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## Scripture Reading

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### Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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## Education

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**Children's Sunday School** | Today, at 11:15 am, in the basement.

**Adult Ed** | Today, at 11:15 am. A special welcome to the two members who will be introducing us to Charleswood Mennonite Church during the education hour.

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## Bethel Announcements

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**Young adults** are invited for a fellowship lunch today, in the Lower Lounge following the morning service (11:30 am). Food will be provided.

**Bethel Basketball** | Today at 3:00-4:30 pm at the Westgate gym. This is an all-ages, all-abilities game.

**Pilgrim Group** | Meeting on Thurs., Jan. 17, Lower Lounge, at 7:30 pm.

**The Deacons recommend** four people for membership in the congregation. Baptism and acceptance of members will occur on Jan. 20.

**Invitation from the Care-Giving committee:** “How to have a meaningful conversation with people suffering with dementia.” Thurs., Jan. 24 at 2:00 pm in the Lower Lounge. Guest speaker: Michelle Barr (chaplain at Pembina Place PCH). This may be of special interest to our volunteer visitors and others in the congregation. Refreshments will be served, so *please RSVP to the office by Jan. 22.*

**Library update** | On Jan. 24, the caregiving committee will be hosting a session on engaging in meaningful conversations with those who have dementia. Four related books in the library that those attending the session may want to read are: *Feeding My Mother* by Jann Arden, *All Things Consoled* by Elizabeth Hay, *The Things We Keep* by Sally Hepworth, and *Still Alice*, by Lisa Genova.

**You are invited** to a conversation with Elyssa Warkentin about her new novel *A Land So Wild* (available at McNally-Robinson). When? Sat., January 26, 10:30 am. Please contact the church office for details.

**Campship Fundraiser** Every year we support neighbourhood and church children to attend camp, through our annual fundraiser. This year’s fundraiser will take place after worship on January 27. If you have children who are interested in going to camp this summer and you would like to participate in the fundraiser, please contact Pastor Kathy.

**MCM Delegate Assembly** | March 2 at Steinbach Mennonite Church. More information to come.

**Ushers Needed** | We are needing some additional people to usher at Bethel on Sunday mornings. Are you interested? If so, please speak with a member of the Gift Discernment Committee.

**Children’s Ministry Position** | Bethel invites applications or nominations for a 6-month (January to June, 2019), .2 FTE position in Children’s Ministry. Potential responsibilities will include developing and leading a children’s worship time during the sermon time slot, thereby freeing their parents for full participation in our regular worship services. If interested, or for further information, contact Darrel Toews at 204-992-5431 or [darrel@bethelmennonite.ca](mailto:darrel@bethelmennonite.ca).

**Important Note for Small Groups.** It has come to our attention that the Loretta Ross DVD that was previously distributed to care groups is formatted in a way that it will not play in many DVD players. We now have a limited number of copies that are DVD player compatible—if your care group would like one of these copies please contact Pastor Kathy. If you did not receive a copy of the disc and would like an email link to download the video file for viewing as a care group or individual, please email Pastor Kathy. *From the Witness Committee.*

**Carter Early Learning Centre** is pleased to announce that a new Executive Director will be starting this position Jan. 21.

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## Partners in Ministry

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### Mennonite Church Manitoba

[mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)

**New pastors** | Lisa Martens (Associate Pastor) installation service is on Jan. 20 at Hope MC. Keep her and the congregation in your thoughts and prayers as they formalize this new covenant together. | Wes Goertzen – Whitewater MC, Boissevain, will be ordained on Feb. 3.

**Camps with Meaning** | Registration is open. Visit [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org) to sign up your children/grandchildren for a great week at Camp Koinonia or Camp Assiniboia, or call the office at 204-895-2267.

**Youth winter retreats** | Sr. High: Jan. 25-27; Jr. High: Mar. 8-10; at Camp Assiniboia, speaker Paul Loewen. Please let Phil know if you are interested.

**Day away at Assiniboia +55** | Jan. 2 and Mar. 5. Enjoy lunch, skiing, hiking, conversations, and more. Call 204-864-2159 ext 104, or 204-895-2267.

