



Bulletin

February 5, 2017

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, February 5

Jacqueline is speaking, Clare is leading worship, Jason H and Rachel K are leading music. There will be NO POTLUCK because of the event at Sperling next week. There will be a joint Children's Circle class to work on an art project for Lent.

Children's circle: All children's circle classes and youth will meet in the basement gym, to get crafty and work on some visuals for lent. Vivian, Jeff, Tara and Gord are on snack.

Sunday, February 12

Worship at Sperling will be made up of short reflections on a theme. Those sharing are Patrick F, Anna E, Emily H and Marta B. Alex T is leading worship, and Peter F, Erin F and Jacqueline G are leading music.

On The Way To Sunday

I know, I know
If you could go back you
would walk with Jesus
You would march with King
Maybe assassinate Hitler
At least hide Jews in your basement
It would all be clear to you
But people then, just like you
were baffled, had bills
to pay and children they didn't
understand and they too
were so desperate for normalcy
they made anything normal
Even turning everything inside out
Even killing, and killing, and it's easy
for turning the other cheek
to be looking the other way, for walking
to be talking, and they hid
in their houses
and watched it on television, when they had television,
and wrung their hands
or didn't, and your hands
are just like theirs. Lined, permeable,
small, and you
would follow Caesar, and quote McCarthy, and Hoover, and you would want
to make Germany great again
Because you are afraid, and your
parents are sick, and your
job pays shit and where's your
dignity? Just a little dignity and those kids sitting down in the highway,
and chaining themselves to
buildings, what's their problem? And that kid
That's King. And this is Selma. And Berlin. And Jerusalem. And now
is when they need you to be brave.
Now
is when we need you to go back
and forget everything you know
and give up the things you're chained to
and make it look so easy in your
grandkids' history books (they should still have them, kinehora)
Now
is when it will all be clear to them.

- Danny Bryck, *If You Could*

Hope News

February 12 – Curling at Sperling. Everyone is invited to join us out at Sperling, Manitoba, for a fun day of worship, eating (potluck), skating, curling, board games, knitting and conversation. BRiC (Building Relationships in the Congregation committee) will be organizing transportation. A group of CMU students will be leading the worship service.

We will **not** be having potluck on Feb 5 because of the potluck on Feb 12. Details re: potluck meal at Sperling= BRiC committee is requesting 8 volunteers to bring one slow cooker of either meat or vegetarian chili. And for the rest who are coming out to Curling in Sperling, the request is for all whose have last names that begin with A-N to bring a salad and/or finger vegetables. And for those whose last names begin with O-Z to bring a dessert and/or snack. Please contact Pat Janzen or one of the other BRiC committee members- Stephen N-R; Laura F.; Jacqueline G; Clare S or Dori Z-C if you can bring chili.

Canadian Mennonite University

Participate in [Face2Face](#) – **A Conversation within an Abrahamic Tent: A Jew, Muslim and Christian in Dialogue** with moderator Dr. Harry Huebner and panelists Dr. Karl Koop, Dr. Ruth Ashrafi, and Shahina Siddiqui. The event will be held Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 PM at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. For more information see cmu.ca/face2face.

Prospective students (and their parents) - explore CMU on **Friday, February 10** through **Outtatown Campus Visit Day** (Outtatown is CMU's unique, one or two-semester discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.

On Wednesday, April 5 plan to attend “**Gather. Give. Celebrate. Spring at CMU**”, a celebrative evening in support of CMU. The evening will include awarding Christian Peacemaker Teams with the CMU PAX Award; recognizing the leadership of the Capital Campaign Cabinet in constructing Marpeck Commons; music by the CMU Singers; and input and reflection from faculty, alumni and students. For more information see cmu.ca/springatcmu.

Enjoy an exciting evening of vocal and instrumental performances at CMU's **Verna Mae Janzen Music Competition** on February 15 at 7:30 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium. Free Admission.

Come this summer to learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – at the ninth annual **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 12-16 and 19-23, 2017**. We invite you to participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.

You are warmly invited to an **evening of musical theatre** as the “CMU Opera Workshop Class” presents H.M.S. Pinafore. Performances will be held Thursday, March 9 to Saturday March 11 at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 2:30 PM in the Laudamaus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.

Mennonite Central Committee

Classical Guitar Concert with David Letkeman: *Friday, February 10, 7:30 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy.* Join us for a concert featuring classical guitarist David Letkeman in support of MCC Manitoba's refugee resettlement efforts. \$10 per ticket with limited availability. For more information visit mccmb.ca/classical-guitar-concert and call (204) 925-1910 to reserve tickets.

Special Event: Wintertreffen: *Sunday, February 26, 2:30 pm, 409 Recreation Centre, Arborg* Join us at the Arborg Bifrost Community Centre for an afternoon of music and updates on MCC's local and international work opp Plautdietsch followed by a potluck fasp! For more information visit mccmb.ca/wintertreffen.

MCC Manitoba welcomes applications for Community Engagement Coordinator (12 month term position) based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until February 13. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/community-engagement-coordinator.

MCC Canada welcomes applications for part-time Bookstore Sales Clerk at Die Mennonitische Post based in Steinbach. Applications are accepted until February 9. For more information and to apply, please visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/bookstore-sales-clerk.

Summerbridge: MCC is accepting applications for Summerbridge 2017. This 8-12 week service program provides opportunities for young adults to develop leadership skills and deeper engagement with their local church and community. The program encourages participation of young people from diverse cultural backgrounds. If you are interested in learning more about Summerbridge, please contact Katie Froese at katiefroese@mccmb.ca or 204-925-1929.

Mennonite Church Canada and Manitoba

Camps with Meaning is looking for a volunteer nurse for the ADV Winter Retreat at Camp Assiniboia February 20-22. If you or someone you know can help please call 896-1616 ext. 254 or email sklassenkoop@mennochurch.mb.ca

Camps with Meaning camper registration is now open for all three locations! For details visit www.campswithmeaning.org

Save the date! The Camps with Meaning "Raise the Roof" Song-a-thon will be March 18th from 1-9 PM!

Documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process have been posted at futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.

A statement and call to prayer has been released by Mennonite Church Canada in response to the deadly mosque attack in Quebec on Jan. 28: news.mennonitechurch.ca/call-prayer-deadly-mosque-attack-quebec. Please uphold in prayer the victims, their families, and their communities.

Featured prayer request from the wider church (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7507): Three Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker couples are continually at work to stay connected to their adult children who are residing in different countries. We give thanks for Dann and Joji Pantoja (Philippines), Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park (South Korea), and Mike and Cheryl Nimz (United Kingdom; Mike is a resource worker with Mennonite Trust). May they find meaningful ways to stay connected with their children across the miles.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for Vice Principal to commence duties September 5, 2017. Details for this position can be found at westgatemennonite.ca.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 8th. Parents and students of all ages are welcome to drop in from 7:00-9:00 pm. Specific info hour for current Grade 5 students and parents from 7:30-8:30 pm.

Community

Winnipeg Mennonite Theatre is presenting Dame Agatha Christie's **AND THEN THERE WERE NONE** as part of Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's ChristieFest. Ten strangers are invited to Soldier Island. All committed crimes but none faced punishment. Watch as their pasts catch up to them until there are none. How can that be? Come see at Le Cercle Moliere Performing Arts Theatre, 340 Provencher, at 8:05 p.m. Feb. 8-11, as well as 2:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb.11. Call [204-488-7432](tel:204-488-7432) to reserve tickets. Adult-\$20 Student-\$15.

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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