

Home Street Mennonite Church

This Sunday August 2nd:



Worship at Home, 9:30 - 10:30 am: This Sunday we continue our summer worship series, *Consider the Birds*, with reflections on “The Vulture: Ugliness and Beauty.”

Zoom gathering, 11:00 am: This Sunday’s Zoom gathering will include our small breakout groups, as well as congregational sharing and prayer. Join us, from wherever you are this August long weekend!

Mennonite Church Canada worship services: This Sunday, August 2, Sherbrooke Mennonite Church in Vancouver, B.C., will share their service with our nationwide community of faith. Pastor Kevin Barkowsky reflects on Matthew 11:1-6 with the message “Liminal Spaces and Desert Places.” Why does God send His people into the desert? Many times in life, well thought-out plans fall to pieces in a heap. Humbled and frustrated, we are not happy. Aren’t followers of Jesus supposed to get what we pray and plan for? The video will be posted shortly at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>

Pastor’s Vacations: Phil is currently away on vacation, and will be back in the office on August 4. Judith will be out of the office August 4 and 5.

Our Pandemic Guidance Group, is hard at work planning a way for our congregation to resume worship in our building once again. We anticipate this beginning August 23. 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 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.

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.

Outside Our Doors, July 30, 2020

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for a part-time evening and occasional weekend custodial position. Please see the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca) for more information.



Day Camps at Camp

Assiniboia. 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.



Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Learn about how MCC is working towards right relationships with our Indigenous Neighbours. Tune in for our next webinar on Tuesday, Aug 11 at 7:00pm. Presenters include Bridget Findlay from MCC B.C. and Beverly Lightfoot, a partner of MCC’s Indigenous Neighbours program in B.C. Find out more at mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

MCC commemorated its 100th birthday on July

27th. Congratulations to our GO! 100 participants who have completed their challenge! Cheer on the challengers by watching our latest video at tiny.cc/GO100video. Challenges continue until August 31st. Learn more at mccmb.ca/GO-100.

Looking for a job? MCC Manitoba is looking for a Communications Intern who is interested in creating engaging content about MCC's local and provincial activities. Visit mccmb.ca/Openings to apply.



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.

INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS

For the Love of Creation

Churches and faith organizations across Canada have recently come together to pursue climate justice by forming an initiative called, "For the Love of Creation." The goal is to facilitate climate conversation through theological reflection, congregational engagement and political advocacy. The most recent opportunity for action is a parliamentary petition calling on the Government of Canada to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, and to honour Indigenous rights, particularly around energy and infrastructure development. [Learn more and sign the petition.](#)

Webinar: Stories of Decolonization

What are Indigenous activists and settlers doing to understand and challenge settler colonialism in Canada? Join a screening and

discussion of the documentary film, *Stories of Decolonization: Land Dispossession and Settlement* on July 29 at 7 p.m. Steve Heinrichs, director of Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations program, will be one of four panelists. [Register here.](#)

INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

Terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso

Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso asks us to pray for them as they continue to suffer terrorist attacks. Pray for protection, for the resolution to this conflict and for political stability. Mennonite Church Canada partner Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission supports the church in Burkina Faso through community outreach and leadership development.



Canadian Mennonite University

CMU is planning for on-campus, in-person education for fall and winter terms 2020/21, with hybrid extensions through online tools for all classes. Clear protocols and training to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and faculty will be in place. We are also working extensively at community and individual well-being as we face the intense burdens and anxieties of this pandemic time. CMU is also prepared for a possible switch to virtual only learning should a second wave of COVID-19 emerge. Check out the video which outlines fall plans at media.cmu.ca/nr-fall2020

CMU is committed to give every student, faculty and staff member a mask for their use in September, as needed. To that end, we are seeking a network of capable volunteers to sew up to 100 masks each. The university will supply a standard pattern and be available to support volunteers with technical, sewing related questions. Charitable receipts will be issued for 5 or more masks. For details about this volunteer based project contact Julene Sawatzky, CMU Campus Planning and Facilities Development Manager, at JuSawatzky@cmu.ca. Thank you!

Bethel Place Job Opportunities:

Half Time Custodian (Bi-weekly)

Bethel Place an independent living senior's home is seeking a live-in Custodian to respond to after-hours building concerns. The Custodian will enter into an employment contract, complete with a compensation package and must hold a lease agreement for their rental suite with current rental fees. Applicants should be 60 years of age & older.

For more information please feel free to contact Joanne Schmidt, Executive Director at 204-284-3762 or Email: jsbethelplace@shaw.ca or visit the BP website at www.bethelplace.ca

Reply in confidence no later than August 7th, 2020

COMMONWORD

Living the Declaration: A Webinar on Indigenous

Rights - <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/22566>

MCBC recently hosted this webinar, featuring Judy Wilson (Secwepemc) from the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Romeo Saganash (Cree) who helped draft the Declaration, and Quaker advocate Jennifer Preston, who explored both the challenge and the promise of implementing the Declaration on the ground, with our communities, and in our lives.

Featured Resource:

["Virus as a Summons to Faith" by Walter Brueggemann](#)

Brueggemann explores how the devastating effects of COVID-19 summon us to renew our covenantal relationship with God and to renew our responsibilities within that relationship. Available to borrow or special order.

[Borrowed Items Ship Free with Membership](#)

Self-isolation should not mean a lack of reading material. Have a book dropped off at your door! Online retail, loan and digital services continue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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