



Bulletin

May 31, 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 31 Pentecost Sunday

9:30 am We will have an **Adult Ed** time starting at 9:30. This is our second try at studying “Beyond our Fears,” a resource from Mennonite Church Canada for helping Christians respond in times of societal crises. We will end at 10:15, and take a short break before the service starts at 10:30.

10:30 am We are happy to have four people becoming members at Hope: Chantelle and Nick Wiebe, Selenna Wolfe, and Velma Harder. These four will be sharing their faith stories. Lynell will be leading the service. Curt W and Dave F will be sharing music leadership. Lisa will be the Zoom facilitator.

Please have a candle ready, and something to light it with. If you have the candle you were given when you joined Hope, that would be nice to use on this day.

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. 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.

Are you interested in joining Hope? There is a group of four people joining on May 31, but we are open to having another sharing/membership service sometime soon. Talk to Lynell if you are interested.

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.

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.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Lynell or Lisa.

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). 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).

Canadian Mennonite University

CMU Webinar: Study science at CMU! Why study science at CMU? What are labs like? What science degree options are available? This webinar will address these and other questions and provide information about pre-requisites, opportunities for research and fieldwork, what students can expect from a science degree—all while being able to interact with science professors.

Wednesday, June 3, 3:00–4:00 PM CDT cmu.ca/campusvisit

Apart Together. CMU's popular June '**Chicken Fingers and Fries**' event cannot happen in the CMU Dining Hall this year because of COVID-19. But we are unwilling to let this fun event go! So, we invite you to grab your own plate of chicken fingers and fries and watch this online event on **June 5 at 5:00 PM CDT**, featuring special guests, alumni music from Mike Wiebe, and an appearance by the staff/faculty band "The George Herberts." Hosted by alumnus Aaron Epp, expect a fun time of fried food, good music, and a few laughs. cmu.ca/chickenfingers

This year's annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding public 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

Go Outside, Play Golf, Support CMU. The CMU Golf Classic: COVID Cup Edition, invites golfers anywhere in Canada (and beyond!) to register a round of golf in support of CMU at a course and time they choose this summer. Details at cmu.ca/golf

Mennonite Central Committee

Check out MCC's newest addition! *Relief, Development and Podcast* is a new podcast from MCC. Hosted by Scott Campbell, every episode features a special guest, stories from the field and updates from people and programs making a difference around the world. Access this podcast wherever you find your podcasts or visit mcccanada.ca/relief-development-podcast.

Looking for something to do? MCC Thrift Shops are looking for volunteers under 50 years old! Thrift Shops are taking extensive precautions to protect volunteers, staff and customers. Some of our volunteers are unable to come back at this time, and we are in need of a few extra hands to help! To find and contact a thrift store near you visit thrift.mcc.org/mcc-thrift-shop-locations.

Many MCC Thrift stores are now open! Shopping and donation drop-off hours may have changed due to COVID-19. Please visit thrift.mcc.org or [Facebook.com/MCCThrift](https://www.facebook.com/MCCThrift) for more information or to contact a thrift store near you.

Needing to replenish your coffee supply? Sam's Place sells Level Ground Trading coffee bags, previously found at Ten Thousand Villages! Check out their buying guide to browse the available selection: tiny.cc/Samsplace_coffeeguide. Each 300g bag is \$12. Call 204.415.4728 or email alisongreenslade@mccmb.ca to place an order.

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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