



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: Oct.11

We will be marking **Thanksgiving Sunday** with a service lead by Lisa and Lynell. We will celebrate communion together, so we invite you to prepare some version of bread and wine (and/or grapes and crackers), as well as visuals for Thanksgiving. **This is a Zoom service, starting at 10:00 am.** The Zoom will open at 9:30 if people want to come early to chat. We will also stay open a bit later, and use break-out rooms, for opportunities to visit, and share good wishes and Thanksgiving plans. Brian D is the Zoom host.

NEXT SUNDAY: Oct.18

Vivian will be leading us. The service will be a celebration of nature, autumn and the harvest season and a hands-on opportunity to express our gratitude, drawing on stories and elements from various world-wide traditions. Zoom host is Stephen N-R

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Hope News

Because of the current Code Orange regulations, Steering has made the decision to return to **Zoom-only gatherings**. We are expecting to keep to this venue at least until January 2021, though we will revisit the decision in mid-November.

New opportunities for connecting, learning and growing together will be announced in the coming weeks. We are putting together a list of resources and events hosted, planned, or lead by Hope folks, as well as others, for you to connect in to. This is what "regular" church looks like now. Please join us. We miss you!

Wisdom Literature

Wednesday, October 14, at 1:00 pm, we will continue our three week study on Wisdom Literature, lead by Lynell. We will aim to meet for about 45 minutes. The topic for this week is the book of Proverbs. Lynell is also open to leading this same discussion in the evening, if there are people interested who are not available during the day. Send her a note, along with a few suggested times.

A Reminder:

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.

Exploration Circles

Need a reminder of what **Exploration Circles** is all about? Here's an email I sent out a few weeks ago explaining it:

We all know we are in a very strange time right now. The pandemic has changed a lot of things. Like community. How do we do community in a pandemic? How do we stay connected with family and friends? How does Church do Church? How does Hope engage Hoppers? I think we are all trying to figure that out. Hope is too. The pandemic has dramatically changed how we do church. We want to share an idea with you. A very creative idea. We want to connect in meaningful ways.

Drum roll please..... We welcome you to: Exploration Circles. We invite Hoppers to be creative and offer their skills and resources out to the congregation in attempts to connect with each other in different ways. And we invite Hoppers to ask- do you have a need, or can you offer suggestions and ideas? I will coordinate groups and connect people together. Or you can do it yourself. The Adult Ed and BRIC committees will be contributing their own ideas and opportunities. This can be a one-time event or a bi-monthly adventure. We would love to have a variety of activities, connecting points and venues (that follow COVID safety protocols) so that we can have every Hoper connect in a way that works for them. Exploration Circles do not need to be done in person, it can lead via Zoom.

To help jog your creativity, here are some ideas (including but not limited to) of what Exploration Circles can look like:

Lead a bible study or book club at Crossways

Lead a meditation webinar

Bike maintenance lessons via Zoom or in someone's backyard

Sick and tired of getting bills in the mail? Want a Pen pal?

Harry Potter Quiz Night via Zoom

Volunteer your skills- knitter, crocheter, candlestick maker

Post some how-to videos: how to stain and varnish furniture (I wish I had this a few months ago), how to make paska (oh wait, everyone knows how to do this right?!)

Cheesemaking workshop

Living Library

Virtual Paint Night

Storytelling in your backyard

Competition- who can juggle a soccer ball the longest?

Cross-country skiing buddies

Enneagram Coffee Talks- Zoom with others and share your knowledge about the 9 types.

Creation Care and Climate Change Discussion groups (or just join Justice Team!)

Anti-racism- share what you are learning, share books for adults and kids, share informative resources, etc.

If you feel led to start up something, start it up. Or email Carolyn Regehr: admin@hopemennonite.ca for help. If you want to join something, let me know. We would love to see our community enjoy each other in different ways as we do this pandemic together. Be creative. Be safe. Be the church.



**INDIGENOUS
CANADA**

University of Alberta Indigenous Canada Course Zoom Discussion

Sign up for Indigenous Canada, do a few hours of reading/watching and come together with other Hoppers to discuss what you have learned.

