

Home Street Mennonite Church

Worship at Home, 9:30 - 11:00 am: As usual, watch for the pdf of the worship service to arrive in your inbox around Sunday morning around 9:30 am.



Prayer Requests: Please note that there will be no Zoom gathering this week. If you have prayer requests to share with the congregation, please email Phil, Judith or Marnie, and we will include them in the Sunday morning email.

Church Picnic, 11:30 am, At Vimy Ridge: Now that we can have a fairly large gathering outdoors (100 people) we are planning a picnic at Vimy Ridge - 11:30 am -12:30 pm (or longer) Sunday June 28th. **Last day to sign up is today, 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.

Mennonite Church Canada Worship Services: Peace Mennonite Church in Richmond, B.C. will guide our nationwide community of faith in worship as we gather this Sunday, June 28. The life of faith is not always a straight, upward line, but often a journey marked by victory, failure and restoration. Lead Pastor Winston Pratt will introduce a new sermon series, “When Heroes Fall,” which highlights God’s grace in our weakness, focusing on Gen. 12:10-20. Available at <https://www.mennonitchurch.ca/worshipservices> and MC Canada’s [YouTube channel](#).

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 big thank you to all who participated in the Cleaning/Work Day last Saturday. Some much needed tasks were tended to and the church is looking and smelling significantly cleaner. Many thanks to Cindy and Chuck who organized the day.

Backyard Fellowship: If you are interested in getting together with others from our church community in a small group setting please contact Cindy Paetkau at administrator@hsmc.ca or call her at church 204-783-1721.. This would be a time of fellowship outdoors when weather permits and could be casual discussions or a study, whatever the group decides.

Bible Binge 19. Last month, the Bible Binge-19 challenge was promoted at HSMC--an invitation to read a minimum of 30 chapters of the New Testament during the month of June. If you took up the challenge--i.e., signed the "pledge" and completed your readings--please call the church office this week, so that we can recognize the participants in July. (And if you did not take up the challenge earlier but still want to, you have till Tuesday, June 30, to do so! Contact the church office for more information.)

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 Homestreeters. ***Sign up is needed before June 28th.** You can expect to hear by July 3rd where you will be going to pick up your rollkuchen. Please email administrator@hsmc.ca and put ‘Rollkuchen’ in the subject line if you are interested in participating.

Movie Discussion Night: The Indigenous Settler Relations Group invites us to learn more about what it means to be Treaty people in

Canada. Brad Leitch has produced a wonderful documentary which explores the history of colonization and racism against Indigenous peoples in Canada, inviting us to return to the spirit and intent of Treaty. This documentary is now available online: <https://www.treatytalk.com/>. We invite you to watch it sometime in the next few weeks and then join a backyard (socially distanced) discussion group at 7:30 pm on July 24. Please let Cindy know by July 19 if you would like to participate in a backyard discussion group (administrator@hsmc.ca, 204-783-1721).

Check in Groups: As our distancing began in mid-March we divided Home Street into small check-in groups. We are grateful to the 16 leaders who readily stepped into the new role of checking in with those on their list. We know their phone calls and emails played a meaningful part in helping Home Street'ers feel connected and cared for throughout the winter and spring.

As we enter the summer months and know many of you will be able to meet face to face again, our plan is to take a summer break from these groups. For those of you who are still feeling isolated, our pastors and members of the Congregational Care Commission remain available and are always open to conversations (and even distanced visits!). Please be in touch with us.

Should our circumstances change again in the coming months, we anticipate returning to using these check-in groups again.

The Block Walk has been postponed to July 26. With just a little too much going on this week and some unexpected roadblocks (haha), we've decided to bump the Block Walk back a month. Enjoy the last threads of June! In an effort to maintain physical distancing, we ask that you not show up on July 26 unless you are a designated volunteer. We're looking forward to a full block party next June!

Outside Our Doors, June 25, 2020



Day Camps and Pop-Up Camps with Camps with Meaning. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org to learn more about and to register for our revised camping program. Or, call 204-895-2267

Support group for Mennonite racial minorities If you (or someone you know) is a racial minority in the Mennonite Church (including international students) and would like to be a part of this group, please email Gabby Martin (from Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church) at: gabbymartinwork@gmail.com.

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

Arocha is hosting a number day camps for children ages 6-12 in Winnipeg during July and August. If you would like more information please contact the church office and Cindy can send you the information.

