

Home Street Mennonite Church Sunday August 9, 2020



Worship at Home, 9:30 - 11:00 am: This Sunday we continue our summer worship series, *Consider the Birds*, with reflections on the ostrich. (Did you know that in the Old Testament, Job, whose life has fallen apart, complains to God and compares himself to an ostrich?)

If you would like to share a joy or concern with the congregation, please email or call Phil, Judith, or Marnie. Prayer requests are sent out with the Sunday morning worship email.

Church Picnic, 11:30 am: Come visit together at Vimy Ridge Park, right across the street from the church. 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. There's no need to sign up in advance; just **sign in with Marnie when you arrive**, as we do need to keep track of who was there.

Mennonite Church Canada Worship Services: Charleswood Mennonite Church in Winnipeg will prepare worship for us this week. In Matthew 14: 22- 33, Jesus walks on the water and beckons Peter to follow him. How is the church being invited to step out of the boat and walk toward Jesus as a storm of injustice, crises and uncertainty swirls around us? Please join us as we gather to praise our Lord, who calls out to us to say, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." This worship service will be available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>

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.

Outside Our Doors, August 6, 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

Day camp starts next week, staff training is on now.

Continue to pray for the camping ministry. This week staff are in onsite training and the Servant-Leaders-in-Training (SLTs) are on their canoe trip. Day Camp starts next week.



Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

The 18th annual MCC Golf Tournament has been officially cancelled for this year due to COVID-19 limitations. **We hope to see you next year on July 7, 2021** at Bridges Golf Course for a safe round of golf and a delicious plate of farmer sausage and kielke. If you have questions, please call Emily-Ann at 204-261-6381.

Sam's Place is hosting a Used Book Sidewalk Sale during the month of August! Reduced prices on almost all genres! Free coffee coupon with every purchase. Learn more at sams.place/books. Download a shareable PDF at mccmb.ca/media/resources/10965.

- **August 5 & 6** - Hobby & Self-help books
- **August 12 & 13** - Children, YA, and Educational books
- **August 19 & 20** - Religious, Academic, and Christian Fiction books
- **August 26 & 27** - History, Biographies, Classics, & Fiction books

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. Applications due Aug 14. Visit mccmb.ca/Openings.

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.



Help match Mennonite Church Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund!

This spring [Mennonite Church Canada](https://mccmb.ca) donated \$50,000 to MWC's [Global Church Sharing Fund](https://mccmb.ca) 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

Persistent Widows Needed for Declaration Legislation

Jesus reminds us in the parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-1-8), that holy persistence can pay off. Over the last few years we have asked you, time and again, to advocate for legislation that implements the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We are so grateful! And we need you to keep at it. Please raise your voice and let the government know that you care by signing your name to this Mennonite Central Committee Canada letter to the Minister of Justice—see www.tinyurl.com/UNDRIPNOW.

INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

Anabaptist training for local Chinese congregations

Pray for George, Witness worker in China, and Chinese colleague Yin , as they organize and translate Anabaptist materials for congregations asking for training. Pray that they would produce a program that meets the needs of local believers and built on by local leaders. Praise God for the opportunity to meet with congregational leaders face to face at the end of July.

Creative responses to pandemic in Philippines

Dann and Joji Pantoja, Witness workers in the Philippines, and their organization PeaceBuilders Community, Inc., are creatively meeting the challenges of COVID-19. [Read their blog post](#) for examples of five women working new jobs due to the pandemic. Praise God for seeds of resilience planted in the lives of these families and communities.

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.



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

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