Hope Mennonite Church acknowledges our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota, and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871. We are grateful to our host nations.

Sunday, October 16
We will be continuing our series on Living Generously. Dori ZC is speaking, Sam D is leading worship, Anna S and Peter F are leading music. Adult Ed will be lead by John KH, and we will be talking about mental health (more details to follow).

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Parents, please contact your child(ren)’s teacher if you know your child(ren) will be absent.

Sunday, October 23
Part Three of the Living Generously series, we are inviting some people to complete the statement, “I give to Hope because...” . Vic B and Eric M are leading music. After the service, everyone is invited to the mini-gym to hear reports from some of our committees: BRiC (Building Relationships in the Congregation); Community Engagement; Hosting; Children’s Circle; Ally group. Coffee will be provided.

On The Way To Sunday
We dare to dream of a world in which hunger is unknown: where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table.

We dare to dream of a world in which generosity is the norm: where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all.

We dare to dream of a world in which love rules: where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for bigotry.

We dare to dream.
We dare to pray.
We dare to believe.

Hope News

If you have interest in exploring baptism, or interest in becoming a member of Hope, contact Lynell. A faith exploration class will be starting up soon.

Canadian Mennonite University

CMU Open House October 21: A grade 9–12 ‘come and go’ opportunity designed for students to explore programs and opportunities at CMU. Join a campus tour, participate in a chapel, choir or a class - and enjoy free gelato. Drop in at Marpeck Commons on Friday, October 21 anytime between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. For more information go to cmu.ca/openhouse or call 204-594-0523.

CMU’s Outtatown discipleship program is now accepting applications for fall 2017! Travel. Learn. Serve. With the world as its classroom, Outtatown’s eight-month experiential learning program will guide you on a journey of faith and adventure. Each site – South Africa, Guatemala, Burkina Faso – has limited space so don’t wait long to apply! For more information go to outtatown.com.

Annual J.J. Thiessen Lectures: The Silence of Abraham, The Passion of Job: Explorations in the Theology of Lament with Dr. J. Richard Middleton, Professor at Northeastern Seminary (Rochester, NY), and past President of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association. CMU Chapel, October 25 and 26. See more at cmu.ca/jjt.

“Why Beauty Matters: Radical Amazement, Spirituality, and the Ecological Crisis” is the topic at CMU’s Face2Face on November 2 at 7:00 PM in the Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. Presenters include mathematician Tim Rogalsky, biologist Rachel Krause, and engineer Randy Herrmann. For more information see cmu.ca/face2face.

Come worship with us at CMU Vespers, a monthly service of choral music. The Vespers season begins on Sunday, October 16 on the theme “In Gratitude”, with Shirley Bestvater conducting. This and all services this year will be held at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. For more information see cmu.ca/vespers.

CMU’s Orchestra in Residence, the Mennonite Community Orchestra, presents its fall concert on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 PM in the Chapel. The orchestra will perform Elgar’s Enigma Variations, Vaughn Williams’ 5th Symphony, and Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto #2, Second Movement, with Breanna Heinrichs, pianist. Admission is $15 for Adults, $5 for students, with children 12 and under admitted free. For more information see cmu.ca/events.

CMU Study Tour to the Middle East (Jordan and Israel/Palestine): April 26-May 15, 2017. Join Gerald Gerbrandt, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Associate Professor of New Testament on a journey in time to the land of the Bible. Meet people working for peace and reconciliation today. For more information visit cmu.ca/met2017 or call 204-487-3300.
**Mennonite Central Committee**

**Hurricane Matthew** - MCC welcomes donations for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew. To donate, visit [mccmb.ca/hurricane-matthew](http://mccmb.ca/hurricane-matthew), call 1-888-622-6337 or send a cheque to MCC, 134 Plaza Dr, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9.

**Join the call for a Hunger Free Manitoba** - Hunger Free Manitoba is a united effort of faith communities calling on the government of Manitoba to support those who are most vulnerable. We support Make Poverty History Manitoba’s campaign to increase the Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) basic needs allowance for Manitobans who are living in poverty. Find out how your church can get involved at [hungerfreemb.ca/take-action/](http://hungerfreemb.ca/take-action/) or visit your local MCC Manitoba office to pick-up postcards.

