



Bulletin for the Week of April 28 – May 4, 2024

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE:

This Sunday (**April 28**) is our first 'Scriptures & Songs' morning! We invite you to take part in this multigenerational service that will include scripture readings, moments of prayer and worship songs. The music will be provided through recorded music and will include familiar songs as well as those you might hear on Christian music stations. We are looking forward to worshipping together with you!

CHURCH FAMILY:

We continue to pray for **Harry S** who is now in hospice care at St. Boniface hospital.

Our prayers go out to **Jason** and **Brianna N** at the passing of **Jason's dad**. The funeral was held in our church on **Friday, April 26** at **11:00am**.

DOUGLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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!

Tante Tobia will be off on vacation on May 2 and will be **returning on May 9**. If there is anything that needs attention during that time please reach out to Dale (dale@douglasmc.ca), Kara (kara@douglasmc.ca) or Naomi (office@douglasmc.ca).

Jr. & Sr. Youth: Our next event is on **May 5**.

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

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

Attention Active Agers: 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.

MOMs MORNING OUT – Wed., May 1, 2024, 9:30 to 11:00 am, DMC Foyer - 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 discussion, 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, May 26, 10:00 am! 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 can also be done at other times in the year as requested!)

Bethania PCH Spring Tea, May 5, 2024 at 2:00pm. If you would like to donate homemade baking for their fundraiser bake sale, please use small paper plates or trays to arrange 6 pieces of Platz approx. 6cmx6cm each, cover with cling wrap, name item, and bring to Douglas church kitchen for 10:00 am on May 5. Desired items are: Zwieback (6), Kringel (6), Buns (6), Cheesecake-Platz (6) or Peppermint cookies (8). etc. You may fill and donate as many plates as you wish. If you have any questions, call Revita.

DMC KIDS

Coming up...

April 28 - 10am Scripture and Songs Intergenerational Worship (w/DMC Doodles)

* The whole service in the main sanctuary will be reading of scripture around a selected Bible Story interspersed with songs sung from worship videos and/or audio.

* **Kids can sit in the first two pews of the Kids Pew Section with the KidMin Volunteers.** (Look for the pew markers). Whether kids sit there or with their families is fine!

* There will be "**DMC Doodle**" pads and pencils in the pews for the kids of all ages to doodle as they listen to the scriptures and participate. We'll have a DMC Doodle box to collect them and post them on the board in the hallway !

*At the end of the service, DMC Kids will be dismissed first to go to the gym for **Movin'**

Worship Music and Snack!

May 1 - FAITH n FAMILY Wrap-up Spring Party: Worship, Glow-in-the-Dark Games and Ice Cream! (Wed. 6:30-7:30, Sanctuary and Gym) brought to you by *Team ION* (our awesome youth volunteers!)

RSVP – Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer (name of children and adults attending with them) so that we know how much ice Cream to get!!

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)

NOTE: After the May 1 Wrap-up Party, Faith and Family will end for Spring 2024. Start-up again in Fall 2024

Watch for details on some occasional DMC KidMin Summer Fun!

FRIENDS OF DMC

Praying for MCM Congregations: Let's pray for Seeds Church in Altona as they transition from the founding pastoral leadership of Darlene and Ted Enns-Dyck who will complete their 26 years of service to the congregation at the end of December 2024.

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](#)

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.

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!**

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!

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

Spring Tea at Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home, Sunday, May 5, 2024, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. All are invited to enjoy music, a meditation, visiting and coffee with dainties.

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, workshop list, and plenary speaker info 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.

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 until Saturday, June 1**. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more information.

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Do you want to take care of our earth? MCC Thrift's Zero Waste Challenge is a great place to start. Join us in learning all about going zero waste and challenge yourself to reduce your waste the **week of June 23**. If this challenge feels daunting, don't worry - even the smallest changes go a long way towards reducing our waste and helping the planet. We'd love for you to join us in making a difference. mccthrift.com/zerowaste

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!

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.

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 **May 17**.

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

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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