



Menonite Church Canada

Our nationwide community of faith

Witness Focus

Tany Warkentin, former mission worker in Burkina Faso, shares about EEMBF's 40th anniversary

For the past 40 years, the Menonite Church in Burkina Faso, West Africa, has been involved in sharing the Good News of Jesus in a number of local languages. Donna and Loren Entz were among the first Menonite mission workers. Lives were transformed, churches emerged and multiplied, members were disciplined and leaders trained.

In response to God's goodness and faithfulness during the past 40 years, what could the Burkina Faso church do but celebrate, and celebrate they did! From November 23 to 25, at least 1,000 people gathered, including members from all of the 25 churches and over 30 international guests. It was three days filled with worshipping, teaching, feasting, singing and dancing. Special music groups and a marching band were invited, matching outfits were worn by each church, and women stayed up all night cooking for the final meal together (for which two cows were butchered).

Praise God for the joy and commitment with which the Burkina Faso churches serve God and share God's love with others. Also continue to support our sister churches in prayer - during the celebration last week, two Menonite members passed away and delegates were sent from the celebration to the two villages for the funerals. Pray that God's presence may be felt closely in times of joy and difficulty.

Indigenous-Settler Relations

Interfaith Exploration of Treaties

Indigenous-Settler Relations and the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) are partnering to produce a new book, *Nanabush and Buddha Link Arms: Why Treaties Matter to Religious Communities*. The text will be a popular work that seeks to discover the rich resources that various spiritual traditions have to help all peoples engage Treaty relationship and land justice. Pray for the co-editors, Darren Courchene (TRCM) and Steve Heinrichs (MC Canada), as they welcome contributors from diverse backgrounds into conversations that can nurture respectful and transformative dialogue.

LANGHAM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship Service

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10:00 AM

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WORSHIP SERVICE

The Lord is our righteousness

Second Sunday of Advent – Proclaiming

Welcome and Announcements

Focus Statement

Lighting the Candle of PEACE

Call to Worship

L: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

P: Every Valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.

L: As we wait the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

P: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Opening Prayer

Song *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

HWB #176

How firm a foundation

HWB #567

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Storytelling

Rachel Neufeld

Song *Peace before us (vs. 1)*

STS #16

Scripture

Luke 1:68-79; Luke 3:1-6

Song *Wild and lone the prophet's voice*

STS #8

Sermon *"Peace we don't understand"*

Ric

Communion

Song *We are people of God's peace*

HWB #407

Benediction

*Worship Leader – Carrol Epp Song Leader – Sandra Sinnaeve
Pianist – Marg Balzer Guitar – Ryan Siemens
Ushers – Rachel & Derek Neufeld*

Prayer Requests

Pray for **CMU students** as they write exams to complete their Fall Semester courses.



Pray for **Erwin Mirabal**, president of the **Evangelical Mennonite Church of the East in Venezuela**, as he leads the denomination in desperate times. May church members demonstrate God's love through the sharing of food, providing health care and following Jesus's way of peace.

Today

- **Song Practice for Christmas Eve following the service.**
- **Ecumenical Advent Book Study – Joy! at Langham Mennonite, 2-3:30 pm.** Please bring snacks.
- **A Very Shekinah Christmas, 2:00-5:30 pm** - an afternoon of musical entertainment in the Timber Lodge.

This Week

Ric Driediger will be in the office Tuesday & Thursday this week.

Tues 7:00 pm **Men's Bible Study – Note change of time.**
Fri 6:00 pm **Christmas Banquet** – See poster for more details

Next Sunday

- Worship Leader – Roger Bueckert; Song-leader – Sandra Sinnaeve; Pianist – Marg Balzer; Storytelling – Carrol Epp; Ushers – Bob Halliday & Lorne Quiring
- **Ecumenical Advent Book Study – Love! at First Saskatchewan Lutheran, 2-3:30 pm**

Upcoming Events

- **December 19, 7:30 pm – RJC Christmas Concert with guest performer SONRISA** at Knox United Saskatoon. [See poster on bulletin board.](#)
- **December 21, 7:00 pm - RJC Christmas Concert** at RJC. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.
- **December 22, 6:00 pm – Ecumenical Carolling** around Langham with horses and hay wagon. Begin and end at Knox United. Followed by Hot Chocolate/mulled cider and goodies. Bring a few goodies to share. [See poster on bulletin board.](#)
- **December 24, 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Program and Fellowship.**
- **February 1-3, 2019 – Sr. High Retreat @ Shekinah**
- **February 26, 2019 – Langham Mennonite Fellowship Annual Meeting.** Reports due to Char by December 31st.

- **March 2-3 – Workshop on Communion/Baptism with Irma Fast Dueck.**
- **March 8-9 – MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions** at Zoar Waldheim
- **March 22-23 – Women's Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre

Notes

- **MC Sask:** As another calendar year draws to a close, we look back in gratitude on all that we have been able to do as MC Sask. We are grateful to you, the congregations and individuals who make up MC Sask, for your gifts of time, talents, and funds which make it all possible. We ask that you keep MC Sask in mind for your year end giving, so that we can fulfill the commitments we have made and continue to fund our meaningful and impactful programs. Blessing on your Advent Season!
- **MCC Connects:** This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2018 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all sizes. Start a new family tradition, join with friends or colleagues and make a difference in the lives of people around the world! Visit mcccanada.ca/Christmas to find the perfect gift!
- **CMU will be closed** Dec. 24, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2019, re-opening Jan. 2, with Winter Semester classes beginning on Jan. 7.
- **MEDA:** Dream Big! This Christmas, share God's love and invest in the dreams of entrepreneurs around the world. Visit www.giftsolutions.org to help create business solutions to poverty with MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates).



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 14 Sarah Epp