



# Millwoods Community Church

## November 2017 Newsletter



"To know and accept Jesus Christ personally as Lord and Saviour, grow in relationship with Him and make Him known"

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3)

How hope filled are you? There are many reasons to be hopeful, to be expectant of what God is about to do in our midst. This past Sunday we had a "Town Hall Conversation," a congregational meeting with the purpose of seeking God's direction, of listening to His voice, and restoring our vision for the future by hearing what God has placed upon the hearts and minds of His people at MWCC. It was exciting to hear that our hope and our vision for the future is still alive. There is a hunger for God's word, a renewed reliance upon prayer, a desire to reconnect and form small groups to study, encourage and take care of one another. There is a renewed desire to reclaim what has been lost, to reach out to our youth and young families, to change, to do whatever it takes to allow God to breathe life back into our church. There is a feeling that it is time to claim these words of promise written in

**Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

There is work to do for sure; priorities have to be set; action plans worked out and many knees to be bent in prayer, hope is stirring. Christopher Goodman once said, "If we expect change we must act on our hope every day until we have accomplished what we wanted." What is your greatest hope for MWCC? What are you excited about? Who has God placed upon your heart to pray for today? What new initiatives would you be willing to invest your time and energy in? What would it take to get everybody on-board, to buy into a renewed vision, to joyfully pursue whatever God has planned? If God is for us, who can stand against us? Your pastors and your leaders are praying, they are committed to seeking God's guidance and strength; they are committed to listening to His voice as He speaks to you and through you. Are you willing to dream with us, to pray with us, to work with us? Are you ready to throw your hat in the ring?

God Bless, Pastor Milton

# **LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION**

## **Trustee (“Trusty”) Corner**

### **The Value of Partnerships at MWCC**

Partnerships have started to become a more important part of our community outreach here at MWCC, as well as providing us with resources that help keep us functioning.

If you are not aware, there are a number of partners that currently make use of our building resources. These include a Christian Church start-up, educational businesses (playschool, daycare and music classes), and community dance and music groups. Lease arrangements have been made with our partners that follow rules set out by the government regarding non-profit organizations.

As a Church board our goal is to build, relationships with our lease partners by making them feel welcome not only in the building but also in the church community. This has already been evident through the numbers of children with connections to the partners who participated in this summer’s VBS as well as participation and attendance at the fall community BBQ.

Rental income from these partnerships currently fund 30+ percent of MWCC annual expenses, essential for outreach and programming, assisting with building maintenance and maintaining current staffing levels.

If you have any questions, please ask one of your MWCC trustees.

David Jones, Ron Adam, Larry Goodwin and Keith Wyllie  
MWCC Trustees

**Moravian Women in Leadership:** The Provincial Women’s Board, Northern Province is asking for your congregation’s participation in the first Moravian Women Leaders Retreat. Held April 6-8, 2018 at the Benedict Inn Retreat & conference Center in Beech Grove, IN. The program has three segments of “Who Am I?”, “Women in Leadership”, and “Is it I?” There is only space for a total of 86 women. Registrations will be on a “First come, first served” basis. Cost of the Retreat is \$150, completed registration forms and payment must be in by February 1, 2018. Note Registration forms will be coming in the future.

## **Worship**

### ***Sunday Worship Service***

**Sermon Series:** “Word of God and Prayer”.

**Everyone welcome:** join us for our Sunday Worship Service starting @ 10:30am. The first Sunday of each month, is our Communion Sunday Service, and the last Sunday of each month is our Joyful Noise Offering Service. We have Fellowship @ 11:30am following Worship.

**Candle trimming and Decorating (Save the date):** November 26, 2017, we will stay after worship for a light lunch, to trim candles for Christmas Eve Service, and to decorate. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! This will be a soup and sandwich lunch, if you are planning to stay please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches.

**Christmas Eve Candle Light Service:** This year our Christmas Eve service will be Sunday December 24, 2017 at 5pm (no morning service). **Please Note** You are invited to join our Brothers and Sisters for a morning service out at Heimtal Moravian Church starting at 10am.

**Worship:** An important part of our church is volunteering to help during our worship service and fellowship time, your help is appreciated.

### ***Musicians Welcome***

What will happen if you join our praise band team?  
Contact Pastor Milton at [music@mcchurch.ca](mailto:music@mcchurch.ca). and find out!

### ***Celebration Choir***

Choir is every Wednesday @ 7pm. If you love to sing and are interested in joining this fun group, please contact Pastor Milton @ [music@mcchurch.ca](mailto:music@mcchurch.ca).

**Sound and Media** this is an essential ministry at MWCC.

The congregation will love and appreciate your efforts; training is available. Please contact Larry Goodwin @ [ldhgoodwin@shaw.ca](mailto:ldhgoodwin@shaw.ca). **THANK YOU** for all your time and support!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### ***Women's Morning Out***

Women's Morning Out November 18, 2017 at 10am: we meet every third Saturday of the month. We have a great discussion on the book we are reading, great laughs, and fellowship time. Everyone is welcome! If you have, any questions feel free to speak with Cheryl Davy-Thomas @ 780-634-0617.

