

Home Street Mennonite Church

August 4, 2024

Home Street Mennonite seeks to be an open, caring community of faith, welcoming people of any race, age, ability, income, family status, gender identity, and sexual orientation. We commit to growing together into a safe, inclusive, and diverse congregation.

Trees Poking Fun at Pretentious Human Power

Focus Statement: We can forget that we are in a relationship with the rest of creation, that our actions do not just impact ourselves. What might the trees have to teach us about our desires for power and control?

Prelude

Song *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* VT 103

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Tune our hearts to their songs of praise.

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

Tune our minds to the wisdom of the earth.

They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Tune our bodies to resonate with creation.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

**May we join our voices with all the earth
in praise, in love, in prayer to our Creator.**

Prayer *Silence My Soul* Sing the Story 97

Song *Morning Has Broken* VT 495

Prayer of Lament and Confession

Scripture Reading: Judges 9:1-21

Children's Story

Song *Be a Sower* VT 789

Meditation

Reverie

Offering

Prayers of the People

Song *Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

Benediction (moment of reflection)

Postlude

We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the ancestral lands of Treaties that were made on these territories. We acknowledge the harms that were committed in the past and those that continue today. We dedicate ourselves to being Treaty People and moving forward in right relationship.

Hearing Assistance: Those who need some hearing assistance in the sanctuary can either ask the sound technician for a headset, or use Wi-Fi-enabled hearing aids.

Worship Participants:

Worship leader: Judith F E	Visuals: Michelle M, Peter F
Speaker: Kelsey E	AV Techs: David B, Matt V
Scripture reader: Lorna H	Ushers: Lorna H, Heather Sp
Children's Storyteller: Jessica Noble	
Musicians: Allegra Friesen Epp, Brenda Schellenberg	

Inside Our Doors

Nurturing Woody Faith: Trees of the Bible

Our summer worship services will focus on trees of the Bible and the many different roles that trees play in the biblical story. We will explore ways in which trees point to God's work in the world, or to God's blessing, or to God's purposes for creation, or to God's will for human life. Each Sunday will feature a tree-related theme and passages in which trees play a significant role.

August 4: Trees Poking Fun at Pretentious Human Power
August 11: Trees Providing Wisdom for Faithful Living
August 18: In the Sycamore Tree: Encountering Jesus
August 25: Vine and Fig Tree: Shelters of Peace, Security and Well-Being

Staff Vacation Times and Summer Office hours:

Cindy is away from July 28 - August 8. Diane H will be in the office for these 2 weeks.
Phil will be on vacation from July 29 - August 5.
Judith will be on vacation from August 5 - August 8.

New Sanctuary Ceiling Fan Installed - With a grant from Mennonite Church Canada and with support from the Home Street Climate Action Fund, and a new ceiling fan has been installed. The new commercial fan will help improve air circulation in the main sanctuary in all seasons, not only in summer. The unit should improve comfort for occupants during the winter heating season by pushing warmer air down to the floor level. We'll save electricity, and move the air a lot better.

In 2020, Home Street contracted with Faith & The Common Good to conduct a green audit of its church building and this was one of the recommendations. The audit has also prompted upgrades in the church from incandescent lighting to LED or equivalent lighting in the fellowship hall, kitchen and sanctuary, improved weather stripping, move to greener cleaning products, and replacing one of the old fridges. If you have questions, please contact David N.

Donations to Home Street Mennonite Church can be made in the following ways:

- e-transfer through your banking app, to donate@hsmc.ca
- cheques or cash in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary (envelopes available)
- a cheque, mailed or dropped off at the church

If you are a new donor to HSMC, please include your mailing address or email to receive a tax receipt

This Week at Home Street

August	4	10:45 am	Worship Service
	5	7:00-8:00 pm	CODA (Fellowship Hall)
	6	7:30 - 8:30 pm	EA 12 Step Group (Fellowship Hall)
	8	10:00am-12:30 pm	I Just City program (Fellowship Hall)
	8	8:00-9:30 pm	12 Step Group (Fellowship Hall)
	9	7:15 am	Men's Prayer meeting (over Zoom)
	9	5:30 pm	SDA (downstairs)
	10	9 am-2:30pm	SDA Service (sanctuary & downstairs)

Beyond Our Doors

Ride for Recovery of Hope is back! Come join us on Saturday, September 28 in Winnipeg for our 4th annual Ride for Recovery of Hope fundraiser and help raise funds for our Sliding Fee Scale program and make mental health care affordable and accessible for everyone. Event check-in will begin at 8 am at Fort Garry Mennonite Brethren Church, and the ride will begin at 9 am. To register as an individual or team, go to edenhealthcare.ca/events or call Recovery of Hope at 204-477-4673.

The Mennonite Heritage Village, in collaboration with the Peace Trail,

The Mennonite Heritage Village invites you to join the PEACE TREK 2024. From the moment Mennonite settlers set foot on Manitoba soil 150 years ago, they faced challenges of many kinds. They were able to navigate a path around marshes, forest, and across the prairie land, to eventually settle into their own villages. Today, we recognize the deep spiritual history of this partnership and this path - the Peace Trail. Get your bicycle ready for the Peace Trek on August 17th! Registration is \$40, and our hope is that each participant will set a fundraising goal of \$1000, to support the ongoing community work of the Mennonite Heritage Village and to fund the continued development of the Peace Trail. Register or donate to a rider at www.mhv.ca/peace-trek.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Secret Treaty Tour and Book Launch #2. September 7. Westside Community Church, Morden. Sharing stories of the West Reserve before Mennonite Settlement and first encounters between Ojibway and latecomers. How do we forge a different way of sharing this land? Info and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcis.

Join African Inter-Mennonite Mission friends from near and far at Canad Inns Fort Gary, 1824 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, to hear John Fumana and Bruce Yoder, Co-Executive Coordinators for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, give updates on Mennonite Church Canada Witness ministries with African churches in Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and South Africa. RSVP to Melanie Neufeld at mneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca

Canadian Mennonite University

Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Courses begin October 1 and topics include the Sermon on the Mount and the rise and fall of the Soviet Union. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

Mennonite Church Canada

International Witness

Prayer requests from the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso



Prayer requests from the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso give us a glimpse into their lives and concerns. Pray with them: Praise God for the improved security situation in Orodara and that people are able to leave their homes. Pray for areas of continued violence in the eastern and northern regions. Praise God for cooling rains and a good start to the rainy season. Pray for the students' facing exams. Pray for the list of expectant mothers, for health and safety in childbirth. God, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Pray for young adult headed on year-long internship in Philippines



Pray for Benedikt Isert Bender from MCEC as he spends a year in internship in Mindanao, Philippines with PeaceBuilders Community. This internship is an intense, hands-on learning of peacebuilding, sustainable development, and social enterprise with a little barista training on the side. Pray that Benedikt's interactions with local indigenous leaders, young "farmpreneurs" and grassroots peace builders will be formative as he seeks to follow Jesus in the way of peace. Thank God for his willingness to learn in this way.

Employment Opportunities

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is seeking a part-time evening and weekend custodian. For a full job description and application information please visit the Westgate website (westgatemennonite.ca).

Mennonite Central Committee

Join us for the *Lanterns for Peace* event on **Tuesday, Aug. 6** on the lawn at the south side of the Manitoba Legislature in Winnipeg. This event marks the 79th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Lantern making will take place at 7:30p.m., followed by a ceremony at 8:30 p.m. The lanterns will be launched at 9:15 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair or other seating for the formal program.

Save the date and join us at the *We Are All Treaty People* celebration on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 1-4 p.m. at the Forks National Historic Site in Winnipeg. Enjoy performances by Fontine, Duncan Mercredi, Scott Nolan and Island Breeze Manitoba Pacific Islands dance. There will be free food, crafts and family activities. For more information visit mcc.org/wearealltreatypeople.

Explore these exciting opportunities to join MCC's team today! Visit mcc.org/careers for full description and apply online. • [Executive Director, MCC Canada](#) (open until filled) • [Accounting Analyst](#) (deadline Aug. 11)

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