U of Alberta has an online 12 week course for free on Indigenous Canada (link below). It is self led and you can do it on your own time, etc. Each week is about 2 hours of work (videos, readings). There are more details here: [https://](https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html)

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Each participant does the work on their own time and then we will have a Zoom to discuss. Contact Marianne for more details: mlsiemens@mymts.net

MC Manitoba & MC Canada

Join us online for **The Camps with Meaning "Break the Bank-uet" Fundraising Celebration**. October 25, 7:00pm. With musical guests Steve Bell, Fred Penner, Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg and our camp staff. Enjoy visual updates from Camp Assiniboia and Camp Koinonia. Donate generously to keep the camping ministry flame burning. www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet

Concordia Hospital has a 0.8FTE permanent Chaplaincy position open. Interested individuals are invited to apply through WRHA careers at <https://careers.wrha.mb.ca/job/Winnipeg-Spiritual-Health-Practitioner-MB/542005017/>

For more information, please contact Kathleen Rempel Boschman, Manager of Spiritual Care, Concordia Hospital 204 661 7149

Camp Assiniboia facilities are available for rental to families and small groups. View the brochure and rates at <http://www.campswithmeaning.org/rentals>. Please contact Linda at (204) 895-2267 or carentals@campswithmeaning.org.

New anthology documents Anabaptist commitments to Indigenous justice

Indigenous-Settler Relations, together with Mennonite Central Committee, has just produced a new book to help congregations reflect on the radical history of Mennonite advocacy for Indigenous justice. *Be It Resolved* gathers more than five decades of church resolutions, official statements and public letters to help nurture education and solidarity action for today. Complete with a study guide, this is a great resource to spark group discussion. Visit www.commonword.ca/go/2142 to pre-order your copies.



Canadian Mennonite University

Gratitude! On this Thanksgiving Sunday CMU expresses deep gratitude for the well-being and health of this bustling, in-person and virtual learning community. We are grateful for safety, learning and growth during the first 6 weeks of classes. We're thankful for a broader church community that continues to undergird the mission of CMU to 'inspire and equip women and men for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society'. Thanks be to God.

Two Opportunities for Prospective Students! Be part of a **Webinar Workshop** entitled '*It All Adds Up*' in which you will reflect on your values, work experiences, interests, and dreams and gain a holistic sense of possibilities for your future path in university and beyond. **Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 PM**. For more information go to cmu.ca/webinar. Also, CMU's first **Campus Visit Day** of the fall will be held on **Friday, October 23** and include a campus tour and conversations with faculty and current students. This is an invaluable opportunity for students and parents to explore what CMU has to offer. Maximum six individuals, all masked, per group. Sign up for one of 5 two-hour slots through the day at cmu.ca/campus-visit-day-oct23.

Mennonite Central Committee

Get involved with Buckets of Thanks. Gather essential hygiene items for a relief kit and drop them off between October 15-17. Learn more or find the closest drop off location to you at mccmb.ca/Buckets-Thanks. Hoping to drop-off items at 134 Plaza Drive? Book an appointment by emailing events@mccmb.ca or call 204-261-6381.

Register before October 16 for a **Pastoral Care and Domestic Abuse workshop** in Morden on October 22 from 9am-4pm. Registration is \$40.00 and includes lunch. Capacity is limited. For more info or to register visit mccmb.ca/Events.

Gather online for our **Centennial Celebration** on Saturday, November 21 at 7pm. Join friends of MCC from across Canada and celebrate a century of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ through storytelling, music, prayer and thanksgiving. Learn more at mccmb.ca/events.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Understanding and Engaging Movements for Justice in 2020. This free online series, co-sponsored by AMBS and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, explores intersections of the pandemic, racialized violence, hate-filled political rhetoric and strategic nonviolent responses. Remaining sessions: Oct. 7 (Rev. Liz Theoharis, Ph.D.) and Oct. 10 (half-day Nonviolent Direct Action Training). There is no charge, but registration is required. ambs.edu/witnesscourse

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Oct. 28 – Dec. 15. Join Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., and Drew Strait, Ph.D., to study pertinent biblical passages and reflect on how these texts form practices of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 21. ambs.edu/shortcourses

Advancement Associate for Canada sought for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). This half-time staff member will inspire donors, congregations and Canadian regional church leaders. The successful candidate will be committed to the mission of AMBS as it becomes a centre for global Anabaptist theological education. Preferred qualifications: previous fundraising experience; bachelor's degree with some graduate-level study; superior communication skills — interpersonal, written and spoken; AMBS alum; Canadian citizen and resident. See a full job description: ambs.ca/jobs

Other Opportunities

Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary and Middle Schools invites applications for the position of: **Director of Community Relations & Marketing.** For more information please visit our website at www.wmems.ca and click employment.

Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary and Middle Schools invites applications for the position of: **Bus Driver - Bedson Campus.** For more information please visit our website at www.wmems.ca and click employment.