



**Bulletin**

**March 15, 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 15, Lent 3:**

*Lisa is speaking about water.*

**There will be Children's Circle but not Adult Ed. Instead join us for the Annual General Meeting in the fellowship room. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.**

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Greet &amp; Setup</u>	<u>Clean up</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Molly S	Nick & Anna	Mark/Chris	Anna	Brittany

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>
Kira F & Laura P	Raya C, Madeleine W, Emily H	Lisa & Dave	Carissa B

**Sunday, March 22, Lent 4**

*Dawn P is speaking.*

Join us for **Children's Circle** upstairs.  
 Join us for **Adult Ed** in the Fellowship Room.  
 Topic: Living and Loving Well as Family Caregiver.  
 Facilitator: Gerry Derksen

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Greet &amp; Setup</u>	<u>Clean up</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Vivian U	Curt W, Dave F & Rachel K	Virginia F	Neil F	Paul

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>
Pat J, Karen M K	Chantelle W, Sara N, Matt B	Lisa & John	Reading buddies (Laura and Lisa)

Hope's Social Justice Team has been working with a few other Mennonite churches to come up with some actions that we can do around social justice and climate change. This Sunday we will have a petition if you would like to sign to endorse the Green New Deal. And in the coming months we will have a few other fun events. Do you like Documentary Movie Nights?! Stay tuned for more info.

## Hope News

In preparation for the combined Good Friday service, anyone interested in joining the choir for that morning is invited to attend rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:15 PM at Home Street Mennonite Church (March 17, 24, 31, and April 7). The ensemble will be led by Ben and Matt Pauls; accompanied by Leanne Regehr-Lee. If you enjoy singing the music of Stainer, Bach, and Beethoven, as well as some Taizé music, please join us!

## Canadian Mennonite University

### Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and implications for Public Events on CMU Campus

As we know, a pandemic has been declared by the World Health Organization, and social distancing strategies are now being recommended to all Manitobans to limit the spread of COVID-19. Among other stipulations, the Government of Manitoba states that ‘social distancing strategies’ will include minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes), close (less than two metres) contact between other individuals in public, and avoiding greetings that involve touching such as handshakes. In addition, public health officials are also advising schools and educational institutions to reduce large-group, crowded activities. In light of these realities, and in step with other universities, CMU is cancelling, postponing, or hosting alternative / online options for all university sponsored events of 50 people or more. **In that light the Vespers Worship Service scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 7:00 PM has been cancelled.** Updates regarding the status of other upcoming events will be posted on the CMU website [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca). Thank you for your understanding.

Terry Schellenberg, VP External  
Canadian Mennonite University  
500 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P2N2

Cell: 204-297-2164  
CMU 204-594-0534  
Toll-free: 877-231-4570

[www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

## Mennonite Central Committee

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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent:**

We direct our attention toward the gospel story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well (*Matthew 4:1-42*). We offer this reflection written by Brendan Comerford, on how we might consider this encounter today:

*“What might the relevance of this story be for us today? Well, every one of us, no matter how young or old, has a voice within saying, Give me a drink – quench my thirst for acceptance, inclusion, respect, love – don’t pre-judge me on the basis of sheer externals of colour, religion, appearance. We all wear masks to give the impression that we’re strong, self-sufficient, when we know deep down that we desperately need the acceptance and encouragement of others. The odd word of encouragement, the invitation to include someone, the seemingly insignificant signs of respect for each other can have amazing positive*

*effects – dare I say, they can bring about daily resurrections of hope. We can help each other to encounter Jesus.*

*Why not make this Lent a time of inclusion, of welcoming someone who is or has become a stranger to you?" (B. Comerford, Jesuits in Ireland, 2007)*

### **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

Questions or want to RSVP? Please contact Jessica Williams at 204.261.6381 or [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca) or visit [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events) for more details.

### **Germinating Conversations**

What can I do in the face of a food system that seems to work for some and not for others? Join us for dialogue featuring permaculture enthusiasts and food policy advocates to talk about the connections between food, politics and social change on March 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Marpeck Commons.

### **Looking for a summer job?**

The Summerbridge program is an 8-12-week summer opportunity for young adults of diverse cultural background. Participants are paid to serve in their home congregations and communities, taking on important projects and experiencing the fulfillment of Christian service. For more info visit [mccmb.ca/summerbridge](http://mccmb.ca/summerbridge).

### **Pastoral Care and Domestic Abuse Workshop - Winkler, MB**

Geared towards faith leaders, this day long workshop will include understanding the dynamics of intimate partner violence and how to respond in ways that do no harm. Join us April 23 from 9 am-4 pm. Capacity is limited. Contact Kari Kauenhofen at 204-362-0082 or email [Resource@Genesis-House.ca](mailto:Resource@Genesis-House.ca) to register.

### **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](http://mccmb.ca/volunteer) and search "Manitoba" to find opportunities in your area.

## **MC Manitoba and MC Canada**

**The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee** thanks you for your all the responses we've already received and welcomes additional input. Please visit the MC Manitoba website ([mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)) to read more about the position, to read a series of questions to which we'd welcome input, and to access a link to share responses and recommendations with the Search Committee.

**Despite the snow, summer will arrive, and with it summer camp!** We can't do it without some staff, though. Younger folks – staff applications are due at the end of this month. Come be part of an amazing community and stretch yourself. Also looks great on your resume! Older folks – please consider volunteering a week of your time to help in the kitchen or maintenance, as a health officer or camp pastor. The camp community needs you, too. Bring a friend for even more fun! Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff)

**Come enjoy a "Day Away" at Assiniboia Camp and Retreat Centre.** Lunch, hiking and outdoor activities, music, sit by the fireplace and visit, "Knipsbrat and other table games. Dates: Tuesday, March 17 and April 30, 2020 9:00am – 3:00pm. Cost: \$20.00. To reserve a spot, call Linda at 204-864-2159 ext. 104 or Elizabeth at 204-895-2267

## Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

**Westgate Spring Bursary Banquet** – Monday, May 11, 5:30 pm Reception, 6:30 Dinner ~ Canad Inns – Polo Park. Come enjoy an evening of fine food, fellowship, and entertainment by Westgate's Senior Band and Choir. There is no fee to attend this event! We do, however, have opportunities for Event Sponsorships, and prize donations for our raffle. If you would like to join us for the evening or have any questions regarding Sponsorship or prize donations, please contact Alexis Dirks at 204-775-7111 ext 246 or [adirks@westgatemennonite.org](mailto:adirks@westgatemennonite.org)

## Community

Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence 2, OPENING, Fri., March 20, 7:30pm, MHCGallery, 600 Shaftersbury Blvd. Powerful exhibition featuring 25 artists. March 20-May 2.

## Contact Information

Lynell Bergen, Pastor <a href="mailto:lynell@hopemennonite.ca">lynell@hopemennonite.ca</a>  Office: (204) 786-5077 <a href="http://www.hopemennonite.ca/">http://www.hopemennonite.ca/</a>  Carolyn Regehr, Office Administrator <a href="mailto:admin@hopemennonite.ca">admin@hopemennonite.ca</a>	Lisa Martens, Associate Pastor <a href="mailto:lisa@hopemennonite.ca">lisa@hopemennonite.ca</a>  Vi Stoesz, Bookkeeper <a href="mailto:books@hopemennonite.ca">books@hopemennonite.ca</a>
Steering Committee: Ruth Plett (chair) Sandy Koop Harder (treasurer) Adam Klassen Bartel	Anna Schaefer Daniel Epp

## 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*