



## Bulletin

**June 7, 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 7

9:30 am We will have an **Adult Ed** time, looking at Chapter Three 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 We will be inviting a variety of people to reflect on some of what they are learning or experiencing in this pandemic time. We will also hear a bit of an update on what is happening at Young United. Lynell is leading the service, Jason and Erica are leading music. Eric is the Zoom host.

### 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 Lynell will be speaking. Kevin and Vi are leading music. Brian is the Zoom host.

## **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.

Worship Committee is beginning to plan for “next phase” church gatherings. Starting in July, we plan to have Zoom only on every other Sunday, with the other Sunday meeting in the park in neighbourhood groups. Worship committee will be contacting people to host, with the idea being that one household will invite others in their neighbourhood to meet in a local park for a time of visiting and sharing together. We have divided Hoppers into the following neighbourhoods: West End and Westwood; West Broadway and Downtown; Fort Rouge/Corydon and River Heights; South Osborne and East of the Red; Wolseley.

On all the Sundays where it says “Gather on Zoom,” we are looking for individuals, family, friends, or teams who can lead a service. There will be a designated volunteer to host the Zoom meeting, but we are looking for people to plan a worship gathering. Please let Lynell know if you are available to take on a service.

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

The **Summer schedule** is still needing volunteers – please let Lynell know if you are willing to lead a service, or help with hosting a park gathering.

**Hope has a \$300 Education fund in their budget. This is available to anyone who wants to take a course that would be a benefit to the church.**

## 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

**CMU Open House** – The next CMU Virtual Open House will include a virtual tour of CMU’s campus, along with live conversation with staff, faculty and current students. Prospective students, parents, teachers, and school counsellors all welcome. If you are unable to make the

scheduled time, sign up as an attendee to receive the recording. **Wednesday, June 10, 3:00–4:00 PM CDT** [cmu.ca/campusvisit](https://cmu.ca/campusvisit)

Public Lecture – 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](https://cmu.ca/events)

**CMU Fall Planning** – CMU's educational commitment is distinguished by the quality of personal relationships that characterize staff, faculty, and student interaction and learning—whether these be on-campus or via online learning formats. CMU is actively planning a 'mixed model' for 2020–21 fall and winter terms, with many classes combining both in-person and online elements. Every class will engage professors and students with one another in a real learning community. **Check out CMU’s plans for fall** at [cmu.ca/covid-19](https://cmu.ca/covid-19)

**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](https://cmu.ca/campusvisit)

## Mennonite Central Committee

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](https://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](https://mcccanada.ca/learn/more/grow-hope).

For some, home isn't a safe place to be. Join Jaymie Friesen, MCC Manitoba's abuse response and prevention coordinator as she speaks about how COVID-19 and living in an environment of abuse play out during a pandemic. Listen to the interview with Jaymie and learn how you can help at [mccmb.ca/Threads](https://mccmb.ca/Threads).

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](https://mccmb.ca/agm).

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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*