

Announcements November 22, 2020

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent. We will begin our series on the topic, “On the road to...” This first Sunday, the theme is “On the road to readiness.” Lynell is speaking, Emily L is leading worship, Vi S is leading music, Gilbert D is the Zoom host.

After the service, everyone is invited to stay for a discussion (1st of 4) of Amy-Jill Levine’s book *Light of the World*. Levine is a Jewish New Testament scholar and writer. An introduction to the series is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcgLzdvgcPU>. You can purchase an e-copy of the book at <https://www.cokesbury.com/light-of-the-world?pagenumber=1>, order it from CommonWord, or just follow along with the videos we will watch together.

Sunday, December 6 The children and youth of Hope will be presenting a virtual Christmas pageant. Lisa is leading the service, Kevin K is leading music, Laura P is the Zoom host.

Canadian Mennonite University

The next **Wednesday Webinar, *Study Science at CMU***, will address what you can expect from a science degree at CMU, including questions about pre-requisites, how science labs are running within a hybrid learning model, along with opportunities for research and fieldwork. Engage directly with Science Professors as you consider next steps for your university learning. **Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 PM (CST)**. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

The **CommonWord Book and Resource Centre** continues to serve the broader church community, online, and with curbside pick-up. A rich array of **Christmas gift ideas** include Advent and Christmas-themed books, Christmas cards, stocking stuffers, Sunday School gifts, and more. Gift cards are also available. Visit www.commonword.ca/go/2203 for details.

Canadian Mennonite University invites inquiries and applications for two positions: an **Assistant Registrar** and a **Food Services Cook** (both positions full-time). Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and accepted until the positions are filled. Inquiries and applications should be sent to hrdirector@cmu.ca.

MCC Manitoba Bulletin Announcements for Nov 29, 2020

Support for Central American hurricane recovery. Within two weeks, not one, but two hurricanes have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at mcccanada.ca/eta-iota-relief or by calling 204-261-6381.

Missed the Centennial Celebration last Saturday? The 75-minute program included storytelling, music and a time for reflection. View the recording at mccmb.ca/Centennial-Celebration.

All MCC Thrift shops in Manitoba are closed to in-person shopping; however, some are able to offer online shopping and curbside pick-up. Check online at thrift.mcc.org or on Facebook @MCCThrift to find out more!

Shop local at Sam's Place. Get your favourite items from the cafe delivered right to your home through DoorDash. Order 1L of soup and a loaf of bread or a soup and salad combo just in time for lunch. Shop fair trade holiday goods like ornaments, home decor and chocolate on our website. To details visit sams.place.

Support the MCC Sargent Thrift Shop and those in need in our community by contributing \$10-\$20 to "Build-a-basket". We will be putting together baskets of toys, decorations, household goods or even clothes to be distributed by various local charities. If you have a particular request for what goes in a basket, please add a note with your donation. For more details or to donate via e-transfer please email: mccsargent@shaw.ca. You can also drop off monetary donations at the shop by appointment or send cheques payable to:

Sargent MCC Thrift Shop
644 Burnell Street
Winnipeg MB
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Give the perfect Christmas gift this season. Finding it hard to choose between pigs and planting a garden? Give the gift that does it all. A gift of hope is used where it's needed most. Purchase your Christmas Giving gift at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.

Mennonite Church Manitoba Update

Riverton Fellowship Circle - Closing and gifting forward



When the MCM congregation, Riverton Fellowship Circle, decided to close this summer, they decided to "pay it forward" in a number of unique ways. 1. They gave their building to the Riverton Friendship Centre, the drop-in organization they were born out of; 2. They gave \$30,000 back to Join Hands (formerly Mennonite Men) which they had received to build their building, so another congregation can be helped; and 3. They established bursaries for indigenous young people to participate at Camps with Meaning and study at CMU.

Music for Advent/Christmas online services

Not all MCM congregations have access to musicians during Code Red. Will your congregation have music to share? Contact Darryl Neustaedter Barg (dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca) if you are able to share video of Advent/Christmas music you have prepared and give permission to use. (This satisfies the need for the performance copyright.)

