

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

• INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

- **Annual AIMM meetings planned for October.** Please pray for the annual meetings of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission planned for October in Burkina Faso and Congo. Pray that COVID-19 restrictions and visa requirements will allow leaders to gather, to encourage each other and learn together.
- Dann (Lakan) & Joji (Lakambini) Pantoja working in the Philippines have shared their most recent newsletter:
<https://www.waves.ca/reports/2021/2021.08.DannJojiNewsletter.pdf>

• INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS

- **News from our partners: 35 years of peacemaking.** Christian Peacemaker Teams is celebrating 35 years of action! To mark this anniversary, we're hosting an online Peacemakers Congress on September 25, from 11 am-3 pm CST. There will be interactive workshops, team panels, an exciting keynote speaker and an auction! CPT couldn't do its work without the amazing support of so many communities and friends. Join this celebration! Details and registration: www.cptaction.org.

CHURCH CONTACTS

Please submit announcements/order of worship
by 9:00 am **Thursday**

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Charleswood Mennonite Church Affirmation Statement (Approved June 9, 2019)

Charleswood Mennonite Church is rooted in the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition as a community of faith committed to becoming the body of Christ.

We welcome all persons to worship and participate with us. We acknowledge the image of God in every person including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation. We invite all to participate in our congregation's practices such as baptism, church membership, church leadership, and marriage. We lament the prejudice and discrimination found in society and in the church, and we commit to holding each other accountable to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate and affirm all persons worshiping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

September 12, 2021

Education Hour 9:30 am~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader/Story Teller: Laura Thiessen

Speaker: Jeff Friesen

Technician: Kent Haase

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Education Sunday / Christian Formation Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

Song: VT 30

Jesus Calls Us

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God –

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork –

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: The voice of God goes out through all the earth,
and the words to the end of the world.

People: May we listen for that voice in all we do.

Leader: For the law of the Lord is perfect, the commandments of the
Lord are clear, and the truth of the Lord is love.

**People: May our prayer and praise, our singing and words project the
love of God here and throughout our lives. Amen.**

Song: VT 22

What Is This Place

HEARING THE WORD

Sunday School Dedication Litany (see next page)

Story (includes VT 282 *Come and See*)

Scripture Readings: Mark 8:27-38

Proverbs 1:20-33

Sermon: *Life in the Shadow of the Cross: Wisdom and Hope in the Church*

RESPONDING

Songs: VT 147

Kyrie eleison

VT 66

Alleluia (just the refrain)

Confession of Sin: VT 888

Leader: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in
our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

We open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace
with God and reconciliation with our neighbours.

We are mindful not only of personal evil, but also of our
communal sins of family, class, race, and nation.

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We confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of grace.

(silence)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Amen.

Offering
Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Song: VT 519 *God, Give Me Faith like a Child*

Benediction

~ *Please leave hymnbooks on the seats* ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DEDICATION LITANY *by Elsie Rempel*

Leader: We want to dedicate our staff for this important ministry with all of us.

(All teachers and leaders stand.)

Leader: Through our Christian Education Programming, we can learn and come to believe that the darkness of this world cannot overcome God's forgiving, redeeming and resurrecting love. You have been called by God and by this congregation to lead us as we learn about this journey of faith. Will you search the Scriptures diligently and then share your understanding of God's love and righteousness with joy and gentleness?

Sunday School staff: We take seriously our calling to learn and share our understanding of God's love and righteousness as we find it revealed in God's Word. We promise to see our teaching ministry as participation in God's redeeming mission. We value the congregation's support and prayer for our ministry.

Congregation: We offer our encouragement and support for this teaching ministry. We promise to pray for the leaders and the students, beginning today. May you be guided by Jesus' presence as you grow in knowledge and wisdom while learning and worshipping together.

Leader: Know that nothing can overcome God's forgiving, redeeming and resurrecting love. That powerful love is in you through the Holy Spirit, equipping you to participate in the ongoing mission of God. May you experience and be part of God's redeeming activity this year. May God bless you and make you a blessing. Amen.

CMC Youth

* **Sept 25: Youth Day Retreat at Camp Assiniboia, 10:00 am-4:00 pm**

THIS WEEK

- **Thur, 7:00 pm - The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** will resume meeting in person this week. We will gather at the church for a time of sharing, prayer, and, of course, making prayer shawls. New knitters and crocheters welcome! Please let Sheila Klassen-Wiebe know if you would like to be included on the email list (sklassen-wiebe@cmu.ca or 204-223-7957).

COMING EVENTS

- **Next Sunday (Sept 19), noon – Church Picnic at Assiniboine Park (Site #11).** We will head over to the park immediately following the worship service. Please bring your own lunch, chairs/blankets and recreational equipment.

CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

Income budgeted end of August	\$232,279
<u>Actual income to end of August</u>	<u>\$189,358</u>
Difference	\$42,921
Actual income to end of August 2020	\$206,639

- Ways to donate:**
1. Cheque: Mail to 699 Haney St, Winnipeg MB R3R 0Y7
 2. Account transfer at Crosstown Credit Union
 3. Canada Helps website: canadahelps.org
 4. E-transfer: Send to donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca

MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA

- * Are you at home/working part-time with a baby or young children and looking to connect with some other adults? **Bethel Morning out for Moms** is a community of women who support one another in both the journey of motherhood and also the person you are beyond that role. We run out of Bethel Mennonite Church and plan to return with a hybrid model beginning Sept. 23 - in-person Thursday morning events with childcare twice a month as well as evening and outdoor get-togethers. If you or anyone you know could benefit from such a group please spread the word! <https://bethelmoms.wordpress.com/>.
- * **Join an MCM Gratitude Group** every second week for six weeks on Zoom; 40 minutes of joining others in encouragement and sharing gratitude. Led by Laura Funk, MCM Spiritual Director-in-Residence. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events for much more info and to register.
- * **Suite Available: Lindenwood Villa**, 500 Lindenwood Dr E, 4th floor. 1173 sq ft life lease; 2 bed/2 bath. Please contact Dave Wiebe at 204-799-2069 to view.

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

Sunday School starts this Sunday, Sept. 12, 9:30 am. Ages 3 - grade 6 will start the morning in the big room upstairs, with the junior and senior high classes returning to the regular rooms. After Sunday School, please exit the building as soon as possible, or be seated in the sanctuary if you registered on Eventbrite. Visiting can take place outside the building. If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please email Laura Thiessen at ThiessenL@blsd.ca.

Sunday Seminar time (9:30 am)! What better time to think and talk about our shared worship life than now when we are returning to our sanctuary and establishing a new normal. MennoMedia has a very helpful four part curriculum to help us in this process. Focus questions for September 12 are as follows: What are the different aspects of our corporate worship at CMC? How does our worship at CMC connect us with God, one another, and the world? We will gather in the Sanctuary, Sunday morning at 9:30 am or via Zoom. Please let me know if you'd like to join via Zoom so I can adjust my teaching style accordingly at eprempe@gmail.com.

Young Adults: There will be a Young Adult Campfire on Thursday, Sept 16, 7:00 pm, at James and LeAnn Friesen's house (1284 Wolesley Ave).

Telephone Directory: It is time once again to update our church address and photo directory. Please submit your contact information if it has changed over the year or if you are new to Charleswood Mennonite Church. You are also invited to submit a photo of your household if a new one is required. In case you know of someone attending CMC who is not included in the directory, please invite them to submit their information. Please send photos and updates to Anita Epp at office@charleswoodmennonite.ca by September 30. Thank you!

Conversation about Covid: Sept. 26, noon. Please bring a lawn chair and your own mug with you for an outdoor, after church, conversation about Covid. What has this pandemic done to us individually and as a congregation? How do we balance safety concerns with hospitality? How do we embark on good ways forward in this post pandemic season in which Covid is still with us? We will offer coffee and tea. Facilitators for this conversation will be Rachel Klassen Huebner and Kenton Lobe.

CMC Technology & Website Committee: Charleswood Mennonite Church Council has recognized a need to leverage technological solutions, where suitable, to better serve the congregation. The Technology and Website Committee was formed to address this need. Kent Haase, the committee chair, extends an invitation to consider joining this committee. Some responsibilities can include:

- Managing the various accounts (email, Zoom, YouTube).
- Performing the Zoom, audio and live streaming functions for various church activities.
- Recognizing church or congregational needs where a technological solution might be implemented.

Please contact Kent for further details. kent.haase@fastmail.net

Thank you to Henry Kliewer for building the two beautiful benches that you see when you walk into the church entrance. These benches will eventually reside outside and offer a place to visit or simply rest and take in the Charleswood sunshine.

Anabaptist World Inc. (AW) magazine is an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement, seeking to inform, inspire and provide a forum where Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism can explore faith and culture. It is a place where a diverse community comes together to explore and strengthen Anabaptist values and encourage one another to follow Christ faithfully. If you would like to become a subscriber, please contact Anita Epp in the church office this week for details. (office@charleswoodmennonite.ca; 204-837-7982).

Sharing during Worship: If you have items that you want to have shared verbally with the congregation, **please send items to Jeff or Lisa** (email, call or text – contact info at bottom of this bulletin) before Sunday morning.

MCC – MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- * **Join MCC Manitoba for our 57th AGM.** We invite you and your congregation to be represented at the meeting on Sept. 23 via Zoom from 7-9 pm. For more information visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-manitoba-agm>.
- * **Pack a Bucket of Thanks with MCC this fall.** Fill a bucket with essential relief supplies and help support vulnerable families impacted by emergency and disaster. Learn more at <https://mcccanada.ca/buckets-thanks>.
- * **Save the date for the We Are All Treaty People Celebration!** This year's event will take place Sept 19 at 3pm over Zoom. Learn more about building respectful relationships between settlers and Indigenous neighbours and celebrate the 150th anniversaries of Treaties 1 and 2. Register at <http://mccmb.ca/events>.

CMU – CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY (<https://www.cmu.ca/>)

- * CMU alumnus and host Jonas Cornelsen kicks off Season 2 of the ***So What?* podcast** talking with climate researcher Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, CMU's 2017 Scientist in Residence, about Christian faith and climate action. Available where you get your podcasts or cmu.ca/sowhatpodcast.
- * **Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life:** A 55-Plus Enrichment Program. Xplore offers courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. All without any assignments or examinations! Xplore happens in a six-week block, with online courses offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, beginning October 5. Join us! www.cmu.ca/xplore.
- * **JJThiessen Lectures, Oct. 26-27.** Dr Edith M. Humphrey, William F. Orr Prof Emerita of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will provide a series on “Mediation and the Immediate God”. cmu.ca/jjt