

## Shane Claiborne's 12 hopes for 2012

12. Do something really nice – that no one knows about.
11. Spend more money on other people than I spend on myself. Love my neighbor as I love myself. And love myself as I love my neighbor.
10. Laugh often... especially at advertisements that try to convince me that I must buy more stuff in order to be happy.
9. Learn a new life skill – like carpentry, pottery, or canning vegetables. Teach someone else I life skill I know how to do.
8. Love a few people well, remembering that what is important is not how much we do but how much love we put into doing it.
7. Write a letter to someone I need to say thank you to. Write another letter to someone I need to ask to forgive me.
6. Track down a critic or someone I disagree with and take them to lunch. Listen to them.
5. Compliment someone I have a hard time complimenting... and mean it.
4. Choose life. Do something regularly to interrupt the patterns of injustice – do something to end violence, bullying, war, capital punishment and other mean and ugly things.
3. Pause before every crisis and ask “will this matter in 5 years?”
2. Get outside often and marvel at things like fireflies and shooting stars. And regularly get my hands into the garden... so when I type on the computer I can see dirt under my fingernails.
1. Believe in miracles. And live in a way that might necessitate one.

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Sunday, February 5 Vic is speaking, Kathy is leading worship, Stephen is leading music. Childcare will be available during the service. We will NOT be having potluck because we will be having potluck on Feb 12 at Sperling.

Sunday, Feb 12. Curling at Sperling! Everyone is welcome to join us. Come celebrate CARNIVAL with us – dress in your brightest clothes, and be prepared to have a good time and say good-bye to the winter blues. Please come for the fun, fellowship, worship, skating, curling, etc. Bring food, skates, any curling equipment you might possess, board games, etc. If you need a ride, or if you can provide a ride, please contact Vivian.

The banner hanging at the front of our worship space for the next few weeks is from the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Check their website to learn more about who they are, and what they do: <http://mennocreationcare.org/>

## Canadian Mennonite University

**February 16 + 17** - CMU Opera workshop presents scenes from famous operas. 7:30 pm, Laudamus Auditorium (\$8/5). Tickets available from CMU reception, 487.3300.

**“Youth Ministry as School of Love** is a youth ministry conference planned for **June 1 - 2** at CMU. The conference will feature Mark Yaconelli and Michael Hryniuk. Participants can register for this conference separately or participate in it as part of a week long course. Contact [abergen@cmu.ca](mailto:abergen@cmu.ca).

## Mennonite Central Committee

### **Feast of St. Valentine, February 14, 6pm at Sam's Place (159 Henderson Highway) -**

Come as individuals, families, or couples to celebrate together that which unites us all - our common love of food! Tickets are \$15 for a three-course meal and can be reserved through [manager@samsplacebooks.com](mailto:manager@samsplacebooks.com) or picked up at Sam's Place (415-4728) or 134 Plaza Drive (261-6381).

### **Peace Talk on February 17, 7:30 pm at Sam's Place (159 Henderson Highway) -**

MPs Alex Atamanenko and Pat Martin will speak about Bill C - 373 to establish a Federal Department of Peace. Questions such as "Why do we need a Department of Peace?" and "How will it relate to other departments such as Defense and Foreign Affairs?" and "What will such a department consist of?" and more will be addressed. Contact Steve Plenert at 925-1918 or [steveplenert@mennonitecc.ca](mailto:steveplenert@mennonitecc.ca) for more details.

### **MCC Winnipeg Spring Banquet, 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. Contact Paul Friesen at (204) 261-6381 or 1-888-622-6337 for complimentary tickets.

## Mennonite Church Canada

**Bed, Breakfast, and a Ride:** You're invited to host a Mennonite Church Canada leader in your home when they come to Winnipeg for the annual Spring Leadership Assembly on March 7-12.

Hosts will be encouraged to transport guests to and from the meeting location at First Mennonite and the airport as needed. For more information contact Megan Kamei at

[mkamei@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:mkamei@mennonitechurch.ca) or call 888-6781 ext. 105. **Please respond by February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

## Mennonite Church Manitoba/Camps with Meaning

**Camps with Meaning brochures** are now available check online or in the church office. If you are a parent of a school-aged child, there is a brochure in your mailbox.

## Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Have you ever felt the pinch of a high-school clique, been lost in the woods and taken shelter in a gingerbread house, or had your heart broken? Come and join Westgate Mennonite Collegiate's Junior students as they explore these themes in the 2012 production of 3 one act plays.

Location : Franco Manitoban Cultural Center

When: February 9th and 10th at 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$6 each

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

If Jazz Trios interest you, you will not want to miss this opportunity to hear Jodie Borle in a wonderfully intimate setting:

The Jodie Borle Trio - local jazz artists

at the Young United Church Coffee House

Friday, February 10 at 7:30

222 Furby at Broadway

doors open at 7 pm

\$10 cover charge

Coffee and goodies will be available for purchase

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).

**Employment Opportunity:**

Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools (250 Bedson St) is seeking a Before/After Program Coordinator. Responsibilities include planning and supervising our Before/After care program that currently services approx. 30-40 students in grades K-7. Some knowledge of record keeping and/or Excel software would be an asset. Starting date is Feb. 13, 2012. Please contact Mr. John Sawatzky (principal) at 885-1032 for more information.

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