
Scripture Reading

James 3:13-17 (NRSV)

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

Education

Adult Education | Two speakers are scheduled for October; both will present via Zoom only, due to present COVID restrictions. Oct. 11: Jeanette Hanson, Director, International Witness, Mennonite Church Canada.

Oct. 25: Kerry Saner-Harvey, Program Coordinator, Indigenous Neighbours, MCC Manitoba.

Bethel Announcements

Transfer of membership | One new member will be welcomed on Oct. 11.

We welcome two new MVSers to their upcoming service assignments. Following the completion of their quarantine period, they will begin their assignments on Oct. 16. One will be working at Hospitality House and Naomi House, and the other will be working at Winnipeg Harvest. The other four volunteers we were anticipating were denied entry into Canada by border agents in Toronto. At this time it appears they will not be attempting to retry. The MVS Committee, together with Witness Committee, is exploring new options that will continue to keep our ministry in the Winnipeg community strong. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Please continue to hold our two MVSers and their workplaces in your prayers.

Message from Church Council | Subsequent to Darrel's five year review last year, we learned that the annual review of Bethel's Lead Pastor as mandated in our policy statements was not happening. To rectify this situation, the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee has developed a formalized review process which the Council Executive Committee has endorsed. The CEC together with the PCRC have struck a Review Committee to conduct the review for 2020.

Church leaders, Bethel members, and participants are welcome to participate in the review. Feel free to forward your comments on pastor Darrel's ministry: what have you liked; what more would you like to see. ***All feedback should be addressed to the Council chairperson*** either via email or written notes dropped off at the church office. The deadline for feedback is October 16. Please note that unsigned comments will not be considered.

The Review Committee plans to conclude its review by the end of October.

From Church Council: Access to the church building | With the announcement that the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region has moved to the Orange (Restricted) Response Level, Bethel has adjusted our building access protocols, effective immediately. The primary change to the protocols is the requirement for all Bethel Family members, guests, and staff to wear a facemask while indoors. This will be for all areas of the Church.

In addition to this change, gathering sizes are limited to a maximum of 10 people, both indoors and outdoors, including weddings and funerals. If you have an event booked with more than 10 people, you will be contacted to make alternative arrangements.

At this time, seating in churches for worship services is allowed to remain at 30 percent of capacity. As a result, our in-person worship services in the sanctuary will continue as they have been. Adult Education sessions, however, will revert back to Zoom sessions only, until further notice

Our overall access to the building protocols have been updated by the Bethel Emergency Response Team (BERT). Detailed updated protocols are on our website. These protocols are under the heading "Church Council." Those who do not have access to online information can request a printed copy by calling the church office. You are encouraged to read through the detailed protocols and do your part to ensure that they are met.

Library Update | *The Pull of the Stars*, by Emma Donoghue, is set in a maternity ward in a Dublin Hospital during the 1918 influenza pandemic. It gives the modern reader an appreciation for just how fortunate we are to be experiencing our current crisis at a time when so many medical advances can help to mediate the impact of the pandemic. The book also highlights the important role women played during the influenza outbreak and reminds us of the key roles women have taken as leaders and essential workers during COVID-19. | Call the church office for library access.

Bethel's Walking Club | Oct. 12, 9:30 am. Our track this time will be through the towering Cottonwoods along the Red River to the fork of the Red and the Seine rivers. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office for further instructions as well as location for the start of our walk. (This also helps us with contact tracing if need be.)

Counselling services | With the heightened anxiety at least partially driven by the pandemic, and given our strong ongoing concerns for the sustaining health of all our congregants, last May the deacon executive renewed our formal arrangement with Recovery of Hope Counseling Services. Our Care Partner plan covers four annual sessions/client. If the client requires aid covering the \$100/hour fee, Bethel's arrangement with Recovery of Hope allows for a very low nominal \$10 fee with the remainder being covered by the church (\$60/session) and the Eden Health Care Foundation (\$30/session). Please contact one of the pastors for a referral, or if you prefer, a direct contact may also be pursued.

Partners in Ministry

Mennonite Church Canada

mennonitechurch.ca

MC Canada's study conference, Table Talk 2020: "Does the Church still have legs?" is on Oct. 24. Speakers include CMU Professor of New Testament, Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, who will lead a Bible study. Register at: mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020 .

Friends of Grace Church Association, the Thai ministry group that Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong work alongside, is establishing a new ministry for Laos migrant labourers who work as manufacturers in a suburb of Bangkok. Pray that God will bless this ministry to help those displaced due to economic need.

MCM Thanksgiving Report | A short update on how things are going with your ministries through MCM. [MCM Thanksgiving Report 2020.pdf](#)

Camps with Meaning "Break the Bank-uet" Fundraising Celebration.

| Online, Oct. 25, 7:00 pm. Musical guests: Steve Bell, Fred Penner, Mike Wiebe, Kim Thiessen, and Darryl Neustaedter Barg and our camp staff.

Donate generously: campswithmeaning.org/banquet.

Canadian Mennonite University

cmu.ca

Gratitude! On this Thanksgiving Sunday CMU expresses deep gratitude for the well-being and health of this bustling, in-person and virtual learning community. We are grateful for safety, learning and growth during the first 6 weeks of classes. We're thankful for a broader church community that continues to undergird the mission of CMU to 'inspire and equip women and men for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society'. Thanks be to God.

CMU Wednesday Webinars for prospective students and their parents.

Webinar, 'It All Adds Up,' Oct 14 at 6:00 pm. More information at

www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Campus Visit Day | Oct. 23, campus tour and conversations with faculty

and current students. Details: cmu.ca/campus-visit-day-oct23.

Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools

wmems.ca

Positions available: *Director of Community Relations & Marketing.* | *Bus Driver, Bedson Campus.* More information at: www.wmems.ca.

Mennonite Central Committee

mccmb.ca

'Singin' in the Grain' *virtual* fundraising concert in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank partner, MCC, at 8:00 pm, on World Food Day, Oct. 16. Join in at: www.foodgrainsbank.ca/singing.

Buckets of Thanks | Gather essential hygiene items for a relief kit. Details at: mccmb.ca/Buckets-Thanks.

Online MCC Centennial Celebration | Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm. Learn more at mccmb.ca/events.

Other

Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach presently has an exhibit featuring "MCC 100 Years" in its Gerhard Ens Gallery. If you are interested in further exploring the history of Mennonite Central Committee as we mark its 100th anniversary, this exhibit may be of interest to you. COVID protocols are in place. For more information, visit mennoniteheritagevillage.com.

Transfer of membership

Introductory comments

Faith story

Certificate of membership

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As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church,
we make this covenant with you
as we renew our own covenant with God:
to bear each others' burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven us,
to support each other in joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus making known Christ's presence among us
to the glory of God.

As we unite with each other now,
may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.

Prayer of Blessing

Signing of the Membership Register