



Bulletin for the Week of March 17 – March 23, 2024

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE:

- Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is here to worship and share with us this Sunday. We are grateful to have them here to facilitate an enjoyable service.
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CHURCH FAMILY:

We pray with **Joyce D** and she is recovering from surgery and in her journey with cancer.

Please note that **Dale F** is leading the worship service at Bethania this morning.

DOUGLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following this Sunday's church service, in order to share important announcements from Church Council and Personnel Committee. This will include ratifying some key leadership positions which have now been filled, as well as seeking congregational support and approval to commence a pastoral search for an "Intentional Interim Transitional Pastor". Additional agenda items include the possible recruitment of a Youth Leader (1/4-time) as well as an update on church finances. Please plan to attend.

Easter Sunday: Following the service, it would be wonderful to **enjoy Paska together** during coffee / teatime. If you are able to bring a loaf (or buns), please text or call Monica K.

EASTER GOODIE BAGS – Handout Volunteers needed after the Easter Sunday Service (March 31) to hand out Easter Goodie Bags! Contact Tobia at: tobia@douglasmc.ca

Junior/Senior Youth: Meet at the church on **March 17 7:00 - 8:30pm**.

Teachers Needed: We are in need of some more Jr./Sr. Sunday School teachers, please talk with Dale if you are interested.

Calling all who love to worship: We are looking for some more worship leaders. If you are willing to try worship leading, to do it once in a while or on a regular basis, please talk to Dale.

New Sunday School Volunteers for 2024 and into the fall still welcome! – “4 X 1” We’d love to have four more volunteers who can come once a month! Please talk to Tobia or inquire by email: tobia@douglasmc.ca

Attention Active Ager: Come get active with us on Mondays! There is still room for more people, so if you would like to try a class please contact Eileen H by email or phone. Remember, these classes are for everyone! Lots of modifications available.

DMC KIDS

Coming up...

March 17 – Sunday School – Jesus’ Last Supper – Why is it called the “last” and other questions. (and) Easter Choir practice ***Songs, inter-active prayers, creative Bible storying, games and crafts***

March 20 – Faith n Family Night –“The Stoplight Approach Part 1: Emotional Safety” Session 2 – Devo: Jesus calms the storm. Activity: “On-the-Sea” Wide Games
***Jokes, worship songs, devos, interactive prayers, gym/activity time, snacks! Bring along an adult family member and a friend if that's okay with the adults! ***

Looking ahead....

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 17 – Following Jesus on the Road to Jerusalem, heading for Palm Sunday!

PLUS Easter Sunday Children’s Choir will practice for part of Sunday School time.

HOLY WEEK (Although it is Spring Break, kids who can come will participate!)

Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday - *In-service Children’s Processional & Activity Wagon – No SS.*

Mar. 29 – Good Friday – *In-service Children’s Participation, Activity Bag – No SS.*

Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday – *In-service *Children’s Choir & Story, Activity Wagon – No SS.*

FAITH n FAMILY “The Stoplight Approach Part 1: Emotional Safety”

March 13 – Devo: God is with me and my emotions Activity: Cooperative Gym Games

March 20 – Devo: Jesus calms the storm and my storms. Activity: “On-the-Sea” Wide Games,

March 27 – Spring Break – Family Pizza & Open Gym Night! (See details below!)

April 3 – *NO Faith n Family*

April 10 – Devo: Jesus gets kids and he gets me. Activity: Minute to Win-it

April 17 – Devo: Jesus reaches Zacchaeus and all of us. Activity: Steeple Chase!

April 24 – Devo: Jesus is our Redeemer and he Activity: Inter-active Prayer Stations

May 1 – **Spring Party!**

FAMILY PIZZA & OPEN GYM NIGHT! Wed., March 27, 6pm to 8pm. + Treats + Door

Prizes (Break out on Spring Break!) **RSVP** by Tues., March 26, 8pm to tobia@douglasmc.ca

SUMMER CAMP!

Join Tante Tobia **July 14-19** at Camp Assiniboia Junior-Intermediate Camp for kids who are finished Grades 1-6! Check it out at <https://campswithmeaning.org/registration>

FRIENDS OF DMC

Praying for MCM Congregations: Let's pray for Altona Mennonite Church, that they would continue to learn and grow together in faith through worship each Sunday, and that they would be challenged to see how they might attend to the needs of those in their community.

