in the areas of hosting and housekeeping. Please contact the Shekinah office at 1-306-945-4929 if you wish to volunteer. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support!
- **AMBS online short course: Understanding Anabaptist approaches to Scripture: Oct. 25 – Dec. 12, 2017.** The early Anabaptists' approaches to Scripture were both similar to and different from those of Catholics and other Protestants. **Loren Johns**, Ph.D., will lead this interactive online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course on understanding these approaches in light of today. Cost: \$200 before Oct. 4; \$250 after. CEUs available. www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/short-courses
- **One-course options with AMBS.** Try out a seminary course through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary without being admitted to a degree or certificate program. You can take up to two courses, and your first class — campus, online or hybrid — is 50 percent off. Check out our spring options! www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options
- Attention **students planning to study music at the post-secondary level.** Canadian Mennonite University is holding an Open House for music students on Thursday, **Nov. 2.** Meet the faculty, view the campus, learn about the programs and scholarships being offered. Travel subsidies available. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.
- **CMU's Outtatown discipleship program** is now accepting applications for fall 2018! Travel. Learn. Serve. With the world as its classroom, Outtatown's eight-month experiential learning program will guide you on a journey of faith and adventure. Apply before Nov. 30 and have your application fee waived. For more information see www.outtatown.com
- **Rose & Henry Dick and Erwin & Marianne Dyck** have requested that their **Membership be withdrawn.**

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice!

People: We leave behind the anxieties of our daily lives.

Leader: You invite us to worship, O God, and we give thanks!

People: We are grateful for all your wonderful gifts to us.

Leader: You invite us to worship, O God, and we remember!

People: We know of your love shown in Jesus Christ.

Leader: You invite us to worship, O God, and we respond!

People: We are ready to worship you today, O God!

Opening Prayer

Singing: *Here to the house of God we come* STS #53
We sing to you, O God STJ #1

Sharing and Prayer

Offering *What gift can we bring* HWB #385

Storytelling Sela Balzer

Scripture Isaiah 25:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Song *In Christ there is no east or west* HWB #306

Sermon "The Past and Future Church" Ric

Song *Christ's is the world* STJ #62

Benediction

Worship Leader- Doyle Wiebe Song Leader – Anna Rehan
Pianist – Marg Balzer
Ushers – Rachel & Derek Neufeld Sound – Mike Neufeld

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Church Canada and Area Church leaders are requesting that all congregations set aside time to pray for the Future Directions: Covenant New nationwide restructuring process on the Sundays October 8 & 15. **Pray for Calvin Quan** as he moderates the Assembly, for those providing leadership or support and for delegates who participate. The special Assembly is an important juncture in our life together as a denomination. It will shape how we engage together in our common mission. **Pray for the Assembly participants** as they discern the wisdom of the Spirit, as we seek to align our church structures with how God is at work among us and in the wider world.

In their quest to teach approaches to peace building in Philippines, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja are advocating for Indigenous land rights while encouraging understanding between all people groups. Pray for God's shalom over a country experiencing high levels of violence.

Season of Prayer for Zoar Mennonite

Lord, we thank you for our pastor, Ric, who has begun his work among us again this week. Give him wisdom and direction as he leads this congregation. Give him insights and compassion as he moves among us.

This Week

- Wed. 7 pm "Yellow Bellies" by Theatre of the Beat at Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon.
- Fri. 7-9 pm The Academy of Discipleship invites you to **A Conversation on Peace II**, an evening discussing Christian contributions to world peace. Dr. Walter Klaassen and Dr. Roger Epp will present. At Mount Royal Mennonite Church.
- Sat. 5 pm **RJC Annual Corporation Meeting – RJC Chapel.**
- 6 pm **RJC Homecoming Dinner Dinner – A/RJC Come Fly with us – Celebrating 20 years of Service.**

Next Sunday

- Worship Leader – Carrol Epp; Pianist – Sheila Wiens Neufeld; Song Leader – Anna Rehan/Sandra Sinnaeve; Storytelling – Rachel Neufeld; Usher – Peter Elias; Sound – Elaine Ewert

Upcoming Events

- **October 27** - The **MDS Saskatchewan Unit** is hosting an awareness event at Neuanlage Grace Mennonite Church. Supper will begin at 6:30pm. Call 306-342-4344 to reserve. See poster on bulletin board.

- The Academy of Discipleship invites you to **A Conversation on Peace II**, an evening discussing Christian contributions to world peace. Friday, **October 27**, Ruth Klaassen and Archbishop Don Bolen will present. At Mount Royal Mennonite Church from 7:00-9:00p.m. A free-will offering will help cover speakers' travel expenses. For more information or to register, please visit academyofdiscipleship.org or call Walter at 306-975-0062.
- **October 28 – Equipping Ourselves to Refresh, Refocus, Renew** is the theme for our 2017 **Equipping Day** at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. Everyone is invited to come and participate in workshops on a variety of themes. See poster and registration forms on bulletin board! **Please note new registration forms with change.**
- **October 28 – Mega Menno Youth Event at Mount Royal**
- **October 29 – Langham Community Fowl Supper** from 4-7 pm. Cost: \$12-Adults; \$5- 5-12 years; Free-pre-school. Donations to purchase turkeys is being asked. Please mail or take cheque the Town of Langham office. See poster for details.
- **November 1 - Shekinah Chili Supper** at 5:30pm, Osler Mennonite Church. Come join us for a night of food and fellowship, and grandma's chili! An update will be given on Shekinah and the new **Timber Frame Cabin Project**. Entertainment by Zac Schellenberg. Entrance by donation! See poster for details.
- **November 3** at 6 pm. **Bethany Manor's Dinner & Variety Show** - Fundraising for Personal Care Upgrades. See Poster on bulletin board.
- **November 3-4 – Embrace Your Calling: A Women's Retreat:** All women are invited to the annual MCSask women's retreat, at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join us for good food, rambles in nature, music, creative scripture art-making, community-building, a little early holiday shopping among handmade goods, and teachings from our speaker, Claire Ewert Fisher. Registration Friday 5:30 pm, supper 6:30 pm. See poster on board for registration details.
- **MCCS Encounter & AGM** will be held at Cornerstone Church, Saskatoon, SK on Saturday, **November 4, 8:45am-4:00pm**. Guest Speaker: Bruce Guenther, MCC Canada Disaster Response Director See bulletin board and mailboxes for more information!
- **November 11, at 2 pm – Peace Perspective** in the Fellowship Centre at Bethany Manor. Two short videos will be shown. Guest speaker – Walter Klaassen. Put on by the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan (MHSS). See Poster on bulletin board.