



Bulletin

March 1, 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, March 1, Lent 1

Steve Heinrichs will be speaking.

We will **NOT** have Children's Circle or Adult Ed after the service. Instead join us for **Potluck** in the Fellowship room and enjoy the **Goods & Services Auction** happening in the other room (usually occupied by CC).

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Greet & Setup</u>	<u>Clean up</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Marianne S	Kevin & Vi	Mark/Virginia	Anna	Paul

Sunday, March 8, Lent 2

Clare S is speaking: *Like the story of Nicodemus, God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places in our lives and invites us into new challenges, new ways of being, thinking, and doing.*

After the service, children are welcome to **Children's Circle**.

Adult Ed will be in the Fellowship room. **Topic: Parenting: Digging Deep**

Tanya Hoover will be speaking about parenting and caring for children in a way that supports their healthy social-emotional development. She will talk about how this way of meeting children's needs includes digging deep within our own selves as parents and caregivers to notice what is going on within ourselves, so that we can be "bigger, stronger, wiser and kind". She will speak about how we can offer our children the support they need in order to learn to make sense of their many, big emotions, and to develop resilience, healthy attachment relationships, and to explore their own sense of self. Tanya has a passion for supporting children and parents/caregivers. She is a Registered Social Worker who holds an MSW and is a Certified Play Therapist with the Canadian Association for Play Therapy. Tanya has taken extensive training in attachment-based models for supporting children and parents/caregivers. She works as a therapist at Family Dynamics and is the mom of two active kids!

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Eric S	Laura & Vic	Aaron	?	Shawn

Children's Circle Teachers & Leaders (Teachers and leaders change and switch often- this may not be accurate)

<u>2-5 Years</u>	<u>6-10 Years</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Music Leader</u>
Charlotte E & Julie R	Emma H, Lyris S G, Emily H	Lisa & Dave	Jason H

Reminder: the Goods & Services Auction on March 1st.

Don't forget to email miriamharder@gmail.com to tell her what you're contributing so she can print out bidding sheets before the auction.

Jeff Friesen, David Driedger, and Jonathan Dyck, have been working with Budget for All at creating a series of Lenten events focused on the impact our city's austerity measures are having on the life of our communities. The focus is on Jeremiah's call to seek the welfare of the city. We are calling on Mayor Brian Bowman and all city councilors to reject the move to austerity and instead seek the welfare of the city of Winnipeg.



A broad coalition of Winnipeg groups, communities, and individuals
budgetforall.org

This Lent, seek the welfare of the city

The journey of Lent begins when we read that Jesus “set his face toward Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51). This Lent churches are invited to set their face towards Winnipeg and seek the welfare of our city, because in its welfare we will find our own (Jeremiah 29:7). In its proposed budget, the City of Winnipeg has set out cuts that, if realized, will negatively impact quality of life, particularly for our city’s most vulnerable.

This Lent you are invited to give up the false belief in austerity — the belief that there is not enough — and take up the call to seek the welfare of our city by celebrating what we have and joining in solidarity for its future.

We are encouraging all churches to participate in this Lenten discipline and are inviting other faith and religious organizations to draw on their traditions and resources to join us in this common goal.

In support of the work of **Budget for All Winnipeg**, the reverse side of this sheet features some Lenten practices that can help us seek the welfare of our city.

Facebook Budget For All - Winnipeg
Twitter @budgetforallwpg
Instagram @budgetforallwpg

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Remember mortal that dust you are and to dust you shall return. When wealth is increasingly withheld for some it can deprive many of critical supports and opportunities that can make life more livable. Reflect on how tightly we hold to our property and possessions and consider how taxes and giving can allow life to flourish more broadly.

March 1 – Street Hockey at True North Square (1pm) Grab a hockey stick and some friends, and join Budget for All to protest the City of Winnipeg’s proposed cuts to city arenas and recreation facilities.

March 2 – Call your councillor Join other concerned citizens across Winnipeg and call your city councillor to ask them to vote against all cuts. You can find your councillor by locating your ward on the map at budgetforall.org/map. Then call Mayor Brian Bowman (204 986 5665) and tell him to scrap the cuts.

March 5 – Gather at City Hall (1pm) Religious leaders and people of faith are invited to City Hall to call on the mayor and city councillors to repent of austerity which inevitably forces the most vulnerable to pay the heaviest price for our cuts.

March 8 – Visit the Winnipeg Art Gallery for free! Reflect on the value of the arts in our quality of life. Many of our most beloved artists live precariously because of how underfunded they are and in turn rely heavily on things like libraries, public transit and cultural events for the livelihood. Consider what could be possible when come to together to invest more in our local artists.

