



## Bulletin

May 10, 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, May 10

Lynell is leading worship, Darryl Loewen from MCC Manitoba is speaking, Sandy KH is Zoom host, Vi S and Kevin K are leading music. Sasha is playing the prelude. We will open the Zoom at 10:00 and worship begins at 10:30. After the service we will form break out groups, to visit with a small group of other Hoppers.

### Sunday, May 17

Molly S is leading worship, Lynell is speaking, Eric is Zoom host and Laura P and Vic B are leading music.

We are going to begin with an **Adult Bible Study**, with the book Beyond our Fears: Following Jesus in Times of Crisis, at 9:30. Copies of the book, along with an accompanying children's book, will be sent out to everyone via email. We will end the Bible Study no later than 10:15, to give a short break before the service starts at 10:30.

## 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.**

**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.**

**FOOD DONATIONS:** Linda Trono from West Broadway has asked Hope for help. They are in need of fruit, fruit juice and granola bars by this Monday. Aaron and Vi will do that for Monday

morning before 11am. Please notify them if you are dropping off at 260 Garfield St. or if you need Aaron (204-795-0292) or Carolyn (204-295-2093) to come get it. Vi (204-227-0709) is also willing to pick up on Monday morning if needed.

## CommonWord

### CommonWord online service continues during the pandemic

Self-isolation should not mean a lack of reading material. Visit [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca) to explore over 13,000 resources. You can also pick up a Herald Press title – for sale or loan at [www.commonword.ca/go/heraldpress](http://www.commonword.ca/go/heraldpress).

### CommonWord is curating pandemic materials regularly

Here are a few of the recent COVID-19 resource additions:

- [Songs for Use During Social Distancing](#) (Facebook conversation)
- [Activities and Ideas During COVID-19](#) (MC USA)
- [Pandemic Devotionals](#) (Linda Thiessen-Belch, Faith Mennonite Church, Leamington)
  
- [Bible Storytelling with Carrie](#) (Carrie Martens)
- [Ministry During Pandemic](#) (online book by Naomi Paget)
- [Indigenous Peoples' Rights Must Be Respected During COVID-19](#) (Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples)
- [Examen for Life During COVID-19](#) (Ignatian Solidarity Network)
  
- [A Time Such as This](#) (MennoMedia Rejoice! special issue)
- [Weekly Pastoral Conversations](#) (MCEC)
- [Ontario Mennonite Music Camp Videos for Worship](#)

Check <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources> for all the materials

## MC Manitoba and MC Canada

### The Anabaptist Story Lives On: Virtual Museum & Archive Tour

7 pm CT/8 pm ET on Tuesday evenings in May & June, join archivists and executive directors from Anabaptist and Mennonite museums, archives, and heritage centres across North America for 20-minute presentations followed by Q&A. Presenters will show unique artifacts, photos and documents as they share part of the Anabaptist story. **Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00 pm ET/ 7:00 pm CT**, join Conrad Stoesz, archivist at **Mennonite Heritage Archives in Winnipeg, Manitoba**, as he talks about the importance of story. More info at [www.tourmagination.com/vtour/](http://www.tourmagination.com/vtour/) or register at [https://bit.ly/Anabaptist\\_vtour](https://bit.ly/Anabaptist_vtour). Hosted by TourMagination.

The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee invites your prayers. **We will be interviewing Executive Minister candidates in late May, checking references and then discerning our recommendation to the MCM Board. Please pray that God's Spirit will guide the entire process and the choice that is made.**

## Canadian Mennonite University

**Online Webinars:** CMU's Admissions Department is offering information webinars online every Wednesday at 2:00 PM CDT. These webinars are designed particularly for prospective students and their parents. Go to [cmu.ca/campuvisit](http://cmu.ca/campuvisit) for webinar information.

Due to the ongoing travel restrictions and social distancing directives in place around the world, CMU's **Canadian School of Peacebuilding** (CSOP) is offering three fully online courses this spring including: *Leading in an Age of Polarization, Does Religion Cause Violence?* and *Reconciling Stories: Indigenous Laws and Lands*. Go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) for details and to register.

## Mennonite Central Committee

*Happy Mother's Day from MCC Manitoba! We hope your day is filled with joy and love from friends and family - even from a distance!*

Kids try out one of MCC's recipes and make sure mom has a day off! Try [Bonbon Siwo - Haitian gingerbread](#), [mango chutney with a side of radical kindness](#) or [a tea to soothe and replenish - Te jenjanm](#). Find more of MCC's recipes at [tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources](http://tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources).

Spring Fest 2020 has been cancelled this year due to the coronavirus. If you would like to learn about how you can support Spring Fest and contribute to MCC's work in light of COVID-19 please visit [tiny.cc/SpringFest2020](http://tiny.cc/SpringFest2020).

MCC is prepared to address the threats of COVID-19 on some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Learn more about our work by watching this video [tiny.cc/MCC-is-prepared](http://tiny.cc/MCC-is-prepared).

It's time to colour! Kids can learn about MCC's history and mission as they colour MCC's Centennial colouring book. Download it here at [mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10546](http://mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10546). Find more exciting resources and videos to keep you busy at [tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources](http://tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources).

## Community News

The exhibit that was to have just ended at the MHC Gallery was *Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence*. Unfortunately, that exhibit had to be canceled. As a result, a workshop with the leading authority on domestic violence in Canadian faith communities, Dr. Catherine Holtmann from the University of New Brunswick, was also canceled.

The originator of the exhibition, Dr. Zita Somakoko, has now confirmed a Zoom meeting with Dr. Holtmann for this Friday. Please, read the following and sign up to attend.

Zita is a passionate Christian and a survivor of horrendous spousal abuse. She feels called to support abuse sufferers and survivors, especially those suffering in faith communities.

RSVP to Zita at [breakingsilencedv@gmail.com](mailto:breakingsilencedv@gmail.com)

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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*