

March 12 - March 26, 2019

WMC Announcements

Baptism and Church Membership // Interested in taking the next step of your faith journey through baptism? Want to confirm your commitment to WMC through formal church membership? Talk to Joe or Eileen for more information, and keep reading--the "Good Questions" conversation series is for you!

Good Questions? // upcoming Tuesdays, Mar 12 - Apr 16, 7 p.m. @ WMC // Explore our shared understanding of faith, as well as our differences of opinion, in a casual group conversation format:

Mar 12 - "Why does Anabaptist/Mennonite Theology Matter?"

Mar 19 - "What is the Bible and How Do We Read it?"

Mar 26 - "What is Wildwood? Our Story and Shared Values"

Apr 2 - "Church Membership: Why and How Do I Belong?"

Apr 9 - "What's the Point of Baptism and Communion?"

Apr 16 - "How Are We Doing? Peace, Justice and Reconciliation"

Come to the whole series or just the one(s) that interest you. All are welcome; newcomers to WMC are especially invited! Will there be snacks? (Another Good Question!)

Upcoming worship series // We are making plans for a post-Easter worship series on the topic of death and dying and would love some partners and ideas. If you have thoughts to share, talk to Eileen or Joe about joining the planning team.

Wildwood Women Making // All women are invited to walk the talk in ecoFriendship on **Sunday, Mar 17 at 19:30**. We will gather at the church to make beeswax-infused food wrap (to replace plastic wrap) and cloth drawstring bags (to replace plastic produce bags). If you have any of the following supplies on hand, please bring: cotton fabric for the covers, cutting mats, scissors, sewing machines and some narrow ribbon, shoe laces, etc. at least 28 inches long. Lightweight fabric for the bags, beeswax and expertise will be provided.

Billets Needed // Tuesday Apr 30 // Nutana Park Mennonite Church is hosting a joint concert of the Saskatoon Chamber Choir and the CMU Singers. WMC has been asked to provide billets for 10 students.

Requirements:

- Pick students up at NPMC following the concert on Tuesday evening (9 ish)
- Provide bed and breakfast, and a bag lunch for the next day
- Bring students back to NPMC by 7:45 a.m. the next morning (Wednesday, May 1)

If you are able to host one or more students please contact the WMC hosting committee.

Save the Dates

WMC Retreat // May 10-12 // Shekinah

MC Canada Gathering 2019

Jun 28-Jul 1 // Abbotsford, BC

Prairie Youth Gathering

Jul 28-Aug 1 // Shekinah

Community Announcements

More Pie Please // Thursday, Mar 14, 7 p.m. // St Paul's United Church // National Affirming Day! // Saskatoon Affirming Ministries invite you to join us for an evening of community, conversation and (of course) pie! Be entertained by a "The Debaters" style debate (featuring local celebrities) and participate in a delicious pie auction (proceeds to support Pride House). www.pieday.ca

Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast with Bill Adsit // Saturday, Apr 6, 8 a.m. // Prairieland Park // [Click here](#) for more info.

Regional Church Announcements



Volunteers needed! Mennonite Church Canada's structural change means a transition to relational funding for International Witness ministries. You are invited to continue to demonstrate your support by becoming a member of a Witness Support Team for our Witness worker units. This team functions as a connecting link between international partners, Witness workers and Canadian supporters. If a Witness Support Team sounds like something you want to be part of, please read the brief summary about WSTs on the MC Canada website, here: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/WSTsummary>, then contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp at youthminister@mcsask.ca for more information.

5 Broken Cameras Film Viewing // Wednesday, Mar 13, 7 p.m. // MCC Centre (600-45th St. W) // An Oscar-Nominated film created by an Israeli and Palestinian peace activists. The story follows the nonviolent protest movement against Israel's Separation Wall in the Palestinian village of Bil'in. There is no cost to attend. Refreshments will be provided. <http://5brokencamerasthemovie.com/>

Walking in Worship Women's Retreat // March 22-23 Shekinah Retreat Centre // Lois Siemens is our guest speaker and Sue Schellenberg will be leading us in song. Visit www.mcsask.ca to register. See poster and printed registration forms on bulletin board.

YFBC Vereniki Fundraiser // March 26 // Rosthern Mennonite Church // Admission by donation.

A Lenten evening with Harold R Johnson, author of "Firewater," "Two Families," and "Clifford." // Thursday, Mar 28, 7 p.m. // Grace Mennonite Prince Albert // Harold has most recently embarked on a healing journey in his relationship to the man who was convicted of a drunk driving charge in which Harold's brother died.

