



**Bulletin**

**April 9, 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 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. We will be noting and blessing our post-secondary grads during the service. After the service, everyone is invited to MPR A to hear from Rachele Friesen, who will be talking about Christian Peacemaker Teams.

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 (optional), 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.

**Sunday, April 16** *Easter Sunday. "Restore us, O God! We live."*

**Focus statement:** When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned, and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us – revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ. God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We dance, we sing, we proclaim: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Clare and Lynell will be leading a communion/celebration service. Anna and Peter will be leading music. Sandy is greeting. We will also be noting and praying for Hoppers who are participating in the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights march. There will be no Children's Circle or Adult Ed after the service.

## Hope News

**Paska** is still needed for the gathering after the Good Friday service on April 7. Hope is being asked to bring 15 loaves this year. So far I have 10 loaves offered.

## Canadian Mennonite University

All are invited to the events of CMU Graduation weekend, including the following:

- **With Gratitude** –graduates share their experiences through spoken word or musical performance on Saturday, 2:30 PM, Laudamaus Auditorium, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.
- **Spring Choral Concert:** enjoy performances by the CMU Singers and the CMU Men's and Women's Choruses on Saturday, April 22, 7:00 PM at the Loewen Athletic Centre, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.
- **Graduation Service:** Sunday, April 23 at 2:30 PM, Immanuel Pentecostal Church, 955 Wilkes Ave.

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

CMU invites **prayers for all of its students** as they prepare for final exams and make plans for the summer and fall.

The **Mennonite Community Orchestra**, CMU's Resident Orchestra, with guest soloist **Matthew Pauls**, baritone, CMU Assistant Professor of Music, performs 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).

### Online registration is now open for CMU Blazers Summer Sports Camps 2017!

- August 8-11: Junior (grades 4-6) multisport camp
- August 14-18: Youth (grades 8-10) volleyball and basketball camps
- August 21-25: Junior High (grades 6-8) volleyball and basketball camps

For more details visit [cmu.ca/sportscamps](http://cmu.ca/sportscamps), phone 204-487-3300, or email [sportscamps@cmu.ca](mailto:sportscamps@cmu.ca)

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 [mccmb.ca/growhope](http://mccmb.ca/growhope) or by calling (204)261-6381.

**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.

**SpringFest 2017** (*May 26 & 27, 2017, 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg*) Save the date for MCC's annual SpringFest held on May 26 and 27 this year. Join us at 134 Plaza Drive for a plant sale, BBQ, quilts and more—all proceeds will support empowering women in South Sudan through MCC.

## Mennonite Church Canada and Manitoba

Check out the *Church Matters* podcast interview with guests Kathleen Vitt and 87 year-old Henry Neufeld who will be walking hundreds of kilometres through southern Ontario on the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights from April 23 – May 14: [commonword.ca/go/1131](http://commonword.ca/go/1131).

To follow the progress of The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights check out Facebook at [facebook.com/pfirCanada/](https://facebook.com/pfirCanada/).

Future Directions: Check out a progress report and a link to a survey about international Witness ministry at [futuresdirectionsmc.ca](http://futuresdirectionsmc.ca)

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. [donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017](http://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)): For Mennonites, the conviction of non-violent peace building runs deep. It unites us as a family beyond borders. Please pray for all who grieve the insensible death of Mennonite peace worker, Michael Sharp, whose body was found in a shallow grave in Congo in late March. Michael was on a United Nations mission to investigate a new violent uprising in a remote area when he was kidnapped and killed.

**AMBS webinars: Greg Boyd on major challenges facing the contemporary church.**

Facilitator **Greg Boyd** — a scholar, author, pastor and leading Neo-Anabaptist — will engage several Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty in these interactive webinars offered by AMBS's Church Leadership Center. The webinars will be held from 2 to 3:30 pm EDT on **Thursday, April 20** (Creation in travail and creation renewed), and **Thursday, May 25** (Conflict, oppression and *shalom*). Your first webinar is free! [ams.edu/lifelong-learning/webinars](http://ams.edu/lifelong-learning/webinars)

**Rooted and Grounded: A conference on land and Christian discipleship: April 20–22** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* between human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: Sarah Augustine, Dr. Stanley Saunders and Todd Wynward. Cost: \$100/standard, \$25/students. [ams.edu/news-events/rooted-and-grounded](http://ams.edu/news-events/rooted-and-grounded)

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.

Join the Faith and Life Male Choir and Women's Chorus at their Spring Concerts: April 29, 7:00pm, Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church, 926 Garfield St, Winnipeg; or, April 30, 3:00pm, Morden Mennonite Church, 363 Gilmour St, Morden. A freewill offering will be received.

Register now for the MCM Birding Retreat at Camp Moose Lake May 26-28! For info or to register visit [campswithmeaning.org/news/birding-retreat](http://campswithmeaning.org/news/birding-retreat)

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.

"Dismantling Racism" workshop with Sarah Thompson this Saturday, April 8, 1-30-4:30 at Home Street Mennonite Church, 318 Home Street. Even if you have not registered, you are welcome to come and participate.

## Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

Westgate Senior High Students invite you to their presentation of *Seussical*. The Musical will take place from April 27-29 at 7:30 pm at the Tec Voc Theatre, 1555 Wall Street East. Tickets (rush seating) are available for purchase by contacting the school office at [204-775-7111](tel:204-775-7111).

## Community

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.

**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.

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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*