
Mennonite Church Manitoba...News...Notes....

Serious need for a health officer at Camp Koinonia, July 7-12

We really need a Health Officer for the week of July 7-12 at Koinonia. If you can help us find someone to do even part of the week, that could be immensely helpful. Please contact Janet at jpeters@mennochurch.mb.ca or 204-895-CAMP.

Come to Camp Assiniboia for a joyful dedication of the picnic shelter from Camp Moose Lake and the new maintenance shop. June 23 at 4:00pm. Fun will start at 3:00 and will include Karl Heinz the BubbleMan, camp tours, ropes course and other activities. Free BBQ to follow.

Camps with Meaning still has quite a few camper and day camper openings in July. Spaces still available for campers Gr 1-12.

Visit www.campswithmeaning.org to register.

Health Officers needed at Camps with Meaning. July 7-12 at Camp Koinonia, July 28-Aug 2, and August 18-23 at Camp Assiniboia. Please contact the office at 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca for more information.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate... News...Notes...

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for a part-time (.6 FTE) Library Technician to commence September 2019. Candidates with a related certificate or diploma in library services are preferred. Submit cover letter and resume by June 24, 2019 to bhummelt@westgatemennonite.org

Please note: Home St. Church is a scent-free facility. Due to health difficulties, we ask that individuals refrain from wearing strong scents or from using such products within the building. This can include perfume, after-shave lotion, and hand cream, for example. Thank you for your participation in reducing the problems caused by strong scents.

Home Street Mennonite Church
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Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Intentional Interim Pastor: Melissa Miller, 204-698-1513
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Home Street Mennonite Church
June 23, 2019
Welcome to Worship



Focus Statement: “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” –Luke 8:39

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer

Songs

You've got a place

SJ 4

You are salt for the earth

HWB 226

“Mugging” of the Grads
Confession & Assurance

Hearing

Scripture *Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39*

This is God's word to the people.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Feature

(Children under 5 may go downstairs, childcare will be provided.)

Song

My soul cries out

SS 124

Sermon

Responding

Song

Joy to the world

HWB 318

Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer HWB 731

Sending

Song

Move in our midst

HWB 418

Grace for the Potluck Meal

Benediction

Worship Participants:

Speaker: Melissa M. **Song leader:** Brenda S.
Worship leader: Dan N. **Accompanists:** Gina L. & Maureen E.
Scripture reader: Sue S.
Offertory: Gina L. **Sound:** Grant K.
Puppet script: Brenda S. **Visuals:** Michelle M. &
Puppeteers: Jonathan K. & Grace S. Peter F.
Ushers: Jan & Don M.
Greeters: Nick & Marge U.

This Week at Home Street

June	23	11:00 am	Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Potluck & Appreciation for Melissa Miller
	24	7:00-9:00 pm	CODA (downstairs)
	25	8:00-9:00 pm	Recovery Chapters (downstairs)
	27	8:00-9:30 pm	SA 12 Step Group (upstairs)
	28	7:15-7:45 am	Men's Prayer Group (prayer room)
		6:00-9:00 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	29	9:00 am-4:00 pm	SDA worship (sanctuary & downstairs)
		2:00 pm-4:00 pm	SDA Choir Practice (downstairs)

Mennonite Church Canada News...Notes...

Gathering 2019! In a week and a half, our nationwide MC Canada family will come together for Gathering 2019 in Abbotsford, B.C. Please pray for safe travels for the 290 people who have registered. Pray also for the Spirit to inspire us as we gather to hear each other's stories, share what the Spirit is doing in our lives and churches, and strengthen our connections with one another. And for our planners as they wrap up final details and preparations. Stay tuned for stories and reports from your Regional Communicators and from the *Canadian Mennonite*.

Ride for Refuge 2019 - Join Mennonite Church Canada October 5, 2019, as we partner once again with the Ride for Refuge in raising support for International Witness ministry. Mennonite Church Canada invites you to gather together, young and old, families and friends, coworkers, Sunday school classes and especially Witness Support Teams. Last year, 75 riders on 12 teams raised just under \$20,000 in support of Mennonite Church Canada International Witness ministry in the United Kingdom, China, Thailand, South Korea, and the Philippines. Please join us again this year! Register at <https://rideforrefuge.org/register> Questions or more information, please contact Jason Martin, Director International Witness: jmartin@mennonitechurch.ca

International Witness:

.We give thanks to God along with **Meserete Kristos Church and College as 48 students celebrated their graduation** last month on May 18. Since 1994, 1,865 trained ministers have graduated from Meserete Kristos College. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would empower these recent graduates for faithful service in Ethiopia and beyond.

Canadian Mennonite University ...News...Notes....

Get fit and active this summer at CMU Blazers Summer Sports Camps 2019!

- Aug. 12-16: Youth (grades 8-10) volleyball and basketball camps
 - Aug. 19-23: Junior High (grades 6-8) volleyball and basketball camps
- See
- cmu.ca/sportscamps
- or phone 204.487.3300.

Stay connected with CMU this summer. Visit the CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre - one location where you may buy, borrow, download, consult and link to Anabaptist and related materials! See commonword.ca. Bring this bulletin to folio café and get 25% off coffee or gelato!

87th Annual Open Juried Competition and Exhibition. MHC Gallery and Manitoba Society of Artists present this Juried Competition and Exhibition which runs until 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Opening June 27 at 7:00 PM at MHC Gallery. Juror's Lecture on June 25 at 7:00 PM. See cmu.ca/events.

