



Bulletin

February 26, 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 26

There will be story sharing by Alex T, Simon H and Kathleen V. Raya is worship leading, Curt W & Laura P are leading music, and Pat is greeting. We will be celebrating communion together.

Children's Circle / Youth leaders for Feb 26		
Age group	Leader	Assistant
Preschool	Emma H.	Vi S.
Primary	Clare S.	Jacqueline G.
Middle	Anika R.	Anna E.
Youth	Raya	

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

Sunday, March 5

This is the beginning of our Lent series. Jacqueline is worship leading, Rick is speaking, Jason H and Rachel K are leading music, and Ellie is greeting. There will be potluck after the service.

On The Way To Sunday

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,
 A little visitation on my tongue,
 A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.
 This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung
 A moment to the palate's roof and fled,
 Even its aftertaste a memory.
 Yet this is how He comes. Through wine and
 bread

Love chooses to be emptied into me.
 He does not come in unimagined light
 Too bright to be denied, too absolute
 For consciousness, too strong for sight,
 Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;
 Chooses instead to seep into each sense,
 To dye himself into experience.

- Malcolm Guite, Love's Choice

Canadian Mennonite University

On Wednesday, April 5 plan to attend **Spring at CMU** – an evening fundraiser in support of CMU’s mission and programs. The CMU PAX Award will be presented to Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, and we will celebrate the leadership of the Capital Campaign Cabinet in constructing Marpeck Commons. Go to cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information.

Xplore: Keep Thinking: enrol in CMU’s 55-Plus Enrichment Program, offered Wednesday mornings at CMU from March 8 – April 12. Courses include **Global Issues in Development** with Willie Reimer, former Program Director of Mennonite Central Committee. For information and to enrol go to cmu.ca/explore.

As people of peace in a world with much violence, CMU’s **Canadian School of Peacebuilding** is a great place to learn peacebuilding skills, to connect with other peacebuilders, and to hear inspiring stories. Come join our wildly diverse community for a 5-day session, **June 12-16 or 19-23, 2017**. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.

February 28 is CMU’s deadline for **Scholarships and Awards**. CMU issues nearly 400 scholarships and bursaries to students each year. Over \$523,000 was awarded in scholarships and bursaries to over half the student body in 2015-2016. See cmu.ca/financialaid for applications and information.

Prospective students (and their parents) - explore CMU on **Campus Visit Day Friday, March 10**. This is an opportunity to explore the campus, learn about CMU programs, attend a class and interact with professors. For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.

You are warmly invited to an **evening of musical theatre** with CMU Opera Workshop’s presentation of **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 Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. Tickets available at the door: adults \$20; students \$15.

Mennonite Central Committee

Book Launch: Out of Place - *Wednesday, March 1, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg*. MCC Low German Mennonite Services invites you to the book launch of Luann Good Gingrich's *Out of Place: Social Exclusion and Mennonite Migrants in Canada* at Sam's Place.

MCC Canada welcomes applications for Director of Finance based in Winnipeg. Applications are accepted until March 15. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://mccmb.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/director-finance>.

Special Event: Having Faith in Haiti - *Thursday, March 16, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg* Join MCC Haiti Representative Rebecca Shetler Fast at Sam's Place to hear about MCC's unique approach to respectful and sustainable faith-based international development work in Haiti. For more information, please visit <http://mccmb.ca/having-faith-Haiti>.

Mennonite Church Canada and Manitoba

Sie sind herzlich eingeladen am Sonntagmorgen um 7.30 Uhr (CFAM / CHSM / CJRB) **Frohe Botschaft** einzuschalten, eine Sendung die von Mennonite Church Manitoba produziert wird. Im März bringt Prediger John H. Neufeld aus der Ersten Mennoniten Gemeinde eine Predigtserie.

*Please join us for **Frohe Botschaft**, a German language worship service produced by Mennonite Church Manitoba and broadcast on Sunday morning at 7:30 on CFAM / CHSM / CJRB. The speaker in March is Pastor John H. Neufeld from First Mennonite Church.*

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

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

Camps with Meaning staff and volunteer applications are now available at campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff

MCM Annual Delegate Gathering. Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. Worship open to all: March 3, 2017, 7:00pm-9:00pm. Business sessions: March 4, 2017, 8:30am-4:00pm. Schedule and Part 1 of the Report Book is available at mennochurch.mb.ca/events

CommonWord has many Lenten resources – for the congregation and for the home – including curriculum, devotionals, worship and family resources. Check www.commonword.ca/go/481.

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – April 23 – May 14 – to join all or part of a 600 km pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa, stopping at 21 churches and engaging in teach-ins, all in support of Canada's implementation of UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). See www.pfir.ca.

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

Save the date: Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man. The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. The venue, costs, and other details are pending. More info to come.

Featured prayer request from the wider church (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7507) In addition to her work as a Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker in the Philippines, Joji Pantoja also serves as Chair of the Mennonite World Conference (MWC) Peace Commission. Pray that her leadership and the work of the Peace Commission will strengthen the common peace identity of MWC churches and enable cooperative efforts on peace initiatives.

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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