**MCC Canada invites applications for Advocacy Research Intern** - Apply by Oct 28 for this 4-month internship based in Ottawa. For more information and to apply, visit [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/advocacy-research-intern-3](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/advocacy-research-intern-3).

**Ten Thousand Villages 70th Anniversary Celebration** - Join us at 963 Henderson Hwy October 21-23 or 134 Plaza Dr October 21-22 for thank you gifts and sales to celebrate! Cake will be served on Saturday, October 22. Check with your local store for hours.

**Mennonite Church Canada and Manitoba**

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) is currently accepting applications for its Peacemaker Corps:

Use your hands and heart to be a peacebuilder with Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers Darnell & Christina Barkman in Manila, Philippines for a term of 6-12 months. Details at [home.mennonitechurch.ca/ShortTerm/PhilPlacements](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/ShortTerm/PhilPlacements).

Mennonite Church Canada is looking for a casual receptionist to assist with vacation coverage around Christmas, over the summer, and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information, including a detailed job description, see [home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/1453](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/1453). Please send applications to office@mennonitechurch.ca.

All are welcome to the Opening Celebration of “Along the Road to Freedom: Mennonite women of courage and faith” at the Manitoba Legislative Building Rotunda - **October 30, 2016, 2:30pm**. Paintings by Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery curator, Ray Dirks, with harpist Paul Dueck, the Riel Gentlemen’s Choir with Juno award winner Alexa Dirks, and the Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church choir to honour women responsible for our living in peace and freedom in Canada. Learn more at [gallery.mennonitechurch.ca/](http://gallery.mennonitechurch.ca/)
Featured prayer request from the wider church: Pray for the ministry of Pastor Nhien Pham as he walks with the Mennonite Church in Vietnam and Cambodia. Through a partnership between Mennonite Church Canada and the North American Vietnamese Mennonite Fellowship, this ministry assists a Bible school, church administration, and a church building project. May God continue to bless Nhien’s gift for nurturing precious relationships from his home in Vancouver, B.C. (To receive regular wider church prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: commonword.ca/go/96.)

Community

This November, Conrad Grebel University College will be attending University Fairs in Winnipeg! We would love to see you if you are interested in learning more about the academic programs or residence life offered at this Mennonite school on the campus of the University of Waterloo in Ontario. You are invited to come visit us at the following locations: **November 2**, St. John’s-Ravenscourt School, 6:30 – 8:30pm; **November 3**, Fort Richmond Collegiate, 9:30 – 11:30am; **November 3**, Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate 1:15 – 3:15pm; **November 3**, Balmoral Hall School, 6:30 – 8:30pm; **November 4**, St Johns High School, 9:30 – 11:30am.

**October 30:** Autumn with the MCO - The Mennonite Community Orchestra, conducted by Professor William Gordon, are pleased to invite you to a concert featuring Elgar's Enigma Variations and Vaughan William's 5th Symphony. Also featured will be award winning CMU student Breanna Heinrichs on the 2nd movement of the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto. 3 PM in the CMU Chapel at 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. **Tickets:** Adults $15, Students $5, 12 & under Free

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Thoughts on Worship

Because we live most of the time in a culture preoccupied with the ego and the small self, we all need to be reminded of how the culture of Christian faith is different. Each week, we need to hear once again why we have come. We need words that are direct and concrete to usher us into an alternative time and space.

In worship we come not to succeed and be noticed, not to achieve or to prove ourselves. We come rather to lose ourselves. We come to die to all our petty concerns and fears and to be submerged once again into the being and the story of God, so that we may rise to new life in Christ. We come to return to the source of true joy and sustenance.

Christian worship is a counter-cultural activity, and it requires clear signals and rituals if it is to draw us out of the culture of narcissism. Preparing ourselves for worship requires disciplined work. To the outsider, it may seem a strange and unnecessary activity. But when we finally arrive and settle in, we will surely remember why we have come.

Scott Brubaker-Zehr, from "Receiving before Responding" Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology, Fall 2005, Vol 6, No 2