



Bulletin

June 21, 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 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. How do we respond when our faith leaders turn out to be terrible people?

Sunday, June 28 Lisa is leading the service. Nick W is leading music. Sandy is the Zoom host.

Hope News

This will be the last E-bulletin for the year. During the summer, you will receive emails about what's happening on Sundays.

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.

Thanks to those who have signed up to provide leadership to the neighbourhood groups! If you have not been contacted about neighbourhood gatherings, 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

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). 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).

Canadian Mennonite University

CMU continues to accept applications for **September** learning that will feature a unique combination of in-person, on-campus and online learning. Discover more about CMU by taking a **Virtual Campus Tour!** enrolment.cmu.ca/register/virtual_tour

Go Outside, Play Golf, Support CMU. The CMU Golf Classic: COVID Cup Edition, invites golfers anywhere in Canada (and beyond!) to register a round of golf in support of CMU at a course and time they choose this summer. **Watch the video invitation** at cmu.ca/golf!

Graduate student awarded significant scholarship. Sarah Deckert, a student in CMU’s Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, has been awarded a significant scholarship supporting her research focused on ‘healing the wounds of colonialism’. Read about Sarah and this important recognition at media.cmu.ca/story-sarahdeckertsshrc.

If you missed Dr. William Cavanaugh’s Canadian School of Peacebuilding Lecture entitled ***The Myth of Religious Violence*** you can still view it! This lecture by a renowned scholar, known for his work in political theology and Christian ethics, is **available for viewing** at media.cmu.ca/events/lectures#csop.

Mennonite Central Committee

Today, we are reaching out with heartbreaking news.

Our hearts grieve for our friend and colleague Maysoun Darweesh, MCC Manitoba's Migration and Resettlement Coordinator, whose husband, Nour Ali is missing following a tragic boat accident, and whose father-in-law, Hamza Ali, died in the accident. Nour has worked tirelessly and passionately to support the newcomer community in Manitoba for the past eight years. His family was sponsored through MCC by Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg to come to Canada from Syria in 2012.

Nour created the Kurdish Initiative for Refugees and started a summer program for young newcomer children. He also helped educate many newcomers about reconciliation and Indigenous communities in Manitoba through a variety of cultural events and activities.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Maysoun, her two daughters, their extended family and the broader newcomer community during this time. Please join us in praying for them.

Sincerely,
Darryl Loewen, Executive Director

Sam's Place is looking to hire a 15-29-year-old Food Services Manager Assistant and a Front of House Associate as part of the Manitoba Green Team program. Application deadline is June 22. Please note that these positions are dependent on funding. Find job descriptions at mccmb.ca/openings.

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.

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.

Introducing GO! 100! Complete 100 of anything between now and July 27th, raise funds and celebrate MCC's 100th birthday with us. Many MCC spring and summer events and fundraisers have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, as risks continue to grow among vulnerable communities, support remains essential. Learn more at mccmb.ca/go-100.

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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