



Bulletin for the Week of April 21 – April 27, 2024

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE:

- **Scripture:** Acts 9:31
 - **Sermon:** Holy Spirit as Comforter
 - **Worship Leader:** Whitney H
 - **Song Leaders:** Nina D and Michelle F
 - **Speaker:** Dale F
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CHURCH FAMILY:

Our prayers are with Harry S who is receiving palliative care at home.

DOUGLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NOTE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL: 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 updates on our financial position as well as on our pastoral search and other items. Please plan to attend.

Join us for a special Breaking Bread worship experience on Sunday, May 5! Instead of gathering together in the sanctuary, we will be coming together around tables in small groups in the gym. This unique setting will allow us to share a simple meal, enjoy a few songs, engage in meditation, and dive into meaningful discussions based on the meditation. Adults will gather in the gym while kids have their own Breaking Bread experience in the basement. Don't miss this chance to connect, share, and grow together as a community. See you there!

Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, June 2** (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.), our church community will be hosting **Tacos and Torts**. This is our farewell lunch for Dale F. We are incredibly grateful for the role Dale has had in our church and look forward to thanking him! **RSVPs are required!** Please email Naomi (office@douglasmc.ca) by **Thursday, May 23** to confirm how many you are reserving for, if you are needing gluten free and if you are able to help with set up and/or cleanup. There is also a signup sheet located in the upper foyer. We are looking forward to a very special lunch and hope to see you there!

Jr. & Sr. Youth: We are meeting at the church on **April 21** from **7:00pm - 8:30pm**.

Curious about being baptised? Talk to Dale if you are interested.

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.

New Sunday School Volunteers for 2024 and into the fall still welcome! – We need **2 more volunteers** who can come once a month! You can also volunteer as a team/family of 2 or 3 people. Please talk to Tobia or inquire by email: tobia@douglasmc.ca

MOMs MORNING OUT – Wed., April 24, 2024, 9:30 to 11:00 am, DMC Foyer – Video – Childcare provided. Join in as we connect with one another to share life, faith and some fun! (Coming this spring yet – more relatable Bible-based videos, coaster craft and a wrap-up **Spring Tea on May 15th!**) Do come with your pre-K/K kids and even if your children are all at school! “A Mom never stops being a Mom!”

BABY/CHILD DEDICATION, tentative May 26 to be confirmed: Parent/Child Dedication is a joyful celebration of the gift of each little one’s life in the gathered church community! It’s an opportunity to present your child to God, to dedicate yourselves to nurture, love and teach them in the way of Jesus. The church family commits to cooperating with you in that endeavor! Please contact Tobia at tobia@douglasmc.ca if you would like to participate in this special ceremony. (Child dedication typically is done in late spring at DMC but is not tied to a date on the calendar and can be done at other times as requested!)

SUMMER CAMP has something for all ages (even adults)!

Join Tante Tobia as a camper or a volunteer **July 14-19** at Camp Assiniboia Junior-Intermediate Camp for kids who are finished Grades 1-6! Although the camp may be full by now, you can check it out at <https://campswithmeaning.org/registration>

DMC KIDS

Coming up...

April 21 – Sunday School – The Jesus Community!

10 am start in the DMC sanctuary, followed by ~ *Songs, inter-active prayers, creative Bible storying, games, and crafts* ~

April 24 - FAITH n FAMILY NIGHT! (Wed.6:30-7:30) - Stoplight Approach Continued:

Devo: Jesus is our Redeemer and fills our buckets! (What does that mean) Activity: Inter-active Prayer Stations and Gym Time

Looking ahead...

