

Home Street Mennonite Church

Worship at Home, Sunday June 21, 9:30 -

10:45 am: We will explore together the story of Hagar and Ishmael, Abraham and Sarah and Isaac. Sunday is National Indigenous Peoples Day, as well as Father's Day.



Zoom Gathering, 11:00 am: Please log in between 10:45 and 11:00 am. This Sunday on Zoom, we will welcome new members to Home Street: Hilda P., Cindy and Charles P., Asha M. and Adam J., together with their son Oscar. This will be followed by congregational sharing and prayer. (We will not have small break-out groups this week.)

Joys and concerns can be shared in advance by emailing Judith, Marnie, or Phil; please indicate whether you would like your prayer request printed in our Sunday email and/or shared during the Zoom gathering.

Church Picnic - Now that we can have a fairly large gathering outdoors (50 people) we are planning a picnic at Vimy Ridge - 11:30 am to-12:30 pm (or longer) Sunday June 28th. There will be no Zoom gathering on this day. We do need to keep track of numbers and people coming so please reply to this email with your name and number of people. Please sign up before June 25th. Everyone should bring their own lawn chairs or blanket to sit on and their own food and drinks. We will expect family units to be spaced 2 metres apart as we visit together.

Our Children's Library at HSMC is going mobile! You can request a bag of books to be dropped off at your door; the book bag will include (fiction & biblical themed) picture books and a few board books. **Twenty books/two weeks/Thursday return to church (3Ts)**. A list of chapter books for borrowing is available by request. Contact Linda E.

A very BIG THANK YOU to the Sunday School teachers and helpers from the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you for sharing your time, energy and faith with the children and youth of our church. Laura F., Pam P., Megan F., Marta B., Alison R., Laurel E.K., Angela B.P., Jaron F., Jessica N., Marika V., Kelsey E., Don M., Jan M., Steve P., Lynda L. and Randy P.



Cleaning/Work Day Saturday June 20, 9-Noon! Come and see some church folks, enjoy Peter Funk's famous cinnamon buns and get our church looking even better for a future re-opening day. (No we don't know yet when that will be). * Please contact the church to let us know you plan to come. Cleaning supplies will be available but if you have a favourite tool you like to use you are welcome to bring it! Want to work but that day is not suitable? Let Cindy know if you can come do a job during the week of June 23-25.

Rollkuchen Pick-Up - Sunday July 5th, 3:30-5:00 pm: A number of Home Street families throughout the city will be frying up rollkuchen on this July Sunday! Plan to drive, bike or walk to a home to pick up your rollkuchen, take them home, and enjoy them with your own watermelon. (Rollkuchen is a deep-fried dough treat from the Russian Mennonite culture, traditionally eaten with watermelon. Some folks like to top off their rollkuchen with syrup or jam.) This is also a chance to have a brief visit with fellow Homesteaders. Sign up is needed before June 28th. Please email administrator@hsmc.ca and put 'Rollkuchen' in the subject line if you are interested in participating.

Backyard Fellowship: If you are interested in getting together with others from our church community in a small group setting please contact Cindy at administrator@hsmc.ca. This would be a time of fellowship outdoors when weather permits and could be casual discussions or a study, whatever the group decides.

You are (not) invited! In lieu of a block party, we will be walking up and down the block delivering ice cream treats and greeting our neighbours on Sunday, June 28th. In an effort to maintain physical distancing, we ask that you not show up unless you are a designated volunteer. We're looking forward to a full block party next June!

As a follow-up to our MCC focus in recent weeks, we invite you to:

1. Support MCC's work on pandemic relief: MCC is providing assistance with healthcare, water and hygiene, food assistance, and peacebuilding. You can write a cheque or [make an online donation](#): \$20 purchases a COVID-19 hygiene kit; \$7 provides emergency food, \$10 purchases personal protective equipment. You can also read more about these pandemic relief initiatives [here](#).

2. Advocate with MCC for displaced peoples around the world:

Over 25.9 million people have fled their home countries because of persecution, war, and violence. [Learn more about this and use MCC's toolkit](#) to send a letter to your MP. Ask them to address some of the root causes of forced displacement with an increase in Canada's international assistance in support of peacebuilding.

Outside Our Doors

Join us for **Mennonite Heritage Village's Virtual Spring Gala Fundraiser** on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Mennonite Central Committee. Tickets are \$25 and include the Grand Opening of **MCC 100 Years**, an exhibit produced by MHV and MCC, interviews with special guests, and videos. See up-close MCC's century of relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. For more information and to buy tickets online visit <https://mennoniteheritagevillage.com/events/list/> or call 204-326-9661.



