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Bulletin

March 8, 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 8, Lent 2: What new things are you called to?

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!

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.

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Greet & Setup</u>	<u>Clean up</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Eric S	Laura, Vic & Calum	Aaron	Barry S	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

Sunday, March 15, Lent 3

Lisa is speaking.

We will not have **Children's Circle or 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 & Setup</u>	<u>Clean up</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Molly	Nick & Anna	Mark/Chris	?	Brittany

Hope News

Hope Mennonite welcomes full participation of people who hold a variety of beliefs and practices with regards to spirituality and theology. Our Covenant says that we desire to be “hospitable to those with differing beliefs.”

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. 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
4. Dr. Piet Visser is the **John and Margaret Friesen lecturer** this year. Visser has served as Professor of The History of Dutch ‘Doperdom’ (Anabaptism/Mennonitism) at the Mennonite Seminary and the Faculty of Religion and Theology at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. He will present 2 public lectures on Mennonites in the Netherlands, framed within the broad question “What if Mennonites had Never Left the Netherlands?” **Thursday, March 19**, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. See www.cmu.ca/events/lectures
5. Prospective students and parents are invited to attend the upcoming **CMU Open House**, on **Tuesday, March 31** between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Campus tours every half hour; meet with faculty, students and staff; attend a class or chapel. All welcome! See www.cmu.ca/openhouse

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

Shop Manager, Riverton MCC Thrift, paid full-time

Furniture Plus Manager, Portage La Prairie MCC Thrift, paid full-time

Shop Coordinator/Receiver, Portage La Prairie MCC Thrift, paid full-time or part-time

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

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.

MCC Canada is sponsoring Theatre of the Beat's latest production *Selah's Song*.

The musical tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village, and whose song became an anthem for peace. Interested in bringing *Selah's Song* to your community? Call 647-622-2328 or email laura@theatreofthebeat.ca to inquire about booking. Visit theatreofthebeat.ca/selahs-song to learn more.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent:

This week, we invite you to reflect on this passage from the lectionary reading and a recent article written by Rick Cober Bauman, MCC Canada Executive Director:

Rick encourages us to consider a prayerful pause in times of conflict and tension; a pause that might allow us to recall Creator God's love for each person and for creation. The lectionary reading reminds us that God *is* our help. May you know this deeply throughout the Lenten season.

Psalm 121: 1-2

*I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;
From where shall my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.*

MCC Article: In response to blockades: prayerful pause <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/response-blockades-prayerful-pause>

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 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

July 8 – 18th Annual MCC Golf Tournament

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

Community

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

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Sandy Koop Harder (treasurer) Adam Klassen Bartel	Daniel Epp
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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