BIBLES for DMC KIDS

DMC has a tradition of gifting Bibles in the Fall to children entering Grade 3. To catch up with the tradition, on **June 2**, we will be gifting Bibles to children finishing Grades 3, 4 and 5 (if they haven’t yet received the fun activity-filled “Hands-on-Bible” (NLT) Tyndale House). Tante Tobia has a list of children and welcomes you to confirm with her if needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Most Sundays, 10 am start in the DMC sanctuary, followed by ~ *Songs, interactive prayers, creative Bible storying, games and crafts* ~

April 28 - Scripture and Song Intergenerational Service (DMC Doodles / Activity Wagon!)

May 5– Kids Breaking Bread - Jesus as Friend & Cool Art Project!

May 12 – Lydia’s Hosting

May 19 (long weekend) – Activity Wagon with new activities. (No Sunday School)

May 26 – Scripture & Song

June 2 – Kid's Church - Kids singing, Bible Gifting, Grade 5 Grad (& Farewell Lunch for Dale)

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

Select Wednesday Nights 6:30-7:30, DMC with ~ *Jokes, worship songs, devos, interactive prayers, gym/activity time, snacks* ~ *Bring along an adult family member (parents, grandparents, other family members) ** and a friend if that's okay with the adults! ***

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

May 1 – Spring Party! Watch for details!!

NOTE: Faith and Family will end for Spring 2024. Start-up again in Fall 2024

Watch for some occasional DMC KidMin Summer Fun!

FRIENDS OF DMC

Praying for MCM Congregations: Let’s pray for Grace Mennonite Church in Brandon, as they navigate the realities of being an aging congregation and discern the ongoing leadership needs of the church.

On 3 April 2024, Taiwan was struck by its most powerful earthquake in 25 years which measured 7.5 in magnitude. Leaders of FOMCIT (the Mennonite church in Taiwan) report that no members were injured. However, at least nine people have been reported killed, more than 900 injured, and property damage is widespread. The Mennonite hospital in Hualien is prepared to receive emergency patients. Let us pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the people who are suffering after the earthquake. Pray for the rescuers searching for trapped people in unstable wreckage with the possibility of aftershocks. Pray for medical teams that are helping the victims. (Source: MWC prayers <https://mwc-cmm.org/id/prayers>)

Join Mennonites in Burkina Faso in thanking God for a successful youth camp! Participants spent 5 days of teaching and reflection on three themes: relying on God, developing an entrepreneurial spirit, and preparing for married life. Josué Coulibaly, national youth pastor, reported that many of the youth were sad to leave each other after this intense time of learning together.

What would it look like to do a month of Climate Actions for Peace? Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning, to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Visit mcc.org/climate-action-peace for more information.

The Westgate Strategic Planning Committee is working on a plan to guide the school throughout the next 10 years. We want your input and invite you to **fill out a survey**. Please visit our [website](#) or click here: [Westgate Survey Link](#)

Activ8 is a brand new 8 month program for young adults that combines participation in a learning community, engagement in a service experience and the freedom to stay at home, work and save for future study. Starts Sept. 2024. Now accepting applicants. Go to www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8 and check it out. Or email mneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca for more info. This pilot program is a partnership between MCM and Peace& Justice Initiatives.

The **MHC Gallery** invites you to their newest exhibit, "Into the Night: Lullabies and Morning Songs for a Troubled Earth." Featuring work by River on the Run Artist Collective and special guests, this exhibit runs from **Friday, April 19 to Saturday, June 1**. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more information.

You're invited to a **coffeehouse evening** at North Kildonan Mennonite Church at **7:00pm** on **April 20**. Well-known Southern Manitoba country band, The Jakebrakes, will headline the music for the evening as the musical focus will be country gospel music. Join us for some food, beverages, conversation, and good music. There is no cover charge but donations toward expenses will be thankfully received.

Join the **CMU Festival Players** on **April 20** at **11:00am** for *Cantatas, Cambers, Claviers & Coffee* in the Great Hall at CMU. Enjoy J.S. Bach's beloved "Coffee Cantata" along with other Bach pieces. Coffee is included in the ticket price, and traditional German baked goods will be available for purchase! Visit winnipegbaroquefestival.com for tickets and information.

