
Scripture Reading

Genesis 19:4 – 10 (NRSV)

But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them.” Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” But they replied, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near the door to break it down. But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death; their blood is upon them.

Romans 1:26 – 27

For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

1 John 4:7 – 11

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Education

Adult Ed | Sessions begin on Sept. 8, in the Dining Hall. Series for September: *Can There Be Peace in Israel/Palestine?* Host: Abe Bergen. Sept. 8: Gerald Gerbrandt - The Bible and the Current Conflict; Sept. 15: Byron Rempel-Burkholder - The Palestinian Church and their Call for Support; Sept. 22: Esther Epp-Tiessen - A Peace & Justice Response: MC Canada, MCC and what we can do.

Sunday School | Classes for the children begin on Sept. 15, in Room #1.

Bethel Announcements

Bethel Singers | First rehearsal for Fall is on Wed., Sept. 4, 7:15 pm.

The Men of Song will begin the fall season with practices every Thursday starting on Sept. 5. All men who enjoy singing are very welcome to join. If you have not sung with us before, please contact the church office for more information, or simply come to the rehearsals.

Bethel Women in Mission | The first meeting for fall is on Mon., Sept. 9, at 1:30 pm, in the Dining Hall. The guest speaker will speak on the theme, "God crowns you with steadfast love." All women are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Library update | CMU Professor Emeritus Waldemar Janzen has written a new biography called *Reminiscences of my Father*. Dr. Janzen last saw his father when he was a small child and had a relationship with him only through letters and photographs. The Bethel library also has Dr. Janzen's autobiography, *Growing Up in Turbulent Times*, and the Believers Church Commentary he wrote on the book of *Exodus*.

Partners in Ministry

Mennonite Church Manitoba

mennochurch.mb.ca

Camp Assiniboia Square Dance and Pie Spectacular, Oct. 5. Contact Elizabeth to donate pies: 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca .

Faith in Form | New annual arts festival, Oct. 5, 12:00-9:30 pm, at Douglas Mennonite Church. More information at: faithinformwinnipeg.com/ .

INFUSE 2019 | MC Manitoba's "learning, inspiring, connecting" event will take place on Nov. 2, at Canadian Mennonite University.

Global Climate Strike Sept. 27. This is an opportunity to join others across the Earth who are concerned about climate change and humanity's dependence on fossil fuels. Go to <https://act.globalclimatiestrike.net/> or search Facebook to sign-up and check for local events near you.

MC Canada invites applications for *Youth representatives* to Global Youth Summit, July 2-5, 2021, in Salatiga, Indonesia. The deadline for applications is Sept. 30/19. More information at: home.mennonitechurch.ca/GYS2021.

Ride for Refuge | Support International Witness through this event, Oct. 5. Go to: home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019 for details.

Anabaptist Witness | Submit your poetry, art, songs, and prophetic visions for this Anabaptist journal, co-published by MC Canada. Deadline is Nov. 1. See: <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/calls-for-submissions/>.

Prayer request | Christian Peacemaker Teams ask for prayers for Lesvos, a Greek island near Turkey. Due to war, poverty, and the impacts of climate change, thousands of migrants have fled to this island, facing overcrowded, unsanitary, and impoverished living conditions, as well as government charges of hefty fines and prison sentences. Follow CPT's work on Facebook: facebook.com/CPTLesvos.

CommonWord Worship Calendar, Featured resources, and more on the *MC Manitoba Update* on the bulletin board.

Canadian Mennonite University**cmu.ca**

Apply for September studies at CMU. Contact info@cmu.ca or call 204-487-3300 for information or to arrange a tour of campus.

Volunteers needed at CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre. More information at: info@commonword.ca .

Events | *Face2Face*, Sept. 18, 7:00 pm, "It's Time to Vote: Climate, Politics and the Federal Election." | *Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery Opening*, "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War" and "Our (Hutterite) Life in Art", Sept. 20, 7:30-9:30 pm. | *Fall@CMU*, Sept. 27-28; see cmu.ca/fall for details. | *MHC Gallery Annual Fundraiser*, Fri., Oct. 18, 7:30 pm. RSVP to: swolfe@cmu.ca .

Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools**wmems.ca**

WMEMS is accepting applications for *Educational Assistants* and a *Before and After School Assistant*. Call 204-885-1032, see wmems.ca, or *bulletin board*.

Upcoming Events | *We are all Treaty People Celebration* – Sept 15; *MCC Canada Annual General Meeting* – Sat., Sept 21; *MCC Manitoba AGM* – Sept. 26; *Brandon Relief Sale* – Sept 28, mccmb.ca/ReliefSales.

Resumes are invited for the position of *Thrift Coordinator*. Deadline for applications is Sept. 2. See more info at: mccmb.ca/openings.

Dinner date with the world | MCC invites individuals or families to host 3-7 International Visitor Exchange Program workers for supper on Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, or 24. *See the details on the bulletin board.*

Other

Mennonite World Conference | August 2019 Information page *is on the bulletin board.*

Bethania and Pembina Place Annual Spiritual Care Fundraising Dinner | Mon., Sept. 23, at Douglas MC, 6:00 pm. *See details on the bulletin board.*

Mennonite Disaster Service is requesting your help to rebuild a home destroyed by fire in Marquette. *See details on the bulletin board.*

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary | September 2019 announcements *are on the bulletin board.*