March 14 – Day of Action Join Budget for All for its citywide day of action. More details coming soon.

March 25/26 – Budget Day As Winnipeg’s City Council tables its budget, pray that councillors would vote against austerity and instead work for a just city.

April 5 – Palm Sunday Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Whatever the mayor and city councillors decide remember that we follow a humble leader who was willing to walk with those who are most vulnerable and stand against those unwilling to act justly.

Hope News

YOUTH EVENT: Be an honorary Youth, whether you're older or younger than a teenager Join us for outdoor games at Munson Park; Running games may include 'Zombie tag' where the person who's 'it' tags someone, and then they're BOTH it, etc. Munson Park, on Wellington, close to Synagogue. **Sunday, March 8th 6:45 pm** Please let Lisa know if you're coming so she knows if we have a critical mass!

March 15: AGM

Camps with Meaning: For more information check out the bulletin at the back of the Sanctuary. You can also register online: campswithmeaning.org

Canadian Mennonite University

1. **Spring at CMU**, a fundraising evening in support of CMU, is happening on **Friday, April 3**. The evening will include presentation of the 2020 CMU PAX Award to Dr. Mary Jane McCallum, a Cree, a dentist, and a member of the Canadian Senate. CMU's Communications and Media Program will be featured, along with recognition of Elmer and Hilda Hildebrand, whose vision and generosity make this program possible. Please join us! www.cmu.ca/springatcmu
2. While many Ten Thousand Villages stores are being closed across the country, **CommonWord** remains committed to supporting artisans by offering products that make a difference. CommonWord will continue to provide fair-trade coffee, chocolate and other foods, and is investigating other fair-trade opportunities. Visit CommonWord on the CMU campus. www.commonword.ca
3. **Xplore** is a six-week block of courses that stimulates thinking and faith. Beginning March 4 explore the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer; how faith is shaped by our relationship to the land; how the Corinthian church opens lessons for our own time; and how forced migration and refugees impact us all. **Wednesday mornings, March 4-April 8, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**. Go to www.cmu.ca/explore for details.
4. Celebrate Beethoven's 250th anniversary year by attending a **Beethoven Choral Fantasy**. The CMU Chorus and the UM Singers will join the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, March 7, 8:00 PM, at the Centennial Concert Hall for this celebration.
5. The **Mennonite Community Orchestra** will present a concert entitled "Heroes and Helpers", featuring Beethoven's "Eroica Symphony" and other works. The MCO welcomes as partner to this concert, Mennonite Disaster Service, committed to restore homes and hope for people affected by natural disasters. Sunday, March 15, 2:00 PM at Jubilee Place, 183 Talbot (MBCI). Admission by donation. See www.cmu.ca/events

Mennonite Central Committee

Join us!

Come hear from Maxym Oliferovski about MCC's current work with families displaced by conflict in eastern Ukraine.

Hear Maxym speak:

- **Tuesday, March 17:** 10am-11am at MCC Manitoba, 134 Plaza Dr. (limited seating please RSVP below)
- **Wednesday, March 18:** 7pm-8:30pm at Portage Avenue Church, 1420 Portage

Join us for a time of stories and inspiration from storyteller Francisca Ibanada (Mama Cisca) as she shares about how families in the DR Congo are recovering from conflict.

Hear Mama Cisca speak:

- **Monday, March 23:** 10am-11am at MCC Program Office, 159 Henderson Hwy (limited seating please RSVP below)
- **Wednesday, March 25:** 7pm-8:30pm at Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay St.

Questions or want to RSVP? Please contact Jessica Williams at 204.261.6381 or manitoba@mccmb.ca or visit mccmb.ca/Events for more details.

We need people like you!

Interested in working for MCC Thrift? You're in luck, we're hiring! Visit mccmb.ca/Openings for more details

- Assistant Clothing Manager, Portage La Prairie MCC Thrift, paid part-time

You are invited!

Suzanne Berliner's book launch and discussion at 275 Broadway on Monday, March 2. Doors open at 6:30 and the event begins at 7:00. Entry by donation. *Holocaust to Resistance, My Journey* is a powerful, awe-inspiring memoir from author and activist Suzanne Berliner Weiss. Visit the Facebook page for more info <https://www.facebook.com/events/780572579130761/>

Each week until Easter, we will share a Lenten resource with you; a prayer, reading or reflection connected to the season of Lent.

