



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.4

We will meet again in neighbourhood groups but via Zoom. Keep your eyes peeled to your email inbox for a Zoom link from someone near you!

West Broadway/Downtown – Josiah Neufeld will lead
West End/Westwood – Vivian Unger will lead
River Heights/Fort Rouge/Corydon – Carolyn and Chris Regehr will lead
South Osborne/East of the Red – Nick & Chantelle lead
Wolseley – Leader TBA

NEXT SUNDAY: Oct.11 ZOOM

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.

A Reminder:

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.

Hope News

Because of the current Code Orange regulations, we have returned to **Zoom-only gatherings**. Watch your emails for more information.

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

We will begin a **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 Job. 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.

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Exploration Circles

Exploration Circles: inviting Hoppers to be creative and connect with other Hoppers. If you would like more information, please contact Carolyn Regehr at admin@hopemennonite.ca

Here are a few options already:



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

Thanksgiving Cookie Exchange

Need a little cheering up? How about joining the Thanksgiving Cookie Exchange.

Want to make cookies for someone and receive cookies in exchange? Join us! Want to receive cookies but can't make cookies? Not a problem- Join us! Have allergies or food restrictions? We will figure it out- Join us! Want to donate cookies? Join us!

The idea is: You make 12 cookies and give them away and you will receive 12 cookies from someone else. We want to include as many people as possible so if there are people who can't make cookies, but want to receive them, then if you are willing to make another dozen to just give away, that would be great too. We were also thinking if there was interest, we could donate some cookies to West Broadway.

Where will I need to bring the cookies: depending on who joins us, I will try to coordinate people near each other. Once the list is made, I will let you know who you are to give cookies to and who is giving you cookies.

Time Frame: October 9-12, 2020 Coordinate with the person you are dropping off the cookies with, but approximately try to give the cookies in and around the dates of Oct. 9-12 (around Thanksgiving).



CANADA AT A CROSSROADS

Boundaries, Bridges,
and Laissez-Faire Racism in
Indigenous-Settler Relations



JEFFREY S. DENIS

Canada at a Crossroads online book club Oct 8- Nov. 26, 2020

Register at mennonitechurch.ca/crossroads-bookclub.

What are the things that separate and unite Indigenous and settler peoples? What can we do to challenge structural racism and repair broken relationship? Join **Steve Heinrichs** for an online book club this fall, exploring the new book *Canada at a Crossroads* by sociologist Jeff Denis. Beginning Oct. 8, we'll gather by Zoom each Thursday at 7 p.m. (CST) for 8 weeks for a circle conversation, sharing our questions, learnings, hearts and hopes together.

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

Meet our Table Talk guest speakers: Sheila Klassen-Wiebe

Professor of New Testament at Canadian Mennonite University, Sheila Klassen-Wiebe will a Bible study at Mennonite Church Canada's study conference Table Talk 2020: "Does the Church still have legs?" on October 24. In this short interview, she shares about Jesus invites us to the feast and all we need do is come. Register for Mennonite Church Canada's virtual study conference on Oct. 24, 2020.



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

CMU Wednesday Webinars – CMU invites prospective students and their parents to be part of a fall Webinar series to help equip high school students as they transition to post-secondary studies. Join in the first webinar titled **'The What and the Why of University'** and explore answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about university studies. **Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM CDT.** More information at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

CommonRead – The CommonWord Book and Resource Centre on CMU's campus is initiating **"CommonRead"** – a nation-wide opportunity for congregations to *read one title together* to strengthen collective faith identity. CommonWord invites you to read, individually or as a small group, the timely book ***Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope out of Ordinary Losses*** – an exploration of the grand story of God's saving resurrection power in times of loss and hurt. A free study guide and author interview, along with discounted retail copies, are available at www.commonword.ca/go/2124.

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

MBCI Transportation Driver Part Time

Job Summary:

Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, a Christ-centered middle and secondary school, has an opening for a bus driver to transport students to and from school each day, Monday – Friday, from 6:30 – 8:30 AM and 3:20 – 5:20 PM, effective immediately.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a valid Class 4 driver's license (Class 2 preferred)
- Clean driving record
- relate well to students.
- Be a Christian person with active membership in a Christian church

To Apply:

If interested, please submit your resume and statement of faith to Elwood Wiebe at ewiebe@mbci.mb.ca

Please see the MBCI website at www.mbcmb.ca or call 204 471-6484 for more information.

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