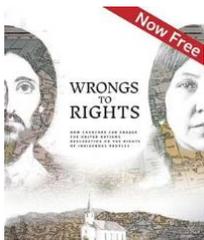
The Faith and Life Male Choir are preparing a virtual choir version of "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt". Permission is secured from the publisher to share this piece. It should be ready next week. Watch this space for info.

Celebrating 100 years of worship at 318 Home Street

The members and friends of Home Street Mennonite Church in Winnipeg recently marked the 100th anniversary of worship in their building at 318 Home St., without actually being in the building. Member Brenda Suderman prepared a slide show incorporating the original drawings of the building, constructed in 1920 for Home Street Presbyterian, along with current photos of the building. Many of you have attended concerts, graduations or weddings at Home Street Mennonite Church, so you may be interested in this virtual tour.
[Watch the virtual tour here.](#)

Support the winter clothing drive for Island Lake Anishinew Nation. Washed and gently used clothing items can be contactlessly dropped off at 264 Langside, Winnipeg until December 10. Cesar Flores, a young adult at Home Street Mennonite is supporting this First Nations Waste Minimization Project (search them on Facebook), which is shipping these items on behalf of Four Arrows Regional Health Authority. Contact Cesar at 204-782-7517 for more info.

INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS



Wrongs to Rights: How Churches Can Engage the UNDRIP now free through CommonWord

Over the next few weeks the Government of Canada will likely table legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This is huge! According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Declaration is “the framework for reconciliation” for Canadian society. But what exactly is the Declaration? What does it mean for the church? To educate and raise public support, ISR is making Wrongs to Rights available for free through CommonWord.

Short articles, poetry, artwork and a study guide make this resource perfect for individual or (online) group reflection. Order through [CommonWord](#) (shipping costs apply).

INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

Mennonite Church Canada calls for prayer for Ethiopia and Eritrea

Mennonite Church Canada has just under a dozen congregations across Canada with roots in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia is the largest Anabaptist community worldwide with whom we have an intentional, sister-church relationship.

Ethiopia is experiencing a threefold threat of pandemic, famine and war. Crops are devastated due to a locust infestation and Ethiopia is now in the midst of intense conflict, while in the grip of a global pandemic. Pray for peace and healing in Ethiopia. Pray especially for the children; 42% of the population is below the age of 15. Pray also for the congregations here in Canada in our nationwide community of faith who carry deep concern for Ethiopia and Eritrea and for loved ones.

[Click here for the press release.](#)

MC PIN organizes online meet-and-greet with Bethlehem Bible College

Meet several college representatives from Bethlehem Bible College through a one-hour Zoom gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. Bethlehem time (11 a.m. EST). This event is organized by the Mennonite Church Canada Palestine Israel Network. Email mcmfriendsofpalestine@gmail.com to register for this encounter. Keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers during these tumultuous times.

Witness workers responding to deadly typhoon

Pray for strength and wisdom as PeaceBuilders Community, Inc. (PBCI), together with Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoj, respond to the disaster of the latest typhoon in the Philippines. Typhoon Ulysses hit the north island of Luzon leaving an entire city submerged with more than 28,000 family homes under water. The PAR teams of Manila and Kalinga are responding. May God's love be shown through them to people in need. [Read more](#) from the Pantoja's blog.

Together in Worship has launched



Visit www.togetherinworship.net for hundreds of free Anabaptist digital worship materials. A partnership with CommonWord, Together in Worship curates words, music, other artistic expressions and teaching resources to support Christian worship. Also a platform for individuals and communities to create and contribute resources. Bookmark it for the next time you're planning worship!

Voices Together products



Congregations who pre-ordered the Voices Together hymnal and related products from MennoMedia will receive them soon! Individual copies of the pew edition of the hymnal, the Worship Leader's edition, accompaniment edition, and audio recordings are available to order from CommonWord. T-shirts, masks and tote bags are also available to pre-order. (We do not expect these to arrive in time for Christmas). www.commonword.ca/go/2199.