



## **Bulletin**

**April 26, 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 26**

Visiting on zoom starts at 10:00 and the service starts at 10:30.

On Sunday, Myelle, Calum, Dave F and Curt will play music for us. Selenna and Dave D will each give a few minutes reflection and one of the questions below. We'll have open sharing time on the questions below and, later, sharing of Joys and Concerns.

The Bible Verse will be 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (different gifts, same Spirit).

#### **Questions:**

1. What gifts or jobs or people, or other parts of creation did you realize were more important – or differently-important - after the pandemic started?
2. I like fantasy books and movies so I wonder: What spells have been broken, now, so we can see differently?
3. Inspirations on how Love and Justice can guide us in a time of seeing-differently? Individually? Collectively?

#### **Things to prepare for the service if you'd like:**

1. A candle and something to light it with
2. Your coin offering jar and some coins
3. A few words, a Lego sculpture, a picture, or some other creation that responds to the Bible verse or one of the related questions below (this is for adults, youth and kids- so everyone!)

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

### **Sunday, May 3**

Next Sunday, May 3- Raya is leading worship, Jason and Erika will be leading music. Lynell will be sharing about her time in Ethiopia. Check Lynell's April 23 email for some ideas on how to connect kids to the Sunday service.

## Hope News

Hope provides a variety of resources for people in need of support, including subsidized counseling sessions at Recovery of Hope. We also have a variety of gifted resource people available to help you access the resources you might need. Speak to Lynell or Lisa for more information.

## Hope Parents

Parents- want to participate in an U of W study?  
<https://www.parentingduringthepandemic.com/>

## 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](http://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](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/virusresponse)

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

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources](http://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](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)) and Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Carolyn

Bennett ([carolyn.bennett@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.bennett@canada.ca)) to express your concerns and hope.

## Common Word

**CommonWord online service continues during the pandemic.** Please visit [www.commonword.ca](http://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

## Mennonite Central Committee

Joyce Ngumbao welcomes you to her table! Watch the video to learn about cooking, drought and agriculture conservation in Kenya. Meet Joyce at [mcccanada.ca/stories/welcome-my-table-video](http://mcccanada.ca/stories/welcome-my-table-video). Find more exciting resources and videos to keep you busy at [tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources](http://tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources)

The 18th Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament has been postponed from July 8th to September 10th. We hope to see you for a beautiful day of golf in the fall. Register today at [mccmb.ca/golf](http://mccmb.ca/golf).

Craving a bowl of homemade soup and a slice of fresh bread? Sam's Place is now open for pick-up and delivery! Visit their website for their delicious menu and delivery details [sams.place](http://sams.place).

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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*