Mennonite Church Canada is urgently appealing for relief funds for Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) in Ethiopia. MKC leaders and adherents have lost their lives in the crossfire of a violent tribal conflict that began in the western region of Ethiopia in 2018. Civil war, drought and continuing violence have led to severe hardship for MKC congregations and leaders in the area. Please consider donating to help them: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/MKC-relief>

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are available on the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca). If your family would like a one-on-one tour or if your student would like to come for a morning or a full day to see what life at Westgate is like, please call the school and speak to Lori (204) 775-7111.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate: Every two years, Westgate's Senior Choirs, Band and Strings Orchestra along with a variety of staff, worship with each of our supporting congregations. Today we are worshipping with Douglas Mennonite Church.

Camps with Meaning. Summer Bible camp for kids finished Gr. 1 - Gr. 12. Two locations: Camp Assiniboia; Camp Koinonia. www.campswithmeaning.org

In this season of Lent, walk with pilgrims in Winnipeg and 125 other cities, in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. Join Winnipeg's walk on **Saturday, March 16.** beginnings in the Medicine Garden at St. John's Park, 1 Fowler St., at 7:30 a.m. The 42-kilometer pilgrimage consists of seven segments; walk the entire length, or one or more of the segments. For more on the global movement: www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com. For local info: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556589191835. Contact: Michael at michael.b.yung@gmail.com (204-771-0684). This event is supported by Mennonite Church Manitoba Palestine-Israel Network, MCC Manitoba, and Mennonite Action.

The Mennonite Community Orchestra - a concert for the young at heart on **Sunday, March 17** at **3 PM** at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 560 Arlington St. The "Power of Imagination" concert will inspire all ages to use the human gift of seeing differently for the benefit of all. Andrea Bell will lead the orchestra in "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev as well as Mozart's "The Magic Flute Overture". Children 16 and under free. For more information see <http://www.mennonitecommunityorchestra.ca/>

MCM Mondays: March 18, 7:30pm on Zoom. These sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is interested in the topic. "Pastoral Models – can we imagine other options?". Many congregations are seeing the need and value in finding more shared and alternate models of leadership. We urge congregations who are currently searching for pastoral leadership to be a part of this event that will be hosted by Karen Schellenberg - Co-Director of Leadership Ministries. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

What's BVOR? Is it right for you and your church? Join us on **March 21** to find out! Through the Blended Visa Office-Referred program (BVOR), your church or community group can sponsor pre-screened refugees to quickly find refuge in Canada, with cost sharing between the settlement group and the federal government! Attend this information session to learn more about the BVOR program and how you can get involved. Refreshments will be provided. Limited seating available, so **register** at welcomethestranger.rsvpify.com **by March 15**.

The Verna Mae Music Competition, an annual event that showcases the work of CMU music students, is being held this year on Thursday, **March 21** at **7:00pm** in the Laudamus Auditorium. The concert will feature competition finalists Arielle Beaupré, Ava Campbell Enns, Carolynne Bracken, Emily Myers, Jacob Kenny, Vina Dimayuga, and Will Harder. Visit cmu.ca/events.

Sterling Mennonite Fellowship (1008 Dakota St.) invites you to their GST Fundraising event on Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 pm. GST means GOODS, SERVICES AND TALENTS! Come and bid on a variety of items, such as quilted blankets and wall hangings, paintings, framed photos, a large stamp collection, gardening services, portrait photography, bike tune-ups, special dinners, time at the cottage, homemade pies and even Jets tickets! A bake sale table may also tempt you! All proceeds towards Sterling's Kitchen Renovation fund. Online bidding (open to anyone) will be live on Sunday, March 17 through to Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm. Come join us!

Germinating Conversations: Sustainable Food Production – How do we do that?! Hosted by MCC, CMU, and A Rocha, join us to hear from soil scientist Dr. Mario Tenuta, in conversation with local farmers on soil, fertilizer, greenhouse gases and climate change. Come to CMU's Great Hall (500 Shaftesbury Blvd., North Campus) on **Friday, April 5 at 7:00pm**. Stay for cookies and conversation after the presentations. To learn more, check out mcc.org/manitoba/germinatingconversations.