Inside Our Doors

1. **A Celebration of Melissa's Ministry:** Please stay for lunch and a program as we celebrate and give thanks for Melissa's ministry among us at Home Street. Everyone is welcome!
2. **Office hours the week of June 23**
The church office will be open 9:00 a.m.-3:00 a.m. Tuesday-Friday
Pastor Melissa will be in Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-12:00
Pastor Judith will be out of the office attending MC Canada gathering in Abbotsford, B.C.
Pastor Judith will be on vacation from July 2 – 26
3. **Help Green our Church Building** –you can help reduce our consumption of fossil fuel by donating to the new Home Street "Climate Action Building Fund". If you filed a 2018 income tax return, you will receive a new tax credit called the Climate Action Incentive. The amount you receive is based on the size of your household and the credit will be added directly on to your tax return (from \$170 - \$339 dollars). Dedicating this unexpected money towards climate action/caring for the earth through greening our building is something we can do together. For more information contact David Neufeld, Allegra Friesen Epp, or Sarah Janzen

4. Worship service schedule:

10:00 a.m. summer worship begins Sunday June 30 and continues through September 1. Sunday School resumes Sept. 8, 2019.

5. **Camping at Spruce Woods:** Please consider adding church camping at Spruce Woods to your summer plans. We have a group site in Bay 11 (site 6) reserved for the September long weekend. Please contact Jo Schulz for confirming your spot.
6. **Camp staff support update.** Thanks so much for supporting our auction and coffee house on June 1 which raised \$2,500 for camp worker support. We still need \$2,500 to cover our obligations this summer. We welcome your donations designated for camp workers. We can reach our goal easily if 25 households donated \$100 this summer. We have 11 people from our congregation working at camp this summer, including four people on the leadership team. Thanks for your continued support.
7. **Finance Update:** Total budget 2019 is \$275,000. Donations toward the budget received to the end of May: \$91,240 - that's 33% of our goal! Last year at the end of May we had reached 34%. During the summer the work of the church continues to impact our members and our neighbours. Let's keep up our support, even when we are present less often. To donate on your vacation you can send a cheque, or send an electronic transfer to administrator@hsmc.ca. Or pick up a form from the table for Pre-Authorized Debit directly from your bank account.

Outside our Doors

Bethel Place needs YOU!

Our meal program is committed to providing affordable, delicious meals to our residents and surrounding community. Volunteers have made this program possible to THRIVE and we need more help!

We are in search of 2 volunteers to operate the dishwasher on Fridays from 11am-1:30, and 1 volunteer mid-week.

For more information, please call or email Audrey Sawatzky, Program Coordinator at Bethel Place: (204)284-2763 or bpprogram@shaw.ca
Join our team!



Dear Friends,

Please consider becoming an MDS volunteer at one of our project locations, especially a Leadership Volunteer in Pine Ridge, South Dakota or Grand Forks, British Columbia. **For more information or to serve please call** - Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274 or email kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net Or see: <https://mds.mennonite.net/>

Mennonite Central Committee News...Notes....

It's not too late to register for a fun-filled day of golf with MCC - July 10th at Bridges Golf Course; a Texas Scramble Tournament. Proceeds will support Sam's Place. Register and find out more at mccmb.ca/Golf. **Only 12 spots remaining!**

Cycle around beautiful Clear Lake for food projects in Nepal: On Saturday, July 20th participate or support a cyclist in the 35km Cycle Clear Lake fundraising event. New this year! Every dollar raised will be matched up to four times through MCC's account with CFGF. Register and find out more at mccmb.ca/CycleClearLake.

Litany of Release and Blessing
Home St. Mennonite Church
June 2019

Dan: With joy and sadness, we prepare to thank Pastor Melissa for her faithful service as our interim minister. We rejoice in the work she has done in this “in-between-time.” We thank her for leadership in our worship services, administration and pastoral care. And especially, we thank her for helping us prepare for new ministry. Today we say farewell to Melissa whose time as our interim minister is drawing to its end.

Judith: Melissa, you and I have worked closely together as co-pastors, sharing the tasks of ministry with lay leadership in this congregation. I am thankful for the gifts of your wisdom and discernment, your compassion and care, your vision and hope. With gratitude and joy, we celebrate the fruits of this partnership. With sadness we mark its ending. With hope we look forward to the future.

Melissa: I thank Home St. Mennonite Church, its members and friends for the love and support shown to me these last two years. I thank you for the hard questions and the vigorous struggle. I am thankful to the office team of Judith and Cindy, for the shared work and cheerful friendship. While it is difficult to say goodbye, leaving is an important part of ministry. I do so to open the way for a good beginning for your new pastoral team.

Congregation: We give thanks for the gifts of this interim season and your ministry among us. We accept that the time has come for you to leave. Your influence on us will not leave, even though you depart from here.

Melissa: You have shaped my ministry and my faith. I will carry these gifts in my heart. I will hold you in the expansive light of Christ.

Dan: Will you, the members and friends of Home St. Mennonite Church, release Melissa from her ministry in this congregation?

Congregation: With the help of God, we will release Pastor Melissa from her ministry to us at the end of July. We promise to free her and not to seek continued ministry support from her.

Dan: Will you, Melissa, release Home St. Church, at the end of July, from its loyalty to you as a pastor? Will you release its members from turning to you and depending on you to provide pastoral ministries?

Melissa: I will, with the help of God. I pray God’s blessing on each person here, and I pray God’s blessing on this church as the body of Christ on Home St.

Judith: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have been our refuge and strength through life, and especially during these two years of life together. Give to us a strong sense of your presence as we prepare to go our separate ways. Enlarge our faith, that we may see your purpose unfolding in the happenings of this time. Grant us peace in doing your will. Bless and help us as we move into your future. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.