

# HOPE MENNONITE church



## Bulletin

**June 14, 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, June 14

9:30 am We will have an **Adult Ed** time, looking at Chapter Four of “Beyond our Fears,”. We will end at 10:15, and take a short break before the service starts at 10:30.

10:30 am Dori is leading worship, Lynell will be speaking. Kevin and Laura are leading music. Brian is the Zoom host. The Scripture passage is Genesis 18:1-15, the story of Sarah’s laughter.

To prepare for Sunday:  
parents can you get your kids to  
think about what makes them  
laugh?

### Sunday, June 21

10:30 am. Vivian is leading worship, Lynell is speaking. Vi and Vic and leading music. Gilbert is the Zoom host. The Scripture passage is Genesis 21:8-21, the story of Hagar and Ishmael being thrown out into the wilderness.

## **Hope News**

You are invited to join coffee time with Lynell on Wed at 7:00. We have a short time of prayer at the beginning, and then visit with each other.

We are still looking for leaders for Sunday summer services. You will all have been contacted about neighbourhood gatherings (if you have not, please let Lynell know). Hosts are still needed for that, as well as worship planners/leaders for the Zoom services.

Date	Name
July 5	Eric, Lyris, Katharina, Jason – Gather on Zoom
July 12	Summer in the park
July 19	Gather on Zoom
July 26	Summer in the park
August 2	Gather on Zoom
August 9	Summer in the park
August 16	BriC (?)– Gather on Zoom
August 23	Summer in the park
August 30	Gather on Zoom
September 6	Summer in the park

**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

### Make June a Jubilee!

June is Indigenous History Month—a time to intentionally reflect on Indigenous-Settler relationships both past and present; a time to grow in right relations with host peoples and the lands in which we live. We encourage everyone to pick up a great book—like Chelsea Vowel’s *Indigenous Writes*, or Barker and Lowman’s *Settler*—to learn more about how we can pursue paths of decolonization (see [www.commonword.ca/go/1512](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1512)). To celebrate this time, all proceeds from purchasing ISR resources from CommonWord—like *Unsettling the Word* and the *Intotemak TRC Trilogy*—will go to Mennonite Church Canada’s Jubilee Fund, which supports Indigenous communities who are repairing and renewing relationships with ancestral lands (see [www.commonword.ca/go/2042](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2042)).

## Canadian Mennonite University

This year’s annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding lecture will be delivered by Dr. William Cavanaugh, Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University, known widely for his work in political theology and Christian ethics. His lecture, entitled *The Myth of Religious Violence*, will be delivered online on **Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM CDT**. [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events)

**Consider Music at CMU** and explore many vocational possibilities through a Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts in Music or Music Therapy degree. Join this **webinar on Wednesday, June 17, 3:00–4:00 PM CDT** to find out more. [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit)

CMU has filled critical positions to support the mission of the university. **Dr. Christine Kampen Robinson** has been hired as the Director of Practica and the Director of the new Centre for

Vocation, while **John Balsillie** has been hired as Vice-President Administration and Finance. Additionally, **Dr. John Boopalan**, a specialist in political theology, will join CMU's Biblical and Theological Studies department this fall. Read about all three new appointments at [media.cmu.ca](http://media.cmu.ca).

## Mennonite Central Committee

Celebrate the virtual grand opening of the MCC 100 Years Exhibit at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum. This ticket-only event will take place online on June 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling the MHV office at 204-326-9661. For more info please visit [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-100-years-exhibit](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-100-years-exhibit).

How is MCC responding to COVID-19 in the developing world? Join us on June 17 at 6:00 pm for a Q&A webinar featuring Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's Global Health Coordinator. Sign up for the webinar at [mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series).

Looking for a new job? MCC Portage Thrift Shop is looking to fill multiple permanent positions including a donation receiver, cashier, retail manager and others. Find more details at [mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10850](http://mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10850).

Join Grow Hope today and help provide food for vulnerable communities whose needs are more pronounced during COVID-19. Find three people to sponsor a 1/3 acre at \$100 and watch your donation grow! Learn more at [mcccanada.ca/learn/more/grow-hope](http://mcccanada.ca/learn/more/grow-hope).

Looking for a new set up golf clubs? The MCC Thrift Shop Golf Sale is back! Shop Friday, June 19, 4-8 pm and Saturday, June 20, 9 am - 2 pm, at 7 Mercury Bay. Looking to donate a set? Drop it off at the Sargent or Selkirk Thrift Shops, or drop it off at 7 Mercury Bay. Pick-ups can also be arranged - call Ron (204) 296-4949 or Connie (204) 261-4949.

Join us online to hear reporting on the work and growth of MCC Manitoba and learn about MCC's COVID-19 response at our 56th Annual General Meeting from 7-9pm on June 25. For more info visit [mccmb.ca/agm](http://mccmb.ca/agm).

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### Steering Committee:

Ruth Plett (chair), Sandy Koop Harder (treasurer)  
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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*