

SERMON NOTES...

“Mary’s Song”

Luke 1:46-55



Gospel Chapel

Sunday, December 22, 2024



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NEW TO GOSPEL CHAPEL...

Please fill out a **Welcome Card**, located at the info desk, and drop it into the offering box! To update your contact information, please fill out a **Contact Information Update Form**, also located at the info desk. We look forward to hearing from you!

GENERAL NOTICE...

Our building is a fragrance-free facility to honour those with health conditions and allergies. This includes all perfumes, scented products, and essential oils. Thank you for your understanding. Please note that those seated nearest the stage may be captured on our live-stream, which is available for public viewing.



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DECEMBER-JANUARY CALENDAR...



- **Dec 24th** ... Christmas Eve Service / 6:30pm
- **Dec 24th – Jan 1st** ... GC Office closed
- **Dec 25th** ... Community Christmas Dinner / GC gym / Doors open at noon
- **Dec 29th** ... Special Service: Himalayan Children's Troupe Guest Speaker and Potluck / 9:30am / GC Sanctuary
- **Jan 5th** ... Special Service: Testimonials and Prayer for 2025 + Love offering for Maxym & Anya Olinerovski / 9:30am / GC Sanctuary



WEEKLY MINISTRY...

- **SUNDAY** ... Pre-Service Prayer Time / 8:30-9:20am / Fireside Room
- **SUNDAY** ... Lodge Ministry / Boundary Lodge 1pm / Silver Kettle 2pm / 2nd Sunday of the month / No masking required
- **MONDAY** ... Weekly Ladies DBS / 9:30-11:30am / Childcare room behind balcony / Contact Lindsay Hiebert-Edwards at edwardsmain@protonmail.com / Resumes Jan 13th
- **MONDAY** ... Men's Basketball / 7-9pm
- **WEDNESDAY** ... Weekly Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) / 7am / Contact Evelyn Brown at evbaca@juno.com for link
- **WEDNESDAY** ... 55+ / 10am-12pm / Fireside Room / Resumes Jan 8th
- **THURSDAY** ... L.I.F.T. / 6:30-8:00pm / Resumes Jan 9th
- **FRIDAY** ... Men's Group / 6am / MW Electric (222 72nd Ave)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER...



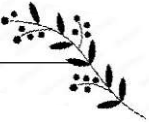
Don't have plans for the holidays? Interested in finding out how you can serve our community with the Community Christmas Dinner Program? Find out more by contacting Natalie Patterson, Director for the CCDP, at (250) 442-0876.

HIMALAYAN CHILDREN'S TROUPE UPDATE...



Regrettably, members of the Himalayan Children's Troupe were unable to obtain visas for performing in Canada. In their place, a member of the Fazl Foundation will be our guest speaker for December 29th. They will be sharing more on the mission of the persecuted church in North India. We will still be holding a Christmas Leftovers Potluck this day, so please bring a dish to share with everyone!

WEEK OF PRAYER (JAN 5-11)...



Please see this week's insert for more details on how you can participate in this national initiative.

OFFICE CLOSURE...



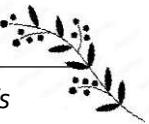
The office will be closed beginning December 24th and will be reopening Thursday, January 2nd.

GIVING...



Please use the [offering box](#) located at the info desk for your donations during Sunday service times! To give to the ministry of Gospel Chapel: e-transfer to gcfincanet@gmail.com, drop-off envelopes at the church office Tuesday through Thursday, or deposit them into the offering box during Sunday services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Lorraine Barg / Oksana Betancurt / Steve Birdsall (Kristy Benson's brother) / Tony Bosch & Ann Flynn (Coby Postma's brother-in-law & sister) / Luke Postma (Steve Postma's brother) / Jim Goertzen / Nicole and Jake Goode (Josh Edward's aunt & uncle) / Laurie Hawley / Jack Hooge / Norm Marian / Ruth Martens / Maxim & Anya Olinerovski – Multiply Pastors (Zaporozhye, Ukraine) / Darlene Preston (Tammy Battersby's mother) / Paula Savin

WEEK OF PRAYER
JANUARY 5-11, 2025

pray first / pray always



The National Ministry Team invites you to participate in a week of prayer with our national family on January 5-11, 2025. The theme of the week is Pray First, Pray Always. We will be holding online prayer meetings each day, led by members of our National Ministry Team.

We will be leaning into the topics of unity and mission: as we unify ourselves as God's people, we can do a better job on mission, representing the vision and values of Jesus our leader.

Join us as we begin 2025 by praying first and praying always, together as a family!

To participate in the week of prayer, subscribe to our newsletter <https://mbherald.com/subscribe-via-email/>.

All prayer week event links and daily devotionals will be sent to your inbox.

WEEK OF PRAYER: JANUARY 5-11, 2025

Along with the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches, we will host prayer gatherings for seeking the Lord in relation to our local context and our church family. This is one of our key action steps in our **Vision 2022-2027: Pursue Persistent Prayer.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5: A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

As we begin our year let's share the goodness of God in 2024. How did God move in your life? Where did you grow in your love for God and people? What were you challenged with that caused you to rely on God in a new way? Be prepared to share. Let's declare His goodness!

And we will pray for the coming year. Things like:

- a. the Pastoral Search Team
- b. for friends and family to follow Jesus
- c. for baptisms and new commitments
- d. for our staff and volunteers
- e. for our Elders and future Elders
- f. for the Kingdom work of the Church in Grand Forks

DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6-10

You can join the CCMB online prayer times at 12:00 PST. More details will be at the CCMB and/or MB Herald websites.

Pastor Doug will host a morning prayer time from 6:30 – 7:30 Monday to Friday in the sanctuary. Other gatherings to be announced.

The sanctuary will be open 9:00 – 3:00 Tuesday – Thursday for anyone wanting to come and pray. Come through the main doors. Prayer notices and prompts will be available at the Info Desk each day.

Utilize the **Prayer Action Plan** that was published in June 2024 as an outcome of the *Setting Your Church Free* that our staff, team leaders and elders developed this spring.

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