Light the Fire Launch Party. Your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign is launching **April 14, 2024, 7:00pm**, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Food, drink, news, and of course an invitation to think about how you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard – a Face2Face conversation on Tuesday, **April 16 at 7:00pm** at CMU. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit cmu.ca/face2face.

Recovery of Hope is hosting an event called “**Ready to Grow: Providing Support for Thriving Development**”, with presenters Andrea Dyck and Bree Jordan, Recovery of Hope Counsellors and Neufeld Institute trained. Andrea and Bree will lead us in exploring what children need most to grow and thrive in their development. This event is for anyone who lives with, works with, or has children in their lives! Join us on **April 23, 2024**, at **7:00pm**, at our Recovery of Hope offices: 102 – 900 Harrow Street East. **Tickets are \$20** and can be purchased Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ready-to-grow-providing-support-for-thriving-development-winnipeg-tickets-836410334827?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or call 204-477-3673.

3 Heath Brothers in Concert: You are invited to an evening of harmonies, powerful vocals and accapella arrangements on **Sunday April 28** at **6:00pm** in support of One Hope Canada. Please join us at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church 570 Sharron Bay.

WMS - You're invited to our inaugural WMS Gala for an evening of curiosity, joy, and gratitude. Join us **May 2, 2024** as we honour our first-ever WMS Builder Award recipient and to support our Foundations for a Lifetime Capital Campaign. Tickets \$100 (A portion of every ticket is eligible for a charitable tax receipt). Register online: [WMS Gala | WMS \(mennoniteschool.ca\)](#)

Voices Together in Worship - Save the Date - May 10 and 11, 2024. A gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians. Hosted by MCM, sponsored by CMU. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events for more info.

Westgate Bursary Banquet-- Save the date: Come enjoy an evening of fine food, fellowship, and inspiring entertainment on **Monday, May 13, 5:30 pm Reception, 6:30 pm Dinner ~ Canad Inns – Polo Park.** More details to follow.

Annual Birding Retreat. May 24-26. Camp Koinonia. No experience required. Visit the webpage for more information and to register. www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat.

VOLUNTEER & JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for the position of **Choral Music Director**. Westgate has a strong tradition of choral music at the heart of its music program. Interested applicants should direct their cover letter and CV **by March 22** to Westgate's office, care of James Friesen, principal: jfriesen@westgatemennonite.org

Camp Koinonia invites applications for the **Camp Manager and Food Services Coordinator positions**. Visit www.campkoino.ca/opportunities for more info.

Winnipeg Mennonite School is searching for caring and capable individuals to fill important positions within our school. If you or someone you know would thrive in this position, learn more and apply online at mennoniteschool.ca/jobs.

- K-8 Physical Education Teacher (Bedson)
- K-5 Music / 6-8 Band Teacher (Bedson)
- Grade 3 Teacher (Katherine Friesen)

Full-Time (Term) Employment Opportunity – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time term **Student Life Program Assistant, Special Projects**. Please direct applications and inquiries to hrdirector@cmu.ca. Closing date for applications is **March 20**. Visit cmu.ca/employment.

Full-Time (Permanent) Employment Opportunity – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time salaried with benefits). Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

Looking to expand your career at MCC? Apply to join us in one of these varied positions! MCC Canada is hiring for a Thrift Marketing Associate, Learning and Evaluation Systems Coordinator, SOOP & Summerbridge Coordinator, or Research Intern. Visit mcc.org/careers for full descriptions and to apply today.

4 WAYS TO DONATE DIRECTLY:

- **E-TRANSFER (*our preference*)**: Please record designation (by default all donations will go to the General Fund) and **your mailing address** in the message & send to: donations@douglasmc.ca
- **CHEQUE**: Please make cheques payable to Douglas Mennonite Church and mail to/drop off at 1517 Rothesay, Wpg, MB R2G 3G5
- **CREDIT CARD**: Click [here](#) to donate by credit card
- **GIFT OF SECURITIES**: Contact Brooks Hanson, Treasurer, brookshanson14@gmail.com or (204) 330-2312

CONTACT INFORMATION: Youth, Young Adult Minister: Dale Friesen - dale@douglasmc.ca;
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Administrative Assistant: Naomi Kroeker - office@douglasmc.ca;
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