



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.

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## THIS SUNDAY: Sept.6

**We will meet all together for an outdoor service/gathering** at 10:30 am at Vimy Ridge Park, just to the east of the main building. We will divide into smaller groups of 10-15, as people arrive. We will have short devotional exercise, then invite groups to share and pray together. You are welcome to bring lunch to share with your household after the service, but please remember to keep physical distance. We also suggest you bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. We will meet rain or shine, so bring an umbrella or rain coat if it looks like a rainy day. We will spend some time in small groups reflecting on Psalm 19.

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Here are a few questions to help you prepare (we will bring copies for that morning):

**Connection question:** Tell about an experience of nature you had this summer.

**Scripture reading:** Psalm 19: 1,2

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament[a] proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

For the rest of Psalm 19 see your Bible or <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+19&version=NRSV>

### A Reminder:

A reminder: when we meet, we ask you to **practice physical distancing, alternative greetings, and proper hand hygiene methods.** These new social measures can feel incredibly awkward and at times impolite, but you are not alone. Everyone is learning and figuring this out as we go. Have compassion, and love for each other as we navigate COVID-19.

### Reflections on praise:

On this Labour Day Sunday at the cusp of a new work-week, we seek a glimpse of the heavens to help save us from our pigeon-holed lives...refresh our vision with the poetry of the Psalmist... Remind us that if we try to squelch our need to praise you in the midst of the bustle of life, the very stones will cry out.

Adapted from "Blessed Unrest: Prayers for Daily Living" Benjamin G. Smillie

How might the spirit of praise, as when we sing together, make its way into other aspects of our daily life?

### Alternative reflections:

Write a Psalm in the spirit of Psalm 19

What is the difference between thanksgiving and praise?

## Next Sunday: Sept.13

Lisa and Lynell will be leading a Zoom service, beginning at 10:30. We will be giving Bibles to children turning 6 and 12 years old, and will be speaking our covenant together.

After the service, please stay around for a short discussion time about the letter the Justice Team has written to our government about UNDRIP. The letter was sent out on August 17.

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### Steering Committee:

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## MC Manitoba & MC Canada

**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](mailto:carentals@campswithmeaning.org).

**Camp Koinonia is planning on fixing basement issues** in the lodge. We are in need of excavating the dirt around the basement, straightening the walls, adding weeping tile, insulating, adding a heated cement floor and more. We are starting on Sept 14th and we could use some volunteers throughout the project. If you are interested in helping please let Matt Heide know your interests at 204-534-8268 or [campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com](mailto:campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com)

## Mennonite Central Committee

**We Are All Treaty People Celebration** takes to the radio waves. Tune into UMF's radio station in the afternoon of Sept 27 to hear a variety of speakers share about what Being Treaty means to them. Find out more at [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events).

Join us 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, please register by October 16. For more info or to register visit [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events).

Join us for the **MCC United Nations Office Online Student Seminar**, November 5-6, 2020. Inequality defines our current time – in health, economics, and racial injustice. Explore the intersection of global inequality, UN public policy, and faith-based advocacy in this seminar. To apply for the seminar, please contact Joanna Hiebert Bergen at 204-261-6381 or email [advocacy@mccmb.ca](mailto:advocacy@mccmb.ca).

**GO! 100** is coming to a close, however, there is still time to support a participant. From biking to eating ice cream sandwiches to sharing time with grandparents, our challengers have been busy this summer. Visit [mccmb.ca/GO-100](http://mccmb.ca/GO-100) and click "Donate to a participant" to show your support.

## Canadian Mennonite University

**Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life, A CMU 55-Plus Enrichment Program.** Discovery can be a life-long delight and **Xplore** courses, designed for +55 audiences, examine dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any assignments or examinations! Because of COVID-19, Xplore is moving online via Zoom, thus making all courses available widely across the country. Xplore in Fall 2020 offers eight stimulating courses, every Wednesday and Thursday morning over a six-week period, beginning September 30. Anyone with access to a computer and the internet will be able to benefit from these courses. View course, tuition, and registration information here [cmu.ca/explore](http://cmu.ca/explore)

**Portable CMU 2020-2021.** The Portable CMU program, offered by CMU faculty, is a resource that can enliven the church's imagination, faith, and witness. This year 38 unique Portable opportunities are available, including four newly created Portables, all of which are available via Zoom and thus easily accessible across the country. Each Portable is structured flexibly in conversation with the faculty teacher, to meet the needs and interests of individual congregations. We encourage congregations to avail themselves of this unique opportunity. View course information and costs at [cmu.ca/portable](http://cmu.ca/portable)

## Community

### John Howard Society of Manitoba

We are currently looking for a volunteer to help us on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2PM-4PM with our Clothing Closet. See job description below. Please contact: Katherine Johnston [kjohnston@johnhoward.mb.ca](mailto:kjohnston@johnhoward.mb.ca)

#### The JHSM Reintegration Clothing Closet Volunteer Job Description

**POSITION TITLE:** Clothing Closet Volunteer

**PURPOSE TYPE:** Part-time, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

**PURPOSE OF POSITION:** In keeping with the mission statement and values and principles of the John Howard Society of Manitoba Inc. (JHSM), the Clothing Closet Volunteer will directly assist with clothing closet program delivery for men, 18 years and older, who are or may have been in conflict with the law.

**ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP:** The Clothing Closet Volunteer reports directly to the Manager of Programs.

**PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES:** The volunteer is responsible for assisting men in finding clothing and other items that they are seeking from the JHSM clothing closet.

#### *Description of Duties:*

- Sorting, organizing, and handing out donations.
- Tracking items that were handed out.

Ongoing communicating with Reintegration Staff.

#### *Qualification and Experience:*

- Experience working or volunteering in the social services or social justice field.
- Program delivery experience is an asset.
- Knowledge and experience working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Excellent oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships, and to work as a team.

Ability to maintain confidentiality and privacy standards.

#### *Requirements:*

Must provide an up to date Criminal Record and Vulnerable Persons Check with the Winnipeg Police.