



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.

THIS SUNDAY: Nov.22

10 am Eternity Sunday. Traditionally, we use this Sunday to remember people we have lost in the past year, plus other losses. This has been a year full of losses: loss of community and connection, loss of health, loss of jobs and/or income, loss of supports and routine. To name a few. Lisa and Lynell are leading the service. Jason H is leading music, Brian D is the Zoom host.

NEXT SUNDAY: Nov.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, Vi S is leading music, Gilbert D is the Zoom host.

Light of the World

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 (that is, not a scholar of the Jewish New Testament, but a scholar of the New Testament who is Jewish). 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.

After Church: Nov.22

After the service, around 11:10, **we will begin a congregational meeting, one of two meetings** (with the same agenda – we are just offering two different times. Second meeting is below.) to discuss the outside giving part of our budget. See materials sent out by Ruth and Sandy. Come prepared to hear various perspectives and discuss our values as they are expressed in our budget. Everyone is welcome!

Budget Meeting:

Budget meeting alternative time: Nov. 24, 7:30 pm. If you can't make the first meeting on Sunday, Nov 22, or haven't had your fill of budget meetings, or just want to see the lovely faces of the people of Hope...you are welcome.

A Reminder:

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Lynell or Lisa. Lynell and Lisa are available for pastoral care and support. Feel free to connect with either of them if you need someone to talk to.

MC Manitoba & MC Canada

CommonWord: Two digital at-home family worship options for Advent-Epiphany

We Wait for Jesus is a new family resource similar to previous At-Home materials Mennonite Church Canada has produced since 2002.

Family Activities for Advent-Epiphany are previous years' At-Home materials reframed into a single Lectio Cycle B resource.

The Government of Canada promised to introduce legislation to implement the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the end of 2020**. With only one month to go before the House of Commons breaks for the year, we are still waiting and praying! Please send the Minister of Justice and key politicians an urgent message—using MCC's Take Action Letter—to support this “framework for reconciliation” (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada).

Due to the latest provincial restrictions on COVID 19, **Camp Assiniboia will be closed until further notice**. Sunday afternoon trail walks will resume when these restrictions are lifted. Thank you everyone and stay safe!

Canadian Mennonite University

Prospective students, check out CMU's next **Wednesday Webinar** focussed on ***Athletics and Student Life***. Learn how participation on a varsity athletic team or involvement in diverse leadership opportunities can impact your learning, build new friendships and enrich your university experience. **Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 PM (CST)**. For more information and to register go to www.cmu.ca/webinar.

During the pandemic CMU remains **VIRTUALLY OPEN** to all prospective students.

A) Any student who applies by November 30 will have the **\$80.00 application fee waived!**

B) CMU's next **Virtual Campus Visit Day** is on **Friday, November 27** from 4:00–5:00 PM (CST). Register at www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse.

C) Sign up for an **Individual Virtual Visit** at a time of your convenience, including a one-on-one conversation with an Admissions Counsellor. Register your interest at enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/virtual_visits.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Invest in leaders studying at AMBS

Today we're launching our Season of Giving campaign that ends on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1, with a goal to raise \$100,000 to help AMBS continue to equip leaders. Every gift helps, no matter the size!

And thanks to a generous donor, all gifts received by Dec. 1, 2020, will be **matched dollar for dollar, up to the \$50,000 challenge total**. This means your gift can go further toward helping us reach our \$100,000 goal. Multiply your gift — you don't have to wait until Giving Tuesday!

Mennonite Central Committee

Join us for Saturday, November 21 at 7pm for our Centennial Celebration. An evening of music, storytelling and thanksgiving that you won't want to miss. RSVP at mcccanada.ca/centennial/celebration-rsvp. Missed the event on Saturday evening? Please email Events@mccmb.ca for the link to the recorded version.

Give the perfect Christmas gift this season. Choose a goat, solar lanterns or a brood of chicks. Chickens provide eggs, meat and can boost income for families around the world. Purchase your Christmas Giving gift at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.

The Christmas Craft and Bake Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19 limitations. If you have any questions about how you can support MCC's Material Resources work contact us at 204-261-6381 or MaterialResources@mccmb.ca.

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.

Other Opportunities

Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence

In recognition of domestic violence awareness month, **Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence** is set to premiere on Zoom, on the evening of November 23rd. The second showing on November 25th will be held in recognition of The United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. **UNMUTE** is a forum theatre piece that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19.

The Zoom performance is a **free** event for anyone who registers. There will be industry professionals present at the end of the show to give further insights and strategies for how to help friends and family members experiencing violence at home. This interactive, forum theatre piece will allow audience members to stop the action of the play and suggest different approaches to navigating these difficult situations around gender-based violence.

This is a FREE event!

Join in and participate in changing the story through forum theatre.

Register for the November 23rd premiere [HERE](#).

Register for the November 25th show [HERE](#). (Sponsored and presented in part by [MCC](#))

Register for the December 3rd show [HERE](#). (Sponsored and presented in part by [MCC](#) and [Martin Counselling and Mediation](#))

Register for the December 5th show [HERE](#). (Sponsored and presented in part by [MCC](#))

Content Advisory: Unmute deals with abuse, and assault. Not recommended for audiences under the age of 14.