Lindenwood Villa

2 bedroom, 2 bathroom B suite 1173 sq. ft.

2nd floor facing south

Church open house July 5th, 2020 1 to 3 p.m.

For further information please call Dave Watson of Century 21 at 204-782-1535.



Mennonite Church Canada AGM, June 27, 2020, 11 a.m., CST via Zoom

If you are interested in attending Mennonite Church Canada's AGM, please e-mail your regional church communicator (dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca) to register. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom meeting link as well as a link to the financial documents.

International Witness

Prayer request for MPC

As political and economic tensions between Canada and China increase, pray Witness workers in China, and the Mennonite Partners in China program. Pray that God strengthens their bonds of friendship, common purpose and fellowship with church and education partners in the country.

Remembering 70 years of war and working for peace

Pray for Witness workers, Sook Kyoung Park and Bock Ki Kim as they work with others in South Korea to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean war on June 25. Pray that the message of peace and reconciliation, through Jesus, Prince of Peace, will bring healing to people caught in this 70-year conflict.

Indigenous-Settler Relations

EFC makes commitment to "relations based in justice" with Indigenous Peoples

Imagine evangelicals across Canada walking in costly solidarity with Indigenous Peoples to pursue "relations based in justice"! The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada has just made an amazing seven-part commitment to pursue this dream: a dream that Elijah Harper (Cree Member of Parliament) originally put before us in the 1995 Sacred Assembly, a dream that Evangelicals (including Mennonite leaders) said "Yes" to 25 years ago. To learn more about the EFC's commitment, see: <https://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/IndigenousRelations>.

Prayer: Please pray for the EFC's Indigenous-Settler Relations Working Group as they discern how this profound commitment can be implemented (ISR director Steve Heinrichs is a part of this working group).

"Listen to the oppressed: stories from conflict centres around the world"

Mennonite Church Canada writer Katie Doke Sawatzky spoke with Christian Peacemaker Teams' program support coordinators this spring about their work and why the church needs to more actively support non-violent peacemaking. Read the full article [here](#).

CommonWord

The pandemic should not mean a lack of reading material. Check out the new www.commonword.ca – your national online bookstore and resource centre with Anabaptist resources on COVID-19, anti-racism,

and much more - to buy, borrow or access online. All loan items ship free.

Anti-Racism Resources

In this time of overt racial tensions (in the US ... and 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.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Introducing GO! 100! Take on the challenge to complete 100 of any activity – running, biking, baking, singing, puzzles! – between now and July 27th to raise funds and celebrate MCC's 100th birthday with us. Many MCC fundraisers have been cancelled due to COVID-19. You can help us raise funds, awareness and celebrate 100 years of MCC all in one event! Learn more at mccmb.ca/go-100.

Join us for Give us our daily bread: COVID-19 and the coming food crisis, an online webinar on Wednesday, July 15 at 11:00am. With global lockdowns, disrupted supply chains and economic downturns, more and more people will go hungry. Hear stories of how MCC continues to provide. Sign up here mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

The second episode of Relief, Development and Podcast is out! Listen as Mulanda Jimmy Juma shares about his work for MCC today in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Olympian, Cindy Klassen, joins in as a guest speaker. Find this podcast wherever you get your podcasts or learn more at mcccanada.ca/relief-development-podcast.



CMU **continues to accept applications for September** learning that will feature a unique combination of in-person, on-campus and online learning. Discover more about CMU by taking a **Virtual Campus Tour!** enrolment.cmu.ca/register/virtual_tour

CMU, together with all parts of society, is faced with the realities of COVID-19. As we work at many complex questions, we remain focused on our core task of serving present and prospective students. Thus, the **Summer 2020 issue of *The Blazer*** is offered in 'Digest' form with pandemic-related reflections, updates, and news. Read it online at cmu.ca/blazer

The **Spring 2020 issue of *Vision*** is available! "Encountering God", edited by Andrew Dyck (CMU Assistant Professor Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry), features gracious and honest reflections of people's encountering God. Writers draw on Scripture, theology, psychology, cross-cultural perspectives, missiology, and more. Read the issue online for free <https://bit.ly/3fVm4XN>

Go Outside, Play Golf, Support CMU. The CMU Golf Classic: COVID Cup Edition, invites golfers anywhere in Canada (and beyond!) to register a round of golf in support of CMU at a course and time they choose this summer. **Watch the video invitation** at cmu.ca/golf!

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