



## Bulletin

April 2, 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, April 2<sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup>** *Sunday of Lent*  
*"Restore us, O God! We breathe."*

**Focus Statement:** When we come to the end of our human strength, vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us. God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose. We, and the community, are restored.

Chrystie is speaking Lynell is worship leading. Curt and Laura are leading music. Raya is greeting. After the service, we will gather in the mini-gym for **potluck**.

### On The Way To Sunday

You called, You cried, You shattered my deafness.  
You sparkled, You blazed, You drove away my blindness.  
You shed Your fragrance, and I drew in my breath and I pant for You.  
I tasted and now I hunger and thirst.  
You touched me, and now I burn with longing for Your peace.

- St. Augustine

Put an altar of incense in your innermost heart. Be a sweet aroma of Christ.

- Origen

**Sunday, April 9** *Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday*  
*"Restore us, O God! We hope."*

**Focus Statement:** Our human society values status, power, wealth and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this?"

Lynell is speaking, Vivian U is worship leading, Jason H and Rachel K are leading music. Rosalie is greeting. After the service, everyone is invited to MPR A to hear from Rachele Friesen, who will be talking about Christian Peacemaker Teams.

## Holy Week events

In Christian tradition, the Thursday before Easter is known as Maundy Thursday- a day in which many churches commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his arrest later that night. We will be having a Maundy Thursday Service on **April 13th at 7:00pm** in the upstairs adult ed room. This service will consist of scripture, singing, foot washing, and eating a small meal. This is an opportunity to contemplate and enter into the Holy Week story by walking alongside Jesus and his followers on the night of Passover. Childcare will be provided.

We will be marking **Good Friday** along with Charleswood, Home St and Fort Garry Mennonite Churches. Everyone is invited to meet at Home St Mennonite Church, 318 Home St, on Friday, April 14, beginning at 10:00 am. There will be a fellowship time after the service.

## Hope News

**Paska** is needed for the gathering after the Good Friday service on April 7. Hope is being asked to bring 15 loaves this year. Alternatively, a plate of squares/treats would be a fine substitute. Paska can be purchased from Sam's Place, if you order in advance. Or perhaps someone should organize a paska-making extravaganza at Hope...!?

## Canadian Mennonite University

**Spring at CMU** –You're warmly invited to the 2017 annual fundraising evening in support of CMU on Wednesday April 5, 7:00 PM, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. **RSVP before April 4** to Joyce Friesen, [jfriesen@cmu.ca](mailto:jfriesen@cmu.ca) or 204-594-0517. **Gather. Give. Celebrate.**

**Celebrate with Outtatown students at Outtatown Guatemala & South Africa Graduation** on April 9 at 2:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.

**Upcoming concerts** at CMU (for more information see [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events)):

- **Bells and Whistles with Strings Attached**, showcasing CMU handbell and guitar ensembles, April 2 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. \$5 admission.
- **Jazz at CMU**, presenting CMU Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Soloists and Jazz Guitar Duo, April 4 at 7:00 PM in the Great Hall, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. \$5 admission.
- The **Mennonite Community Orchestra**, CMU's Resident Orchestra, featuring guest soloist **Matthew Pauls**, baritone, CMU Assistant Professor of Music, April 9 at 3:00 PM in the CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Admission \$15 adults and \$5 students, 12 and under free.

Consider enrolling in a **Graduate School of Theology and Ministry** Spring or Summer course at CMU! Details can be found at [cmu.ca/gstm](http://cmu.ca/gstm).

Canadian Mennonite University invites inquiries and applications for the full-time salaried position of **Maintenance Technician 2**. Applications should be submitted immediately and will be reviewed upon receipt and accepted until this position is filled. Please share this opportunity with suitable candidates. Inquiries should be directed to Dianna Robson, Director of Human Resources at [drobson@cmu.ca](mailto:drobson@cmu.ca) or 204-594-0532.

## Mennonite Disaster Services

Mennonite Disaster Service will be running the 2017 Family Project at Camp Wildwood, New Brunswick. We invite families to apply online by visiting our website, [mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/family-programs](http://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/family-programs), and filling out the Family Project application. You may contact the MDS Office if you have any further questions; our email is [mdscn@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:mdscn@mds.mennonite.net) or call us at 866-261-1274. Please note that preference will be given to families from Atlantic Canada until April 15, but we invite all to apply.

## Mennonite Central Committee

**Grow Hope with us!** Spring is on the way—will you sign up today to help end hunger by sponsoring an acre on the Grow Hope field? Last year, Grow Hope sponsors raised over \$450,000 for MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Thanks to government matching, every gift will grow and turn into even more food for people facing food insecurity, drought and displacement. Find out more at <http://mccmb.ca/growhope> or by calling (204)261-6381.

