

## MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

### • INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

- **Whose Land, Whose Promise? Palestine, Justice, and the Bible.** Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network and three partner advocacy groups are hosting a two-part online series Saturday, Sept. 18 and Oct. 2, at 12 pm EDT. Resource persons include Palesinian pastor-theologian Alex Awad, political science professor Ron Dart, and professor Dan Epp-Tiessen of CMU. Register: <https://bit.ly/3BbaFOc>.

- **Veiths on their way home.** Thanks for your prayers for Witness workers **George and Tobia Veith** as they make their way from China to Canada. They will quarantine for two weeks in Winnipeg before they can be reunited with family. Please continue to pray for their transition to life in Canada.

- **Pray for our siblings at international schools.** As classes resume this fall, please pray for the faculty, staff and students in schools that MC Canada Witness connects with internationally: Benin Bible Institute, Meserete Kristos Seminary, Bethlehem Bible College and Seminario Biblico Menonita de Colombia.

### • INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS

- **Prayers for Unist'ot'en** where Indigenous peoples are working tirelessly to exercise their jurisdiction as construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline escalates. The pipeline is being built through Wet'suwet'en territory despite the fact that all five Hereditary Chiefs have unanimously opposed its construction. **Allegra Friesen Epp** will be returning to Unist'ot'en from Sept 16-Oct 6, as part of her internship with MC Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations Office and Christian Peacemaker Teams' Turtle Island Solidarity Network. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/12053-witness-in-wetsuweten>

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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

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## CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

September 19, 2021

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

**Worship Leader:** Lisa Enns

**Speaker:** Kenton Lobe

**Story Teller:** Jeff Friesen

**Song Leader:** Henry Kliewer

**Scripture Readers:** Julie Derksen & Simon Lobe

**Pianist:** Rachel Klassen Huebner

**Ushers:** Terry Dick, Milton Friesen

**Technician:** Kent Haase

### *The Work of the Church*

## GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Opening Words & Introductions

Call to Worship (VT 856) & Prayer

Leader: The church of Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

**All: *It is still one body though every part is different.***

Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,

**Part 1: I am not part of the body;**

Leader: nor can the ear say,

**Part 2: I am not part of the body.**

Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,

**Part 1: I don't need you;**

Leaders: nor can the head say to the feet,

**Part 2: I don't need you.**

Leader: If one part suffers,

**All: *all parts share the pain;***

Leader: if one part is praised,

**All: *all parts share the joy.***

Leader: Together, we are Christ's body:

**All: *Each one of us is part of it.***

Song: VT 386

*One Is the Body*

## RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession: VT 901

Assurance of Grace

## TELLING GOD'S STORY

Story

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 31:10-31; James 3:13- 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: "The Work of the Church"

Song: VT 387

*We Are One in the Spirit*

## RESPONDING IN COMMUNITY

Commissioning for Congregational Leaders: VT 965 (see next page)

(prepare to stand if you are on a committee or in Council)

**Congregation: Empowering God,  
with your people throughout the ages,  
we call members of the church  
to develop gifts and skills for your service.  
Thank you for raising up these leaders among us.  
Fill them with the love of Christ and the church.  
Empower them with your Holy Spirit.  
Bless them with joy in the work of ministry.**

**Commissioned:** We pray for wisdom, patience,  
and hope in this calling.  
May we use the authority entrusted to us  
with confidence and humility.  
May we grow into the mind and spirit of Christ  
through our service.

*All: For the gifts that the Spirit nurtures within us  
and the ministries to which we are each called,  
thanks be to God! Amen.*

Offering our Financial Resources  
Praying Together

## GOING OUT

Announcements  
Song: VT 830  
Benediction

*Go my Children*

*~ Please leave hymnbooks on the seats ~*

**Church Picnic:** We will head over to Assiniboine Park (Site 11) following the worship service for the Church Picnic. Please bring your own food, chairs, blankets, and recreational equipment. So far the weather forecast looks great! However, in case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

**Directions to SITE 11:** Head down Roblin Blvd and turn north into the Main Entrance for the Zoo and Gift Shop. Turn right in the parking lot and drive straight to the end where the lot merges with Zoo Drive. Keep right all the way until you reach Site 11 - directly south of the cricket field and the pavilion. You may park on the south side of the road.

## COMING EVENTS

- **Next Sunday (Sept 26), noon - Conversation about Covid.** 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.

## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

We grieve as we remember our longtime member and friend, **Henry Dyck**, who passed away early Wednesday morning. As a church we hold **Henry, Elsie, Darryl and Val, Kim and Jonathan, and their families** in our prayers. May they find comfort in their grief and joy in their remembering.

\* A **funeral service** for Henry will be held on Wed., Sept. 22, 1:30 pm at Bethel Mennonite Church. Honouring the wishes of Bethel Mennonite Church the family is asking that everyone attending the service be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, if eligible, and wear a mask while in the building. In order to attend the funeral, please call Friends Funeral Services at **204-339-5555 to register**. A livestream of the funeral service will be offered through Friends' website.

\* There will be a **viewing** on Tue., Sept. 21, from 7:00-8:30 pm at Charleswood Mennonite Church. A brief prayer service will be held at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday Seminar (9:30 am):** Last Sunday about 12 of us met for a lively conversation about our shared worship life, using MennoMedia's very helpful 4 part curriculum. Newcomers are most welcome. The topic for Sept. 19 is Worship and Culture with these focus questions: What is the culture of our worshipping community? How does the culture of CMC relate to other cultures? We will gather in the Sanctuary or via Zoom. Please let Elsie Rempel know if you'd like to join via Zoom at [eprempe@gmail.com](mailto:eprempe@gmail.com).

**The Young Adults** are gathering at the Forks on Wed., Sept. 29, 7:30 pm for food at drinks at the Commons. For those interested in biking together we will in front of Laura Secord School (Wolseley Ave.) at 7:10.

As part of living into our vision to "be a presence in our local Charleswood community" we leased our property to Elections Canada as a polling place on Sept.20, from 6:30 am to midnight.

**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. Check out your photo in last year's church directory. Would a newcomer be able to identify everyone in it? Or have the years changed their appearance? If so, please send a new photo to the office. **Please send photos and updates by September 30 to Anita Epp at [office@charleswoodmennonite.ca](mailto:office@charleswoodmennonite.ca)** . Thank you!

**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.

## CMC Youth

- \* **Sept 25: Youth Day Retreat at Camp Assiniboia, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.** Kathy Giesbrecht will lead us in worship in the morning.

## 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](http://canadahelps.org)
  4. E-transfer: Send to [donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca](mailto:donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca)

## MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA

\* **Woven (Mennonite Women Manitoba) Kick Off their new Woven Wednesday Series**, entitled *Faith: Yours, Mine and Ours*, on Wed., Sept. 29, 8:00 pm. We invite MCM women to join with our guests, Margie Hildebrand and Marika Veith, in exploration of the images of God we've held, hold and hope for. Hosted by Kathy Giesbrecht, our 45 min. together will include both guest input and question and response time. For Zoom Room Link contact: [kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca).

\* **Mennonite Disaster Service:** The September edition of *On the Level* newsletter is now available. In the current issue: Canada farmers work together to battle drought conditions, thanks to MDS volunteers, a family goes home in British Columbia, and a derelict house becomes home for a Syrian refugee family. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3hA0o73>

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

\* Register for CMU's first **Virtual Open House** of the school year! **Wed., Sept. 29, 4:00–5:00 pm**. It will include a virtual tour of CMU's campus, live questions and answers with Admissions team members, faculty, and current students. Open to students, parents, siblings, teachers, and school counsellors. Register at: [cmu.ca/virtualhopenhouse](http://cmu.ca/virtualhopenhouse) . For in-person Campus Visit Days: [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

\* **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 - without any assignments or examinations! Xplore happens in a six-week block, with online courses offered Tues, Wed, and Thur mornings, beginning Oct. 5. [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

\* **JJ Thiessen 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](http://cmu.ca/jjt). The lectures will be recorded and available for viewing after the event on our website.

## MCC – MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA

- \* **Join MCC Manitoba for our 57<sup>th</sup> 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://mcccCanada.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://mcccCanada.ca/buckets-thanks>.
- \* **Join the We Are All Treaty People Celebration this afternoon!** The event will take place at 3pm over Zoom, featuring guest speakers and artists. Learn 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>.
- \* **Students, you could earn \$1,000 or more toward your ongoing studies.** MCC is awarding scholarships to students working toward post-secondary degrees. The MCC Manitoba Scholarship application deadline is Sept 30. Learn more at <http://mccmb.ca/studentawards>.
- \* **You are invited to attend an MCC centennial conference!** Sept 30–Oct 2: *MCC at 100: Mennonites, Service, and the Humanitarian Impulse*, a virtual conference hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg. For more program details and to register to attend, visit <https://mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca/events/>.

### 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 worshipping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.