

On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of the conditions. Does any-one have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake some day and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.

Annie Dillard, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, Harper & Row, 1982

Sunday, Feb 19. Jeff is speaking, Bob Dyck is worship leading, Vi is leading music.

Tuesday, Feb 21 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper! Join us in the MPR (upstairs), and bring your own mix for pancakes, waffles, or similar goodies, or perhaps favourite toppings... We have use of the kitchen beginning at 5:00, and we will aim to eat at 6:00. Batters up!

Friday, Feb 24 Everyone is invited to join sisters and brothers from across Mennonite Church Manitoba for a worship time, to open our annual Gathering session. 7:00 pm at Home St Mennonite Church.

Sunday, Feb 26. First Sunday of Lent. Josiah is speaking, Lois is leading worship, music leader TBA. We will be celebrating communion together. After the service, we will be having a congregational budget meeting. We will not be looking at specific numbers this meeting, but rather doing some exercises that help us discern what our priorities are in terms of the money we give to other charitable organizations (Mennonite Church Canada, Mennonite Central Committee, West Broadway Community Ministry, Westgate, etc).

Lynell will be away from Feb 16-23.

## Canadian Mennonite University

Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) invites inquiries and applications for two full time positions: an **Administrative Assistant**, CMU Registrar's office (16 month term) and an **Administrative Coordinator**, Menno Simons College. Direct inquiries to Dianna Robson, Director of Human Resources at [drobson@cmu.ca](mailto:drobson@cmu.ca) or 204-487-3300. Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/employment.html> for details.

Join CMU for **Vespers**, Sunday Feb 19, 7:30 pm, in the Laudamus Auditorium. Free admission; all are welcome. (500 Shaftesbury Blvd. Winnipeg).

**Campus Open House Feb 22:** See what being a part of the CMU community is all about. Drop in from 11 to 3:00 pm. Visit [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca) for details.

CMU announces an essay contest for Manitoba High School Students interested in the Humanities. The contest, invites students to engage with important questions about art, ethics, and theology. Prize money will be awarded. Essays are due **March 31**. View contest details at <http://media.cmu.ca/index.php/2012/cmu-humanities-faculty-announces-essay-contest/> or contact Andre Forget, [aforget@cmu.ca](mailto:aforget@cmu.ca)

**Proclaiming the Claims of Christ Lecture** series welcomes Dr. Robert Benne **March 12-13**. He will speak on *The Unique Gift of Christ*. Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/publiclectures.html/#apolog> for full lecture details.

## Mennonite Central Committee

**Sam's Place is hiring** a Youth Engagement and Skills Development Coordinator (9-12 months). This coordinator will work with Chalmers neighbourhood youth to train youth and encourage volunteerism. Application deadline is February 24, 2012. Please refer to <http://www.mcc.org/serve/positions/employment>.

**MCC welcomes inquiries for Area Director - Europe and Middle East** - Interested individuals are asked to contact Amgad Tadros at 204-261-6381 or e-mail [amgadtadros@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:amgadtadros@mennonitecc.ca). For more information please visit our website at [mcc.org/serve/positions/volunteer](http://mcc.org/serve/positions/volunteer).

**MCC Canada** welcomes applications for Senior Writer/Editor. Interested individuals are asked to contact Ilda da Silva Storie at 204-261-6381 or e-mail [ildadasilvastorie@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:ildadasilvastorie@mennonitecc.ca). View the complete job description on our website at [mcc.org/serve/positions/employment](http://mcc.org/serve/positions/employment).

A month after Shannon Moroney's wedding, her husband was arrested for several crimes against two women. Join MCC Manitoba, Mediation Services and the newly formed St. Leonard's Society of Manitoba on **March 3 at 7:30 at CMU South campus (500 Shaftesbury Blvd)** to hear Shannon's heartbreaking story and her journey leading to compassion, restoration, forgiveness and hope. RSVP to (204) 925-3410 or [info@mediationserviceswpg.ca](mailto:info@mediationserviceswpg.ca). *Please find attached to this email a postcard for this event. If you would like to do so, please print a couple out for your church and have them easily accessible to congregants.*

**MCC Winnipeg Spring Banquet, March 10, 6:30 pm at Douglas Mennonite Church (1517 Rothesay Ave)** - Join MCC for an evening of food and entertainment on Saturday, March 10 at 6:30 pm at Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. Speakers will report on MCC's Low German Mennonite programs in the Americas. Contact Paul Friesen at (204) 261-6381 or 1-888-622-6337 for complimentary tickets.

## Mennonite Church Canada

**INDESCRIBABLE: it is about murder** artist talk featuring Cliff & Wilma Derksen, Odia Reimer. Thursday, February 23, 7:30PM, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Music by Alexa Dirks and Ariel Posen.

## Mennonite Church Manitoba

Renovations are continuing at **Chiara House**. We need electricians and plumbers in the next couple of weeks and in a month will need volunteers to help put up drywall. For more information call Norm at 791-3863 or visit the Serve portion of the MCM website at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca).

## Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Plan to attend the Westgate "House" Concert in support of the Westgate's Capital Campaign: Pantages Theatre on Friday March 2nd. Show at 8:00. Pre-Show Reception at 6:30. The show will feature House of Doc. It is going to be a great night! Call the school at 775-7111 to reserve your tickets and for donor information.

## Community News

MCI Open House on March 8<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy supper and an information evening accompanied by a tour of the school and an exclusive backstage pass to go behind the scenes of MCI's Musical production, PIRATES OF PENZANCE. Potential students will receive a FREE ticket to watch the opening night performance! Register early to book your supper and musical seats! Call MCI at 327-5891 or email [tammyrempel@mciblues.net](mailto:tammyrempel@mciblues.net).

**An Opportunity of Christian Service** - Matthew Ferguson, a young man with cerebral palsy, is looking for a full or part-time aide. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Matthew at [matthewferguson99@yahoo.ca](mailto:matthewferguson99@yahoo.ca).