Please come to the **Canadian Association of Mennonite Schools (CAMS)** joint concert on **Sunday, April 21** at **3:00pm** at **Jubilee Place** (MBCI, 181 Riverton Ave). Performing schools are Westgate, MBCI, RJC, Rockway, UMEI, and WMS (WMEMS). Admission is free. Rush Seating with a silver collection.

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.

All are invited to **Spring at CMU** on **Friday, April 26** at **7:00pm** in the Loewen Athletic Centre. Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the event livestream.

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.

Are you still thinking about SALT? Applications are now accepted until April 30! SALT is a free eleven-month program for adults 18-30 with MCC, beginning in August. You will immerse yourself in a new culture, serve a community, gain real-world skills and grow in ways you never imagined. Visit mcc.org/salt for more information, browse our open positions, or start the application process today!

Young Adult Anabaptist Conference for an Active Future (YAACAF) (www.mcabc.ca/news-events) at MCBC's Camp Squeah, June 7-9. MC Canada will pay \$500 each toward registration and travel for two young adults from MCM. Contact the MCM office if interested. **Applications to be an MCM rep are due by April 30!**

Winnipeg Mennonite School is hosting our inaugural **WMS Gala** on **Thursday, May 2**, at the Pinnacle Club in Princess Auto Stadium. Join us as we honour our first-ever WMS Builder Award recipients and an exciting performance from award-winning Elvis tribute artist Corny Rempel. Tickets are available online, and food is provided. A portion of every ticket is eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Get your tickets online at mennoniteschool.ca/gala.

Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concerts. May 4, 7:00pm. First Mennonite Winnipeg. May 5, 3:00pm. Morden Mennonite Church. Freewill offering to Camps with Meaning Camping Ministry. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

Have you planned your summer vacation? How about a road trip...across the sea, through a land of mystery and adventure. The trip will take approximately 40 years and you'll travel with almost the entire population of Winnipeg but, you will get to the Promised Land...Eventually. Interested? Then join the **Sargent Junior Choir** on **Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. for "Are We There Yet?"** - A musical about Moses and the Exodus out of Egypt. To cover costs, an offering will be taken. A lite reception will follow.

Voices Together in Worship - a gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians. Schedule and preliminary workshop list is now available. **May 10/11, 2024.** Cost \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. **Registration will open April 16.** www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship

Shop at Piece it Together's Spring Quilt & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 11 9:00am – 4:00pm at Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (150 Bayridge Avenue). Enjoy the beautiful handicrafts sold in support of MCC's disaster and humanitarian relief work! pieceittogether.ca

Westgate Spring Bursary Banquet: Come enjoy an evening of fine food, fellowship, and inspiring entertainment by Westgate's Concert Band and Vocal Jazz group. There is no cost to attend this event, but please **RSVP before MAY 1.** RSVP and Save Your Seat **HERE** or by contacting Natalie Johnson at 204-775-7111 ext 246 or njohnson@westgatemennonite.org.

Looking forward to seeing you there! **Monday, May 13th, 5:30 pm Reception, 6:30 pm Dinner ~ Canad Inns – Polo Park.**

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.

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Spend a day on the green in support of MCC's international disaster relief! Join us for MCC Manitoba's golf tournament on **Thursday, July 4** at Bridges Golf Course. Enjoy our Texas Scramble tournament with on-course challenges, with a BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/golf for information and to register today!

VOLUNTEER & JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Join MCC Manitoba's expanding team as our Indigenous Neighbours Program Co-Coordinator! Visit mcc.org/careers for full description and apply online by **April 26.**

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a **Residence Director** (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Student Life and Enrolment. Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

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

Volunteer health officers, kitchen staff, and maintenance needed for Summer 2024. Consider giving a week or more to make a difference with our camping ministry. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff or contact the office at 204-895-2267.

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

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