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# **WELCOME**

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Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-55; Psalm 126

Message: Anchored in Love - Howard Fawcett

# THIS WEEK

Sun (21)	10:15am	4th Sunday of Advent & EK
Mon (22)	7:00am	Men's Prayer & Bible Study
Wed (24)	7:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
Thur (25)	10:15am	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 22—29, January 1

December 28 January 4

Office Closed (See Announcement)
NO SERVICE

**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— Next class—January 11 @9am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 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 <a href="mailto:mcc.org/gaza-family-initiative.">mcc.org/gaza-family-initiative.</a>
- 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 <a href="mailto:cmu.ca/employment">cmu.ca/employment</a> for more information.

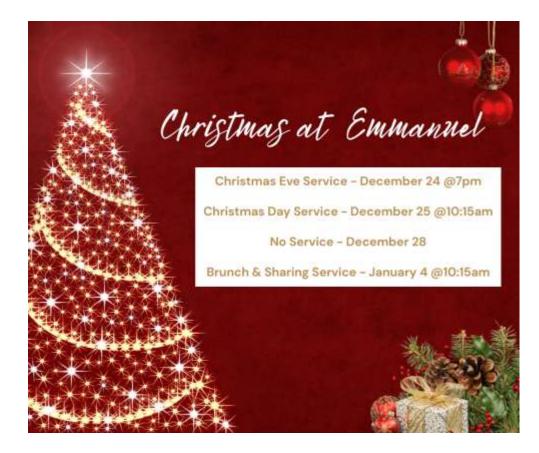
#### MCM:

- 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!
- Vigil for Palestine: Bethlehem's Cry for Peace on Earth. Sunday, December 21, 4:00pm at Home Street Mennonite Church including candle lighting, songs, prayers, and reflections. Esther Epp-Tiessen will share from her recent trip to Palestine.
- MCM Winter Youth Retreat Registration is Open! Visit

www.mennochurch.mb.ca/retreat Retreat is February 20-22, 2026 at Camp Assiniboia.

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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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