A workshop on MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) Saturday, Mar 30, 1-4 p.m. // Cornerstone Church, Saskatoon // Dr. Sheila Harding, head of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, will address issues around MAiD and Dr. Margaret Cottle will talk to us about Palliative Care.

Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat // Saturday, Apr 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. // Shekinah Retreat Centre // Join with others as we continue the season of Lent in silence, stillness and simplicity. This retreat day creates space for us to take a break from the regular routines of everyday life to rest, renew and reconnect with the God who loves each of us. This retreat is designed to increase awareness of our desire for God and deepen our longing for communion with God. Through silence, prayer, simple rituals and meditation on Scripture, we will be led through parched deserts to rivers of living water. There our thirst will be quenched and our souls revived. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration available at www.mcsask.ca or talk to Sarah for a printed registration form.

RJC Spring Choir Concert // Sunday, Apr 7, 2:30 p.m. in the RJC Gymnasium – RJC's Spring Concert will feature performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome.

From Billy to Brahms - Love Songs for Spring // Friday, Apr 12, 7:30 p.m. // Station Arts Centre Rosthern and Sunday, Apr 14, 2:30 p.m. (we do not have a venue yet) // Tickets can be purchased at the Station Arts or from choir members.

MC Sask JR High Retreat // May 24-26 // Camp Elim

The website for Gathering 2019 is officially live! Go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca for all you need to know about our gathering of our nationwide church family in Abbotsford, B.C., coming up from June 28 to July 1. This website will be updated regularly as registration and the schedule become available in the coming months. If you have questions about information on the website, please contact the MC Communications Officer at kdsawatzky@mennonitechurch.ca.

Shake: Rattled by the Radical, July 28- August 1, 2019 at Shekinah Summer Camp, SK – what you need to know! **Cost: \$375/person.** Travel subsidies and sponsor discounts available before the early-bird registration deadline: **April 26, 2019.** Final registration deadline: **May 31, 2019.** Our days will include: Biblical reflection and storytelling, shared meals, activities and play, special guests, and more! Visit www.prairieyouth.ca for full details and registration.

Regional Church Announcements cont'd



RJC Staff Transitions // RJC is pleased to announce Alex Tiessen as our incoming Director of Admissions and Communications. Alex currently lives in Winnipeg and will be joining the RJC staff on April 1, 2019. A new teacher, Hillary Fast, will also join our staff in March to fill a maternity leave. Hillary currently lives in Saskatoon and is an RJC grad of 2011. We are excited to invite these wonderful people to our team!

Mennonite Trust Ltd. Scholarship - MTL is pleased to offer scholarships for SK students who regularly attend an MC Sask congregation and are attending post-secondary Christian education. Interested applicants should submit a resume, confirmation of full-time enrollment in post-secondary Christian education, a letter of support from their church, and a 1 page paper on Christian's duty to care for widows and orphans. Applicants can send their applications to mtl@mtrust.net or drop them off at any MTL office. Scholarships application deadline is June 30, 2019. More details available at www.mtrust.net

MCC Connects:

The Relief Sale Committee is in urgent need of volunteers. We are looking to fill the following positions: Friday night supper coordinator, pie booth coordinator, vereniki and sausage coordinator, and set-up/take-down coordinator(s). If you are interested in any of the following positions, or would like more information about volunteering, please contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or denisemartens@gmail.com.

Did you know that YOU can help make a difference in the lives of refugees around the world? Learn more about MCC's refugee sponsorship program by contacting Mark Bigland-Pritchard at 306.665.2555 or markbiglandpritchard@mccsk.ca.

CMU Connects:

On Feb 12 and 13 Dr. Thomas Long offered 3 keynote presentations to 115 pastors from across the prairies as part of the **ReNew: Resourcing Pastors for Ministry Conference** held at CMU. The Conference theme was 'Death, Funerals and the Christian Hope'. We all live knowing that death lies before us even as we are often afraid to face and speak of this reality. The church, committed to a living Christ, has the opportunity and responsibility to help people live faithful lives in the face of inevitable death. Thomas Long's inspiring presentations are available for viewing at cmu.ca/renew until the end of April.

CMU Open House // Mar. 26 // Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. Check out Information Booths or join tours, classes, concerts and chapel. Connect with faculty and staff and learn about many opportunities offered at CMU. For more info see cmu.ca/campusvisit.

MC Canada News: [Click here](#) for news and information from Mennonite Church Canada.

Click here for the [Bethany March Newsletter](#).

[Click here](#) for information on upcoming programs from Queen's House.