



Striving to be “an inviting, Christ centred community
in which people are being transformed to live like Jesus”

WELCOME

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Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Sermon: “The Spiritual Art of Letting Go” —Pastor Corey Hildebrand

THIS WEEK

Sun (24)	10:15am	Worship
Mon (25)	8:00am	Men’s Prayer & Bible Study
Wed (27)	10:00am	Coffee & Conversation
Thur (28)	4:00pm	Church Council meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31	10:15am	Celebrating Anabaptism (see announcement)
September 7	9:00am	Emmanuel Homecoming (see announcement)

OUR CHURCH

EMMANUEL KIDS— Emmanuel’s version of Sunday School. Emmanuel uses a strategy for Family Ministry called Orange. **Emmanuel Kids returns September 7!**

CHILD PLAYROOM— Children are always welcome in our sanctuary during our service but if they require a separate space to play there is a playroom located through the back north door of the sanctuary and to your left.

ADULT FORMATION— Starts up on September 14th! Stay tuned for the fall schedule.

PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAYING FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CHALLENGES: Peter Bergen (Salem Home); Hilda Dyck; Lorne & Marie (Salem Home) Friesen; Henry Funk; Lorraine Gerbrandt; Katrina Rempel; Kathy Warkentine. Please remember also the family members who walk alongside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING ANABAPTISM- Ever wonder what it was like for the Anabaptists to worship together more than 500 years ago? We are going to make a simple attempt at some of the elements during our last service of the summer, on Aug. 31. They obviously didn’t have livestream or projection, so we’ll give that a try. And we’ll provide some learning opportunities for lovers of history. But this is still a service of worship, so we hope you come out and celebrate it together with us. From the planning group: Janice Dyck Epp, Cindy Kalansky, Earl Reimer, Lois Bukar

EMMANUEL HOMECOMING! Join us on September 7th to launch our 2025-26 year starting with breakfast at 9am! The Fellowship committee will be preparing pancakes, eggs, sausage and hashbrowns. Emmanuel Kids begins during the sermon slot. Adult Formation starts up on September 14th at 9am in the multi-purpose room. Our 3 year olds will receive their Ollies and our children entering grade 1 and 7 will receive Bibles during the service on September 14th.

NEW YEARLONG THEME: “ANCHORED: A Year of Living Sturdy Faith” *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ—1 Corinthians 3:11.* We’re living in stormy waters. Cultural confusion. Emotional fatigue. Economic uncertainty. The winds are strong and the waves keep coming. And maybe you’ve felt it too—that deep, disorientating sense that the world is rocking beneath your feet. But what if there’s another way to live? What if—rather than chasing every new wave or getting stuck in the undertow—we learned how to live anchored?

NEW OFFICE HOURS STARTING JUNE 29—TUESDAY—FRIDAY 8:30AM—4:00PM. Staff hours maybe inconsistent or understaffed over the summer so please call ahead to ensure someone is in the building.

BUDGET UPDATE

August 17, 2025

2025 Budgeted Amount	\$467,750.00
2025 Funds Collected	\$239,493.36
Percentage Collected	51%
AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	\$228,256.64

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC:

Students, tell us how you're putting your passion for relief, development and peace into action, and you could receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward your ongoing studies. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/scholarship for more information and to apply. Applications close Sept. 30.

Serve in the name of Christ with MCC. Call 204-261-6381 or visit mcc.org/manitoba and click "Volunteer in Manitoba" to see what opportunities are available today!

MCC Manitoba invites you to its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. This year's meeting will be online over Zoom. Hear updates from MCC Manitoba, comments from new MCC Canada Executive Director Ken Kim, and international program stories from Mulanda Jimmy Juma, MCC representative for Rwanda and Burundi. Everyone is welcome! Learn more and register at mcc.org/manitoba/aggm.

MDS:

Rebuild, restore and volunteer with MDS this fall! There are weekly volunteer spaces open in Barrington, NS, from August 31 - October 24. MDS is building a house for a wildfire survivor in this community. Please contact the MDS Canada office at mdscana-da@mds.org or 1(866) 261-1274 for more information and to sign up.

Serve close to home with MDS! The Manitoba Unit is rebuilding for a family of four, who lost their home to water damage in Libau. Volunteers are needed beginning August 25 through to December. Please contact the MDS Canada office at mdscanada@mds.org or 1(866) 261-1274 for more information and to sign up.

CMU:

Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin September 23rd. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

CMU at 25 – You are invited to a special celebration of CMU's 25th anniversary on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons (and live streamed). Visit cmu.ca/25 for more information.

Fall at CMU – CMU's annual alumni and community gathering takes place Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Highlights include 30+ craft and food vendors, food trucks, activities and the Bubbleman for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, an evening Song Feast and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit cmu.ca/fall for more information.

CANADIAN MENNONITE MAGAZINE IS HIRING A HALF-TIME CORRESPONDENT to cover B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Applications are due by September 1. Spread the word. Details at canadianmennonite.org/jobs

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENING COURSES AVAILABLE AT SBC – Available for Audit or Credit

Introduction to Counselling – with Professor Sheila Ginter

Tuesday Evenings: September 9 – December 2. 7:00pm – 9:45pm

Two Views on Christian Zionism: Did God Give Modern Israel to the Jews? – with Micheal Zwaagstra

Thursday Evenings: September 18 – October 2 and Wednesday Evening: October 8. 7:00pm - 9:45pm

Serving from the Soundbooth – with Jeff Neufeld

Thursday Evenings: October 16, 30 and November 13, 20. 7:00pm - 9:45pm

*Limit of 8 students

For more information or to register visit: SBCollege.ca/upcomingcourses

AFRICAN INTER-MENNONITE MISSION EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, JOHN FUMANA will be presenting on September 4 at 7:00pm at the Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler. He is reporting on the situation on the war zone of Eastern Congo, the resulting needs and some Congolese Mennonite responses. There will also be updates on efforts of North America, French, and African Mennonites to collaborate on several initiatives to strengthen Anabaptist communities in Angola, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, and South Africa.

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