Prayer request for peace in Palestine and Israel as the threat of annexation looms

Please pray for peace in Palestine and Israel in the coming days, when Israel's government has announced it will begin annexing significant parts of the Palestinian territory of the West Bank. The Palestinian people, including Christian partners of Mennonite organizations, are concerned that this violation of international law will further deepen the dire human rights abuses, land expropriation, and economic injustice they have experienced under Israeli military occupation since 1967. Pray for Israelis, Palestinians and advocates around the world who are promoting a durable and just peace, with equal rights and dignity for Israelis and Palestinians alike, using what Palestinian Christians call "the logic of love." --Mennonite Church Canada and MCM Palestine and Israel Network

God of peace and justice, you have created all people in your image to serve both Creator and creation in love. We lift up the people of Israel and Palestine on the eve of the threatened annexation in the West Bank. May all recognize that the "earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1), and that the forced acquisition and use of the land by one people at the expense of another is far from your will. Strengthen and give courage to those who speak your truth to the powers of this world. Protect the weak and the dispossessed. May your people shine the light of your love and care for this troubled but "holy" land. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

Bethel Mennonite Church job opening Bethel Mennonite Church (Winnipeg, MB) is seeking a 0.33 FTE Music/Arts Coordinator to coordinate musical and artistic aspects of Bethel's worship services starting Fall 2020.

[Job Description and more info in this pdf document](#) or on at www.bethelmennonite.ca

On behalf of the MCM staff, we want to extend a **warm welcome to Michael Pahl** as the new Executive Minister for MCM beginning in January 2021. We look forward to working with Michael and learning from one other as we continue to serve MCM congregations.



CommonWord launches its new website, offers over 1,000 new resources with Together in Worship

On June 1 CommonWord launched a new website at www.commonword.ca that is mobile-friendly, easily searchable, and beautifully designed! Our goal is to make Anabaptist and related resources easily found for the pastor and the parishioner, the student and the casual reader – and have them available in multiple forms: to [buy](#), [borrow](#) or [access online](#).

We have added [1,100 new free online Anabaptist worship resources](#) – and expect to add several thousand more this summer – through our partnership with [Together in Worship](#), a bi-national Mennonite curation team committed to providing Anabaptist worship materials for free online.

Anti-Racism Resources

In this time of overt racial tensions (in the U.S., in Canada, and confessionally, in ourselves), we humbly offer these resources - biographies, group studies, worship services, biblical retellings - to inspire us toward true reconciliation and love of neighbour. See www.commonword.ca/go/2054.

CommonWord online service continues during the pandemic

Self-isolation should not mean a lack of reading material. Loan items ship free.



Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Today, we are reaching out with heartbreaking news.

Our hearts grieve for our friend and colleague Maysoun Darweesh, MCC Manitoba's Migration and Resettlement Coordinator, whose husband, Nour Ali is missing following a tragic boat accident, and whose father-in-law, Hamza Ali, died in the accident. Nour has worked tirelessly and passionately to support the newcomer community in Manitoba for the past eight years. His family was sponsored through MCC by Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg to come to Canada from Syria in 2012.

Nour created the Kurdish Initiative for Refugees and started a summer program for young newcomer children. He also helped educate many newcomers about reconciliation and Indigenous communities in Manitoba through a variety of cultural events and activities.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Maysoun, her two daughters, their extended family and the broader newcomer community during this time. Please join us in praying for them.

Sincerely,

Darryl Loewen, Executive Director

Celebrate the virtual grand opening of the MCC 100 Years Exhibit at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum. This ticket-only event will take place online on June 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling the MHV office at 204-326-9661. For more info please visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-100-years-exhibit.

Join us online to hear reporting on the work and growth of MCC Manitoba and learn about MCC's COVID-19 response at our 56th Annual General Meeting from 7-9pm on June 25. For more info visit mccmb.ca/agm.

Introducing GO! 100! Complete 100 of anything between now and July 27th, raise funds and celebrate MCC's 100th birthday with us. Many MCC spring and summer events and fundraisers have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, as risks continue to grow among vulnerable communities, support remains essential. Learn more at mccmb.ca/go-100.



CMU has filled critical positions to support the mission of the university. **Dr. Christine Kampen Robinson** has been hired as the Director of Practica and the Director of the new Centre for Vocation, while **John Balsillie** has been hired as Vice-President Administration and Finance. Additionally, **Dr. John Boopalan**, a specialist in political theology, will join CMU's Biblical and Theological Studies department this fall. Read about all three new appointments at media.cmu.ca.

CMU Fall Planning – CMU's educational commitment is distinguished by the quality of personal relationships that characterize staff, faculty, and student interaction and learning—whether these be on-campus or via online learning formats. CMU is actively planning a 'mixed model' for 2020–21 fall and winter terms, with many classes combining both in-person and online elements. Every class will engage professors and students with one another in a real learning community. Check out CMU's plans for fall at cmu.ca/covid-19

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