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## Scripture Reading

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### Mark 1:40-45 (NRSV)

<sup>40</sup> A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you choose, you can make me clean.” <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!” <sup>42</sup> Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter

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## Education

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**Adult Education** | November 15, and 22, CMU portable: Love (All) Your Neighbours. Dr. Delmar Epp, Associate professor of psychology CMU. These sessions will explore the factors that lead to mistreatment and exclusion of others, and suggest ways we might work to become more welcoming of all neighbours. Zoom link available next week.

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## Bethel Announcements

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**Library Update** | If you are a fan of Andrew Unger’s humorous website, the Daily Bonnet, which pokes fun at all things Mennonite, than you will want to be sure to read his new book *Once Removed*, which tells the story of a young Mennonite ghostwriter in the fictional town of Edenfeld. Andrew’s novel has been on the McNally Bestseller list for many weeks.

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## Partners in Ministry

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**Mennonite Church Canada**

**[mennonitechurch.ca](http://mennonitechurch.ca)**

**International Witness workers**, Tom and Christine Poovong, ask for prayers for peace in Thailand. Protestors and activists have been marching and demanding change in government since July. Pray for the safety of protestors and wisdom of government leaders and the monarchy as they respond to demands.

**Pray** for the newly formed network of Anabaptist study groups in China. Pray that study resources and classes beginning next week will strengthen and encourage people's faith. Pray that pastors and leaders guide with wisdom, led by the Spirit.

**CommonWord** | *Voices Together* hymnals, worship leader's edition, accompaniment edition, and audio recordings available soon. | *Voices Together Digital Launch*, Dec 13; [commonword.ca/go/events](https://commonword.ca/go/events).

## **Mennonite Church Manitoba**

[mennochurch.mb.ca](https://mennochurch.mb.ca)

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We are inviting **MCM Youth** to come to Zoom on Nov. 11 at 7pm to engage in prayers of lament and petition, to 'sing' songs of peace, to create signs that help us remember our resolves and to hear Esther Epp Tiessen, Matthew Veith and Steve Heinrichs reflect upon the newly released Anthology: *Be it Resolved: Anabaptist & Partner Coalitions Advocate for Indigenous Justice. 1966-2020*. (This Anthology brings together over 90 documents that trace the history of Anabaptist commitments to Indigenous justice and decolonization since the mid-1960's.) In these days when our youth are experiencing increased isolation and disconnection, it is our hope to provide an opportunity for them to engage the mission of the Church and connect with their wider faith community. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, contact Kathy Giesbrecht.

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**Camp Assiniboia** is open Sundays, 2:00-5:00 pm, for folks to explore the trails. Admission is free; donations accepted. Call ahead to David Hogue: 204-864-2159 ext 3.

**Camps with Meaning** is grateful for those who watched and donated to their Online Celebration Fundraiser. Most camp staff have been laid off, so prayers and donations are appreciated. The event is available to watch: [www.campswithmeaning.org](https://www.campswithmeaning.org).

**Inter-Mennonite Chaplaincy Association** offers a unique privilege for congregations and individuals to journey alongside U of M students and offer hope and encouragement in a Christian context. Please join the online annual general meeting on Nov. 10 at 12:00 pm. Contact Scott Kroeker at [imca.chair@gmail.com](mailto:imca.chair@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Visit [www.mennooffice.ca](https://www.mennooffice.ca) for links to our new video, the E-Menno Office on Discord, and ways to support this ministry.

**CommonWord remains open to the public during Winnipeg’s Code Red (with extended hours)** Although the doors to Marpeck Commons are locked to the public, local residents are asked to ring our doorbell or call us (204-594-0527) to enter the store, or to arrange curbside pick-up, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday. CW staff remain available to serve congregations across the country and to connect you with Anabaptist and related materials. Browse [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca) to find thousands of free digital resources or to place your online retail or loan order. Don’t go without your fair-trade coffee, local specialty foods, or a good book to read!

**Virtual Book Launch at CommonWord** – Join us for a Zoom conversation with **Ray Friesen** on the launch of his book *Wandering the Wilderness*, **November 12, 7:00 PM (CST)**. Former pastor and lifelong “believing skeptic,” Ray will reflect on his own wilderness experiences and Brené Brown’s Wholehearted living research, while offering an ancient Biblical pathway for our own desert pilgrimage. Register at [www.commonword.ca/go/2159](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2159).

**Face2Face | From Violence to Peace: Stories can change the world** – CMU’s next Face2Face conversation draws upon a CMU Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies class, ‘Cultures of Violence, Cultures of Peace’. This class of 27 includes 11 students from the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute (MPI) in the Philippines. The weekly learning, relationships, and stories shared by these students and peace practitioners have been transformative. **Wednesday, November 18 from 8:00–9:30 PM (CST) Online**, somewhat later than normal in order to accommodate participants in the Philippines, given a 13-hour time difference. Visit [www.cmu.ca/face2face](http://www.cmu.ca/face2face) to participate.

**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate**

**westgatemennonite.ca**

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**Dine and Donate: Westgate Fall Supper, Nov. 12.** The annual Fall Fundraising supper has been shifted to a PICK UP take out dinner for four. Learn more at [westgatemennonite.ca](http://westgatemennonite.ca) .

Administrative Secretary position available. Please see the Westgate website ([www.westgatemennonite.ca](http://www.westgatemennonite.ca)) for more information.

**Position available:** *Bus Driver, Bedson Campus.* More information at: [www.wmems.ca](http://www.wmems.ca).

**Mennonite Central Committee**

[mccmb.ca](http://mccmb.ca)

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**See and experience** the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MCC exhibit at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach. Details available at: <https://mennoniteheritagevillage.com/mcc-100-years/>.

**Share the message** "to remember is to work for peace" this Remembrance Day by wearing an MCC peace pin. To order, call 204-261-6381 or email [EmilyAnnDoerksen@mccmb.ca](mailto:EmilyAnnDoerksen@mccmb.ca). Learn more at [mccmb.ca/Peace-Buttons](http://mccmb.ca/Peace-Buttons).

**Online MCC Centennial Celebration** | Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm will feature a time of storytelling, music, prayer, and thanksgiving. To register, visit [mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events).

**New Webinar Series** | November is domestic violence awareness month. MCC Manitoba has partnered on a new webinar series to equip faith leaders, pastors, counsellors and spiritual care providers to better understand and respond to situations of domestic violence. Details and registration are at: [www.mccmb.ca/events](http://www.mccmb.ca/events).

**University students**, curious about how MCC advocates to the Canadian government? Learn about MCC Ottawa and how we are reshaping Canadian aid policy to create lasting change. Learn more and apply at [mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar](http://mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar)

**Christmas Giving guides** now available! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Christmas Giving guides, gift inserts and greeting cards are available by pre-order only. You can request physical copies of the special gift inserts and cards to be mailed directly to you or arrange a safe pick-up by contacting us at 204-261-6381 or [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca).