



Bulletin

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

The Sunday service will be about Gratitude for plants. And, we'll acknowledge and celebrate High School and University graduates!!

In the plant-gratitude part of the service:

- Stephen will share about how science supports his gratitude for plants
- Laura and/or Gilbert will to share about how their christology or spiritual practices connect with their gratitude for plants.
- Krystan, Misha and Nico will share, as a parent and children, about some of the plants that have their attention these days, and why plants are important to them

Summer Services:

July 7 - Lyris, Eric, Jason and Katharina will be leading the Zoom service. The service begins at 10:30 am

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with
flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Psalm 65: 9-13 NRSV Version

Hope News

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

MC Manitoba and MC Canada

Day Camps and Pop-Up Camps with Camps with Meaning. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org to learn more about and to register for our revised camping program. Or, call 204-895-2267

Support group for Mennonite racial minorities If you (or someone you know) is a racial minority in the Mennonite Church (including international students) and would like to be a part of this group, please email Gabby Martin (from Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church) at: gabbymartinwork@gmail.com.

Prayer request for peace in Palestine and Israel as the threat of annexation looms

Please pray for peace in Palestine and Israel in the coming days, when Israel's government has announced it will begin annexing significant parts of the Palestinian territory of the West Bank. The Palestinian people, including Christian partners of Mennonite organizations, are concerned that this violation of international law will further deepen the dire human rights abuses, land expropriation, and economic injustice they have experienced under Israeli military occupation since 1967. Pray for Israelis, Palestinians and advocates around the world who are promoting a durable and just peace, with equal rights and dignity for Israelis and Palestinians alike, using what Palestinian Christians call "the logic of love." --Mennonite Church Canada and MCM Palestine and Israel Network

God of peace and justice, you have created all people in your image to serve both Creator and creation in love. We lift up the people of Israel and Palestine on the eve of the threatened annexation in the West Bank. May all recognize that the "earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1), and that the forced acquisition and use of the land by one people at the expense of another is far from your will. Strengthen and give courage to those who speak your truth to the powers of this world. Protect the weak and the dispossessed. May your people shine the light of your love and care for this troubled but "holy" land. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

Bethel Mennonite Church job opening Bethel Mennonite Church (Winnipeg, MB) is seeking a 0.33 FTE Music/Arts Coordinator to coordinate musical and artistic aspects of Bethel's worship services starting Fall 2020.

[Job Description and more info in this pdf document](#) or on at www.bethelmennonite.ca

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-sarahdeckertsshr.

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

Introducing GO! 100! Take on the challenge to complete 100 of any activity – running, biking, baking, singing, puzzles! – between now and July 27th to raise funds and celebrate MCC's 100th birthday with us. Many MCC fundraisers have been cancelled due to COVID-19. You can help us raise funds, awareness and celebrate 100 years of MCC all in one event! Learn more at mccmb.ca/go-100.

Join us for Give us our daily bread: COVID-19 and the coming food crisis, an online webinar on Wednesday, July 15 at 11:00am. With global lockdowns, disrupted supply chains and economic downturns, more and more people will go hungry. Hear stories of how MCC continues to provide. Sign up here mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

The second episode of Relief, Development and Podcast is out! Listen as Mulanda Jimmy Juma shares about his work for MCC today in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Olympian, Cindy Klassen, joins in as a guest speaker. Find this podcast wherever you get your podcasts or learn more at mcccanada.ca/relief-development-podcast.

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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