### Mennonite Church Canada

[mennonitechurch.ca](http://mennonitechurch.ca)

**International Witness** | The *Friedenshaus* (Peace House) is an urban community initiative in the Ludwigshafen Mennonite Church, Germany. It is supported by MC Canada and other Mennonite organizations. | *Prayer requests*: For the peace of Christ to resonate through all MC Canada Witness workers serving in 5 countries in the coming year. For Tom & Christine Poovong and their ministry team in Thailand; for George & Tobia Veith in their work in Macau and Hong Kong. For church-based halfway houses that teach necessary life skills for young people in Ukraine to survive and thrive.

**See more information** on the MC Manitoba update *on the bulletin board*.

### Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

[westgatemennonite.ca](http://westgatemennonite.ca)

**Open House** | Thurs., Jan. 17, 7:00-9:00 pm. For more than 60 years, we have had the honour to work with our families and our churches as partners in Christian education. Please come learn more about the Westgate community. Parents and potential students of all ages are welcome to drop in any time. Thank you for your continued support of our school, students and staff.

**Grade 5 & 6 Day** | Fri., Feb. 1, at 9:00 am-12:15 pm.

### Mennonite Collegiate Institute

[mciblues.net](http://mciblues.net)

**MCI Information Nights** | We invite prospective students & families to join us for dinner to learn what MCI has to offer! Connect with us on Jan. 24 or Feb. 21 at 6 pm for dinner, followed by a presentation at 7pm. Register at: [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) or (204) 327-5891.

### Canadian Mennonite University

[cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)

**MHC Gallery exhibits** | *Crossroads*, by Janet Shaw-Russell, runs until Jan. 19. | *Legacy*, by Anita Kroeger, and *Reverence*, by Michael Boss, opening Fri. Jan. 25, 7:30pm; run until March 9. MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.

**Opportunities** | *Campus Visit Day*, Fri., Feb. 2. | *Discover Outtatown*, Sat., Feb. 9. Info at: [cmu.ca/compusvisit](http://cmu.ca/compusvisit).

**CMU Vespers** | Sun., Jan. 20, 7:00 pm, Laudamus Auditorium.

**Social Justice Fair** | Jan. 30, Menno Simons College, Riddell Hall, U of Wpg.

**CMU educational tour to Israel/Palestine**, led by Gerald Gerbrandt, Apr. 26-May 13. See: [cmu.ca/met](http://cmu.ca/met), or contact: [ggerbrandt@cmu.ca](mailto:ggerbrandt@cmu.ca).

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## **Mennonite Central Committee**

[mccmb.ca](http://mccmb.ca)

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**Learning Tour: Health and mental health in Haiti** – Join us in April to see MCC's work in action through a week-long learning tour to Haiti. A few tour spaces are still open! Visit [mccmb.ca/haiti-health-learning-tour](http://mccmb.ca/haiti-health-learning-tour) or contact Brad Reimer at [bradreimer@mccmb.ca](mailto:bradreimer@mccmb.ca) or 204-261-6381.

**SALT positions are open** | Consider spending a year immersed in another culture, serving the local community and gaining practical work experience. SALT is an 11-month cross-cultural service experience for young adults aged 18-30. To learn more and explore position openings visit [mccmb.ca/salt](http://mccmb.ca/salt)

**The Justice and Peace Film Festival** presents a film screening of *The Occupation of the American Mind* in Room 2322 at Université de Saint-Boniface. The film examines public relations and media representations of Israel and Palestine in the United States. Jan. 24 at 7 pm; free admission.

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## **Other**

**AMBS** | See their January 2019 announcements *on the bulletin board*.

**The Companions in Grief Program** is offering a 7 week Grief Support Group beginning Jan. 29. If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with loneliness, hopelessness and uncertainty then you are welcome to join a supportive, safe and confidential group. To register or enquire further, please call Bob Milks at 204- 294-5562 or respond through email: [griefcare@mymts.net](mailto:griefcare@mymts.net) . Deadline for registration is Thurs., Jan. 24.

**Crokinole Tournament** | January 25, 6:30 pm, Folio Cafe, CMU. In support of FIDES Home for Children, Kinshasa, DRC, [congoshildren.org](http://congoshildren.org).

**Canzona 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** | Feb. 3, Park Theatre. *See details on the bulletin board*.

**MTYP** | New play: Torn Through Time, Jan. 25-Feb. 3. *Details on poster*.