

**Home Street Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, June 28:**



**Worship at Home, 9:30 - 10:45 am:** This Sunday we begin our series “Consider the Birds,” a phrase based on Matthew 6:24-34, where Jesus invites his disciples to stop worrying and to consider how God cares for even the birds of the air.

**Zoom Gathering, 11:00 am:** Please log in between 10:45 and 11:00 am. This Sunday on Zoom, we will hear from and pray for our high school grads. We will give thanks for Ken Warkentin’s many years of ministry with Mennonite Church Manitoba and bless him as he ends his time as Executive Minister. We will also, as usual, have our time of congregational sharing and prayer.

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.

**Mennonite Church Canada Worship Services:** Mennonite Church Manitoba staff will lead in worship from Camp Assiniboia with Matthew 6:25-34 as the backdrop for our life these days. Available at <https://www.mennonitchurch.ca/worshipservices> and our [YouTube channel](#).

**Summer Sunday Plans:** For the next month, you will continue to receive Sunday morning emails with a PDF of worship materials. This Sunday, July 5, and every second Sunday following, we will continue to have our Zoom gatherings at 11:00 am. On alternate Sundays, we will gather in Vimy Ridge Park for a picnic at 11:30 am (no Zoom gathering). In the event of rain, the picnic will be cancelled.

July 5: Zoom gathering (11:00 am)

July 12: Picnic at Vimy Ridge (11:30 am)

July 19: Zoom gathering (11:00 am)

July 26: Picnic at Vimy Ridge (11:30 am)

August 2: Zoom gathering (11:00 am)

**Church Picnic, July 12 at 11:30 am, at Vimy Ridge Park:** Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket, and your own food and drinks. We expect household units to be spaced 2 metres apart as we visit together. We do need to keep track of numbers and people coming so please reply to this email with your name and number of people. **Last day to sign up is Thursday, July 9.**

**Rollkuchen Pick- up Sunday July 5th.** Those of you who signed up for this event will receive a separate email with where to go to pick up your rollkuchen Sunday afternoon between 3:30 and 4:30 pm.

**Pastors’ Vacations:** Judith will be away on vacation from July 6 - 21, and Phil will be away from July 20 - August 4.

**Summer office hours:** Cindy will be in the office Tuesday - Thursday 9:a.m. - 2:00 pm.

**Our Pandemic Guidance Group** (Judith FE Jared R., Carol D., Brenda S., and Esther E.T.), with support from David S. and Cindy P., is hard at working planning a way for our congregation to resume worship in our building once again. We anticipate this beginning sometime in August. The plan will include: a limit on the number of people who can attend; a sign-up system for attendance; special arrangements for entering, exiting and seating to ensure physical distancing; no congregational singing (great sadness about this!), and live-streaming for those who, for whatever reasons, are at home. Returning to worship in the building is a very complex undertaking and we ask for patience as we make these preparations. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Esther E.T.

**July 19, 3:00 pm: A Scavenger Hunt for Families!** Drive around to various church members’ yards to hunt for “treasure.” This Scavenger Hunt is designed for children finishing grade 5 and younger, together with their families. \* **Please sign up by July 12 by emailing Jan M.**

**We invite your financial support for community needs.** During the last few weeks, a number of significant needs have arisen within our community, and we would like to offer some assistance. Typically, we would discern these needs together with church leadership, and then offer assistance through our Special Samaritan Sundry Fund. However, this fund requires some replenishing at this point. Leadership Council invites you, as you are able, to make an above-budget donation to this fund:

- Put a cheque in the mail. The church address is 318 Home Street, Winnipeg MB, R3G 1X4.
- Send an e-transfer. This can be sent to donate@hsmc.ca.
- Donate online. Visit <http://www.hsmc.ca/donate.html>. Please note that PayPal charges us a 3% processing fee.

Please include on your cheque or electronic donation a message designating the funds for the "Special Samaritan Sundry Fund." Thank you for prayers and for whatever extra donation you may be able to contribute at this time.

**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).

**Grant Received:** Home Street MC recently received a \$1000 grant from Mennonite Disaster Service's "[Spirit of MDS Fund](#)". MDS Canada's operations have been suspended until fall due to the pandemic, so the organization has made funds available to congregations that are active in responding to COVID-19 concerns. At

HSMC, these funds will be used by our Coffee & Conversation and Home Plate programs, as well as a Block Party in July, to provide personal protection items like masks, disinfectant wipes, etc. to neighbourhood people.

### Outside Our Doors, July 2, 2020

**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 Central Committee Manitoba

**What difference can a dollar make?** Listen as Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's Global Health Coordinator, shares about increasing his giving during the COVID-19 pandemic at [tiny.cc/WhyIgive](https://tiny.cc/WhyIgive).

**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](https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series).

**Take on the challenge and GO!** Choose 100 of any activity - biking, baking, singing or puzzles and complete it before July 27th to commemorate **MCC's birthday**. Don't forget to ask your friends and family to join you, and help MCC respond to the needs of vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19 around the world. Learn more at [mccmb.ca/go-100](https://mccmb.ca/go-100).



### **Day Camps and Pop-Up Camps with Camps with**

**Meaning.** Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://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](mailto:gabbymartinwork@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.bethelmennonite.ca) **Help match Mennonite Church Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund!**



This spring [Mennonite Church Canada donated \\$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund](#) to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs

due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations will go through regional churches. Click [here](#) for more info.

### **International Witness**

#### **Vietnamese Mennonite church trains 10 pastors**

Praise God for the week-long pastoral training in mid-June taught by leaders of the Evangelical Vietnamese Mennonite Church (EVMC). About 10 pastors gathered to study, pray and fellowship together. Pray for the president of EVMC, Rev.

Hong Thi Nguyen, as she gives leadership to this group of congregations and develops resources for pastoral training.

#### **Prayer request**

As political and economic tensions between Canada and China increase, pray for 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.

#### **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](http://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](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2054).

### COVID-19 Resources

Resources to help communities of faith live well in this time of pandemic. See <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/outbreakresources>



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](http://enrolment.cmu.ca/register/virtual_tour)

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](http://cmu.ca/golf)!