



Bulletin

April 19, 2020

Hope Mennonite Church acknowledges our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota, and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871. We are grateful to our host nations.

Sunday, April 19

Zoom service at 10:30 am, but it will be open at 10:00 am for people who want to visit.

This coming Sunday, Jonathan, Dawn, Esther and Lisa will offer readings, stories etc. about Doubt, Faith and John 20:19-31. Just for one thing - how much doubt is good to avoid being tricked too often? And how much Faith to have some joy and closeness?

If you like, you can gather:

- A candle and something to light it (or, if more than one person in your family will want to light a candle, more may be wanted)
- Paper, pencils and markers for as many as might them for the children's story (also rated for adults).
- A jar or cup and some coins for Coin Offering! thanks to Heidi for this idea!! We can put our coins into our jars at the same time and give them a good shake, together, after the offering prayer.

If you need help with Zoom please let Lynell or Lisa know.

Hope News

Hope Mennonite welcomes full participation of people who hold a variety of beliefs and practices with regards to spirituality and theology. Our Covenant says that we desire to be “hospitable to those with differing beliefs.”

MC Manitoba and MC Canada

The Executive Minister Search Committee posted a document entitled “MCM Constituency Input – Summary of Our Listening” on [the MCM website](#). We invite you to read this document and continue to pray for this search process.

ADV Spring Camp weeks cancelled

Four weeks of spring Adults with Disabilities Venture (ADV) camp have been cancelled. For some of our campers, this week is one of their only holidays in the year, and for many staff, these are beautiful weeks with beautiful relationships. Please pray for our campers and staff as we mourn this loss.

For more specific details, visit the news page at www.campswithmeaning.org

MCM and MC Canada Pandemic Responses

For a list of how congregations are responding in worship, visit the MCM page here:

www.mennochurch.mb.ca/virusresponse

For a curated list of resources with Nationwide applicability, visit the MC Canada page here:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources

Mennonite Church BC provides this week's online service. The service will be available to view at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.

Indigenous-Settler Relations

Act for Indigenous Right to “Restrict Access”

In this COVID-19 crisis where all Canadians—except “essential service” workers—are urged to stay home, thousands of resource workers are currently entering into remote Indigenous territories to build mega projects (e.g., the Site C Dam and the Coastal GasLink pipeline in British Columbia) and endangering the well-being of vulnerable Indigenous populations. The Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples—which Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous-Settler Relations is part of—has released a [statement](#) calling governments to respect the right of Indigenous communities “to set conditions of entry into their territories.”

Historically, Indigenous peoples have been disproportionately impacted by disease and illness—and the same is true today. We invite our congregations to pray that those in authority would honour the rights and lives of Indigenous peoples. We also invite you to write Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (pm@pm.gc.ca) and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Carolyn Bennett (carolyn.bennett@canada.ca) to express your concerns and hope.

Common Word

CommonWord online service continues during the pandemic. Please visit

www.commonword.ca

Self-isolation should not mean a lack of reading material. Have a book dropped off at your door! (Loan items ship free)

CommonWord is curating pandemic materials daily

Here are a few of the recent COVID-19 resource additions:

- [Digital Tools for Youth Ministry](#) (MC USA)

- [Are the Kids OK?](#) (Dove's Nest)
- [Navigating the Financial Impact of COVID-19](#) (MCEC)
- [Online Support Circles](#) (including [Korean translation](#) by Bock Ki Kim)
- [A Time Such as This](#) (MennoMedia Rejoice! special issue)
- [Weekly Pastoral Conversations](#) (MCEC)
- [Weekly Worship Services](#) (MC Canada congregations)

Check <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources> for all the materials

Eden Health Care



Recovery of Hope Counselling continues to offer counselling therapy services during this time. Our counsellors are available for phone and video counselling and can offer support for those dealing with anxiety, relationship issues, trauma, addiction and more.

Email us at info@recoveryofhope.ca or call 1-866-493-6202 for more information.

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Thoughts on Worship

Because we live most of the time in a culture preoccupied with the ego and the small self, we all need to be reminded of how the culture of Christian faith is different. Each week, we need to hear once again why we have come. We need words that are direct and concrete to usher us into an alternative time and space.

In worship we come not to succeed and be noticed, not to achieve or to prove ourselves. We come rather to lose ourselves. We come to die to all our petty concerns and fears and to be submerged once again into the being and the story of God, so that we may rise to new life in Christ. We come to return to the source of true joy and sustenance.

Christian worship is a counter-cultural activity, and it requires clear signals and rituals if it is to draw us out of the culture of narcissism. Preparing ourselves for worship requires disciplined work. To the outsider, it may seem a strange and unnecessary activity. But when we finally arrive and settle in, we will surely remember why we have come.

Scott Brubaker-Zehr, from "Receiving before Responding" Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology, Fall 2005, Vol 6, No 2