**Special Event: Stolen Identities:** *Thursday, April 6, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg.* Join Skip Gagnon, founder of the International Indigenous Adoptees Movement, who will share his personal story as a survivor of the Sixties Scoop. For more information, please visit [mccmb.ca/stolen-identities](http://mccmb.ca/stolen-identities).

**Film Night: Reserve 107 and For Love of a River** *(Monday, April 10, 7 pm, 159 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg)* Join us for the screenings of two inspiring documentaries that explore themes of injustice and reconciliation. The screening will be followed by a Q & A with the filmmakers and featured elder Ellen Cook. For more information, please visit [mccmb.ca/film-night](http://mccmb.ca/film-night).

**Special Event: Stations of the Cross** *(Good Friday, April 14, 12 pm, 396 Broadway, Winnipeg)* Visit stations of the cross along Broadway to mark daily struggles of the hungry and homeless in Manitoba together with MCC Manitoba's Peacebuilding & Advocacy Program and other members of the Hunger Free Manitoba initiative. Meet at noon at Broadway Disciples United Church.

## Mennonite Church Canada and Manitoba

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights is excited to report that 28 walkers have registered so far. Follow the progress on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/](http://www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/).

Might you still need an inspirational read this Lent? CommonWord can get you material quickly, at no cost. See [www.commonword.ca/go/504](http://www.commonword.ca/go/504)

Future Directions: Those attending upcoming Area Church annual meetings - or in case you missed the AGM in your region – check out documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches that positions congregations as centres of worship and mission: [futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal](http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal).

Emerging Voices Initiative needs your help to send youth delegates to the special Mennonite Church Assembly Oct. 13-15. Donate today to help youth delegates attend Assembly 2017. <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017>

**Featured prayer request from the wider church** (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: [commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7507](http://commonword.ca/ResourceView/59/7507)): In these unsettled times, pray that the Holy Spirit will whisper truths of love and encouragement to all those belonging to the Body of Christ. May we seek paths of love and respect, finding unity in the midst of disagreement and hope in the face of despair.

**Let's Connect!** Would you like to develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — right where you live. [ambs.ca/mdivconnect](http://ambs.ca/mdivconnect)

**AMBS volunteer coordinator sought, beginning August 2017.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting them with assignments from faculty and staff. If you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug.1; the start date is negotiable. For more information, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker: [jglongenecker@ambs.edu](mailto:jglongenecker@ambs.edu) or 574.296.6222.

Mennonite Church Manitoba is accepting applications for the position of Resident Manager at Camp Moose Lake. This is a 4 month term position (1.0 fte) from May 1 – Aug 31. The Manager is directly responsible for the management of Camp Moose Lake, overseeing all aspects of its operation including facilities and the guest group rental program. Please send inquiries to Dorothy Fontaine 204-896-1616 ext 256 or [dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca). A detailed job description can be found at [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org), News.

Camps with Meaning is seeking volunteers as health officer, kitchen help, or maintenance help for a week this summer. Please email [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca) or call (204) 895-2267 if you are interested.

Camp Assiniboia is looking for people to join our Volunteer Maintenance Crew. If you would like to help us with woodworking projects, carpentry projects, repairs, grounds keeping, or gardening (vegetable and flower) then please contact David Hogue 204 864 2159 ext 100. Join us in building our vision for Camp.

## Community

**Stations of the Cross:** Hunger Free Manitoba invites people from all faiths to join us in a **Good Friday** (April 14) Public Lament focusing on Hunger and Homelessness. Meets at **12:00pm at Broadway Disciples United Church** (396 Broadway) and leaves Broadway Disciples at 12:30pm. After visiting stations along Broadway, it will end at Crossways by 2:00pm. All faiths welcome to participate! For more information visit [hungerfreemb.ca](http://hungerfreemb.ca), [facebook.com/HungerFreeMB](https://facebook.com/HungerFreeMB) or call 204-779-5402.

The First Mennonite Church choir with orchestra, under the direction of Yuri Klaz present **Mozart's Requiem** on Good Friday at 7pm at the church, 922 Notre Dame Ave. Soloists are Karis Wiebe, Anne Marie Dueck, James Magnus-Johnston, and Howard Rempel.

**Mennonite Collegiate Institute Celebrates 50 Years of Musicals!** Join us for our Fundraising Gala Concert and Reception, featuring musicals from the past 50 years, on April 8th at 7:30pm in Buhler Hall, Gretna, MB. To reserve a seat for the show, call MCI at 204-327-5891. Opportunity for donations will be available at the concert.

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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*