This week, we offer this prayer of confession from Pamela C. Hawkins in her book, *The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent* (Upper Room Books, 2009):

*O God, who makes all things new,
new stars, new dust, new life;
take my heart,
every hardened edge and measured beat,
and create something new in me.
I need your newness, God,
the rough parts of me made smooth;
the stagnant, stirred;
the stuck, freed;
the unkind, forgiven.
And then, by the power of your Spirit,
I need to be turned toward Love again.
Amen.*

Interested in volunteering with MCC locally?

Bale comforters, volunteer at a MCC thrift shop or become a mentor at Sam's Place. Visit mccmb.ca/volunteer and search "Manitoba" to find opportunities in your area.

Important Dates for your calendar:

Visit mccmb.ca/Events to find events in your area.

March 2 – Hear Suzanne Berliner speak

March 17 and 18 – Hear Maxym Oliferovski speak

March 23 and 25 – Hear Mama Cisca speak

May 22-23 - Spring Fest

May 22-23 - Quilt Show and Sale

July 4 – Cycle Clear Lake

MC Manitoba and MC Canada

The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee invites your input as we seek to discern a new Executive Minister. If you have ideas we should consider in our discernment process or names you'd recommend as potential candidates, please send them to John P. Klassen pastorjohn@winkleremmanuel.com.

Camp Assiniboia invites your church or family group to book a weekend at Camp Assiniboia this spring. The following weekends are available: May 16-18, June 19-21, June 26-28. Contact Linda Dueck at carentals@campswithmeaning.org or call 204-864-2159 ext. 104.

Keeping the Peace?

Exploring past and present relationships between peace and policing in Winnipeg

Public Lecture by Dr. Bronwyn Dobchuk-Land who teaches Criminal Justice at the University of Winnipeg.

According to mainstream media Winnipeggers are increasingly fearful in their own city. Whether the conversation is about theft, addictions, or violent crimes there is a sense that things have gotten worse. Entangled in the question of peace and violence is the question of policing. What is the historic role of policing and how does that inform its practices and mission today? Who is best served by the police, who is most harmed? For groups, like Mennonites, committed to peacemaking and justice are there present and possible alternatives to policing that better serve those most vulnerable to violence?

First Mennonite Church - 922 Notre Dame Ave - March 11, 7pm

Facebook event page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/555853081944943/>

Mennonite Church Canada offers resources to help us learn about and from Wet'suwet'en

A message from Steve Heinrichs, director of Indigenous-Settler Relations for Mennonite Church Canada:

“Over the last weeks, the eyes of Canadians have turned to Wet'suwet'en territory in north-central British Columbia as the Crown, RCMP and Coastal Gaslink have sought to remove Indigenous land defenders from their homelands in order to continue work on a natural gas pipeline. Many in the church have questions about how to understand the situation. This [resource list](#) contains news articles, videos, church statements, technical reports, books and more—that can help us learn, facilitate further, and different, questions, encourage prayer...and maybe even acts of solidarity. It is by no means exhaustive, and the content varies in substance and the ways in which it narrates the various relationships. Nonetheless, we hope it will serve to open compassionate conversation and deeper comprehension.”

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is now accepting applications (Grades 6-12) for the 2020-21 school year. Applications are available on the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca) or by calling the school at 204-775-7111.

Community

Join us to **Seek the Welfare** of the City!

A group of individuals within the Budget For All Winnipeg (<https://budgetforall.org/>) coalition are calling on all religious leaders and people of faith to seek the welfare of the city and gather

at City Hall for a short service of lament over the proposed city budget cuts and how, if realized, they will harm the city, particularly our most vulnerable. Here we will call on the mayor and city councilors to join us in seeking the welfare of the city and offer a different vision and a different investment for Winnipeg's future.

Join us March 5, 1pm @ City Hall

At this point we will be drawing on Christian traditions for this service but invite other faiths and religions to offer their voice and traditions in this time. If you would like to actively participate in this please contact Jeff Friesen (jeffdafriesen@gmail.com) or David Driedger (david.driedger@gmail.com).

[Ecumenical World Day of Prayer 2020](#)

Prepared by the Committee of Zimbabwe

Day: Friday, March 6th, 2020

Location: Knox United Church, 400 Edmonton Street

Time: 10:00a.m.

The Powerful of the Faithful: Genocide and Religion

This lecture will address the under-studied nexuses between genocide and religion (for more information check out the poster on the bulletin at the back of the sanctuary).

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 pm | Fr. Jensen Theatre (rm 100) St. Paul's College

The MLT Aikins St. Paul's College University Affiliation Lecture is **FREE** and open to the public.

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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