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*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:** Isaiah 61: 1-4; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**Message:** Anchored in Joy - Al Loepky

### THIS WEEK

Sun (14)	10:15am	3rd Sunday of Advent & EK
Mon (15)	7:00am	Men's Prayer & Bible Study
Wed (17)	10:00am	Coffee & Conversation
	7:00pm	Church Council meeting

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	10:15am	Christmas Day Service
December 22—29		Office Closed (See Announcement)
December 28		NO SERVICE
January 4		Brunch & Sharing Service

### OUR CHURCH

**EMMANUEL KIDS**— Emmanuel's version of Sunday School. Emmanuel uses a strategy for Family Ministry called Orange. Children will be dismissed to their classes in the fellowship hall during the sermon slot. A check-in person will greet you at the entrance.

**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**— Join us at 9am on December 21— Sharing & Christmas Snacks

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SALEM HOME NEEDS COOKIES**—As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas season at Salem Home, we're reaching out to invite your church to once again take part in bringing joy to our residents. We're asking each church to provide four dozen Christmas cookies for our Residents' Christmas Parties, taking place on December 18 and 19. Christmas baking always brings back fond memories and fills the Home with warmth and cheer. Your cookies are not just a treat — they help make the residents' celebration truly special. Please deliver your cookies to Salem Home by December 17, no later than 2:00 p.m. This will allow our team to prepare and serve them during the parties. Thank you for helping us create a joyful Christmas celebration for our residents. Your continued support and generosity are deeply appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help with this.

**BRUNCH POTLUCK & SHARING SERVICE**—The Ministerial invites you to this special service on **January 4 at 10:15**. Bring a brunch item to share and join us for a relaxed time of eating and sharing with each other in the fellowship hall!

**WINKLER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE IS EXCITED TO HOST OUR ANNUAL FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!** Join us December 31st from 5 - 7:30 pm for family-friendly fun, including face paint, snacks, crafts, music, characters from A Country Princess and a 7:30 countdown accompanied with a balloon drop! Your ticket includes all the entertainment for the evening, along with a goody bag and a door prize ticket. Pizza and extra snacks will be available for purchase. This event is truly enjoyable for both children and their caregivers! Register on our website, [wfrc.ca](http://wfrc.ca) under the Register tab

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**—December 22—29, January 1—Office Closed (Pastor Corey will be available via email or text on December 23 & 24). Pastor Corey will be away from the office December 26—January 7.

## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MCC:

**Help welcome a family from Gaza to Manitoba.** A Palestinian family of six has arrived in Manitoba after fleeing the war in Gaza. Their eldest child needs complex medical care not available at home — but here, that care is possible. Your gift can help with housing, groceries, school support, language learning and more. Donate today at [mcc.org/gaza-family-initiative](http://mcc.org/gaza-family-initiative).

**This Christmas, give a gift that transform lives across the globe.** Choose from gifts like goats, clean water, fruit trees or gifts for peace. Shop gifts of comfort and joy that promote peace in MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. (AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER)

**The MCC Manitoba Volunteer Portal is the place to find opportunities to serve your community.** Whether you're helping in a Thrift shop or at the MCC Manitoba office, your work helps serve those in Manitoba and around the world. Find opportunities to get involved today!

**See the world, serve others and gain hands-on experience with SALT.** This FREE, year-long cross-cultural service program is for young adults between 18-30 years old who are ready to make a difference. Explore unique opportunities, read the FAQs and don't forget to apply before Feb. 15, 2026!

### CMU:

**CMU Employment Opportunities** – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the Director of Advancement, faculty positions in Education and Social Work, a Sessional Instructor position in Business and Head Coach for our Cross-Country Running team. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for more information.

**Christmas at CMU** – Missed the CMU's Christmas tradition? Visit [cmu.ca/christmas](http://cmu.ca/christmas).

### MCM:

**Faith and Life Choirs Christmas Carol Sing.** December 14, 2025. 3:30pm. Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. A freewill offering will be taken.

**Light the Fire this Christmas.** Your purchase of Light the Fire - Legacy of Love clothing this season supports your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign with a small donation, and you look great supporting the cause. These make great gifts. This order cycle will end on November 30. Visit [campswithmeaning.org/lightthefire](http://campswithmeaning.org/lightthefire) and scroll down the page to see all the items and to order.

**MCM is hosting Winnipeg's ecumenical service that begins the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** January 18, 7:30pm at First Mennonite Church. Consider joining the choir, which will rehearse at First Mennonite January 4 and 11, 6:30pm. It would be great to have strong MCM representation for this!

**Camps with Meaning Summer Leadership applications are open.**  
[www.campswithmeaning.org/staff](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/staff)

**Mennonite Action: Prayer Walk for Peace.** Thursday, December 18 from 4-5 p.m. at Magellan Aerospace, Ellice & Berry. All are welcome: to draw attention to Magellan's manufacture of F-35 fighter jet components; to support Bill C-233, the no more loopholes act; and to pray for a permanent ceasefire, for unfettered flow of relief aid, and for a just peace. Bring a sign. Invite a friend. Contact [winnipegmennoaction@outlook.com](mailto:winnipegmennoaction@outlook.com) for more information.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS GLOW IN THE COUNTRY** is a great way to spend quality time with your family or friends and celebrate the season! Come take a leisurely drive through the 2 kilometre route in the comfort of your vehicle, tune your radio to our Christmas Glow station and enjoy the festive displays and goodies. Purchase your tickets online on our Christmas Glow in the Country website!

**MEN'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**—Every Wednesday 7:30am—8:00am at Triangle Oasis. A short devotion followed by breakfast. All men are welcome!



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