### ***Ladies Tea Time***

We will be studying "Jesus Calling - Trusting in Christ" by Sarah Young. . Tea, Coffee provided; All welcome to join! Have any questions about this group contact Charlene Adam @ 780-955-8065

### ***Pastor's Prayer Group***

All welcome to join us Wednesdays at 10am for a time of study, fellowship and prayer; we meet in the fireside room. Tea, Coffee provided.

# **COMMUNITY CARE & CONNECTION**

## ***Christmas Carolling***

We will be Christmas Carolling on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Allen Grey @4pm, then off to Laurel Heights @5:30pm. Everyone and anyone is welcome to come to this wonderful fun time, it is a joy to bring joy.

Remember your Santa or Elf hat



## ***Millwoods Prayer List***

Velma Seutter, Helen Drebert, Elizabeth Schotte, Carol Martin, Cindy Lehman, Ken Riske, Barb Severyn, Baby Avery (Carolyn McKay Granddaughter), Joint Board of MWCC.

## ***Visitation & Prayer***

If you or someone you care about would appreciate a pastoral visit either at home or in the hospital, or if you are in need of prayer, or would like to be anointed with oil, please contact Pastor Milton at 587-335-7585 or Pastor Joshua Pantoja at 780-909-1575 Any Time!

## ***Church Directory***

The church is in the process of finalizing the church directory. If you did not have a chance to come in and get your picture taken you can always send a picture to the church office and we will be sure to add it to the directory.

# **MISSION & OUTREACH**

## ***Joyful Noise Collection***

The last Sunday of every month, will be a Joyful Noise Collection so fill your pockets with your loose change. This collection is for upcoming meal ministries for Edmonton homeless population, through volunteer work at Mustard Seed, and in our distribution of sack lunches for the homeless.



## ***Faith in Action***

Faith in Action is a mission and outreach group focused on making sure that Christ's presence is in our community. If you have a project in mind for us to consider, please contact Pastor Milton at [music@mcchurch.ca](mailto:music@mcchurch.ca), or contact Pastor Joshua at [joshuaapantoja@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaapantoja@gmail.com).

# 2017 November Event Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1 Pastor Prayer Group 10am</p> <p>Ladies Tea Time 2-3:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Ritchie Trombone Choir 7-9:30pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Communion Worship Sunday 10:30am</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Pastor Prayer Group 10am</p>  <p>Ladies Tea Time 2:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Baptism Worship Sunday 10:30am</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Pastor Prayer Group 10am</p> <p>L.T.T 2:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7pm</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Women's Morning Out</p>  <p>10am</p>
<p>19 Worship Sunday 10:30am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Last day for newsletter submissions</p> 	<p>22 Pastor Prayer Group 10am</p>  <p>Ladies Tea Time 2:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Joyful Noise Worship Sunday 10:30am</p> <p><b>Candle Trimming and Decorating after worship Soup and Sandwich Potluck</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Pastor Prayer Group 10am</p> <p>L.T.T 2:30pm</p> <p>Choir 7pm</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>Dec 1</p>	<p>Dec 2</p>
<p>Millwoods Punjabi Church Worship 2-4pm</p> <p>Punjabi Folk Dance from 3-8pm</p>	<p>Kindermusik 2-3pm, 4-5pm</p> <p>Punjabi Folk Dance from 6-8pm.</p>	<p>Kindermusik 9:45-10:30am</p> <p>Wow Dance Studio 10-11am</p> <p>Ritchie Trombone Choir 7-9:30pm</p> <p>Punjabi Folk Dance from 6-8pm</p>	<p>Tops AM Group 8-10am Wednesday morning fireside room.</p> <p>Wow Dance Studio 6-7pm</p>	<p>Kindermusik 9:30-11:30am</p> <p>Wow Dance Studio 10-11am</p> <p>Tops PM Group meets 6-9pm in fireside room.</p>	<p>Kindermusik 9:30-11:30am</p> <p>Wow Dance studio 6-7pm</p>	<p>Kindermusik 9:30-12:30pm</p>

# 2017 November Worship Support

	5	12	19	26
<i>Greeters</i>	Randy & Berniece	Keith	Len N	
<i>Ushers</i>	Ron/Armand	Regan/Armand	Sonja/Armand	Bryan/Armand
<i>Music</i>	Elaine	Deb	Bev	Lorraine
<i>Readers</i>				
<i>Sound</i>	Larry	Kendell	Regan	Kendell
<i>Media</i>	Stuart	Freeman	Carter	Bob & Ruth
<i>Coffee</i>				
<i>Elder</i>				
<i>Children's Message</i>	Prayer	No	Prayer	No
<i>Children's Church</i>	No	Elaine	No	Elaine
<i>Concert Band</i>	Practice 12-1pm	Practice 12-1pm	Play in Service Practice 12-1pm	

*THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING...MANY HANDS  
MAKE LESS WORK!*