
Scripture Reading

Romans 1:20 (NRSV)

²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse;

1 Corinthians 16:14

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

Ephesians 3:17-19

¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 4:1-6, 32

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Education

The next Adult Ed session will be on Feb. 28.

Bethel Announcements

From Church Council | *Building Protocols*: The church building will remain closed, and there will not be in-person worship services. Live-streamed services will continue. See the Bethel website for full details. | *Church Council* thanks you for responding to the ballot vote. All of the responses we received were positive. We appreciate your support for the work that Church Council is doing. Currently, we are planning for another Zoom membership meeting in June. - *Sue Friesen (Council Chair)*

Thursday Morning Coffee Time | Join Pastoral Intern Kim Rempel for a Zoom coffee time every Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00 am. We will begin with a brief devotional, and then take time to chat and catch up. In the spirit of coffee time, you're encouraged to make yourself a hot (or cold) beverage to enjoy. This is a "drop in" time, so feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Bethel Kidz Club | We are excited to announce that we are moving BKC online! BKC Online will be a once a month gathering from February until April 2021. If you are in grade 1-7 join us for a fun evening of Zoom Scavenger Hunt-Around-The-House, a craft and a story time this coming Tuesday. Feel free to invite your friends! For more details email Pastor Valerie: valerie@bethelmennonite.ca .

Bethel has 11 delegates [*corrected number*] who will attend the Zoom annual sessions of Mennonite Church Manitoba on Saturday, Mar. 6: "Rooted in Christ, Reaching Out in Love". Guests (non-delegates) are also welcome to attend; visit the MCM website to register. Download the Report Book at: [event page](#).

Pilgrim Group meeting | Thurs., Feb. 18, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Please contact the church office for the link.

Volunteer Visitor meeting | We can be *alone together*. Join us on Zoom for an *Educational Session*, Topic, "Alone Together: Caring for Ourselves and Others Experiencing Loneliness" on **Tues., Feb. 23, at 10:30-11:30**. Our speakers, Vernelle Enns Penner (Chaplain at Pembina Place) and Tara Brousseau-Snyder (Counsellor, Recovery of Hope) will share stories of their observations of those who experience loneliness, and provide us with tools and resources to care for ourselves and others. All are welcome, on behalf of the Caregiving Committee. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Bethel At Work Directory 2021 | Work has begun on updating the Directory for 2021. If you would like your name and address to be included, or if your information is not correct, please contact the church office: email office@bethelmennonite.ca or phone 204-453-2199. The deadline to respond is **Feb. 28**.

Community Life/Hospitality Committee is planning a group Jets watching party done with the aid of Zoom. Set aside Sat., March 13 to watch the Jets play the Maple Leafs. Consider joining the fun, oh yes there are more details. But they will come at a later date.

Library Update | Our sanctuary and our worship services have been so enriched by the wonderfully creative artwork of our Bethel artist in residence Lynda Toews. Did you know there is a book in the church library compiled by Lynda that explains the process she went through as she brought each work of art to life? It is fascinating to see all the reading, thinking, planning and creative energy that went into each piece. Bethel members can check the booklet out of the library to read all about it for themselves. *Please call the church office to make an appointment to access the library.*

Partners in Ministry

Mennonite Church Canada

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Lent Resources | For Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week: commonword.ca/go/2213; Lenten Guided Prayer from Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada – commonword.ca/go/2221.

Lent At-Home devotional guide for families, from Mennonite Church USA. See: commonword.ca/go/2240.

Canada, The Churches, & Bill C-15: A Webinar Discussion | The church has been called by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to adopt and comply with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But what should we make of the government's newly proposed Bill C-15 legislation? To understand these matters, join the webinar event on Feb. 18. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/canada-the-churches-bill-c-15-le-canada-les-eglises-et-le-projet-de-tickets-140299007107>.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

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MC Manitoba welcomes Naomi Ewert (Sargent MC) as our new Administrative Assistant and Zachary Entz (Fort Garry Menn. Fell.) as our Financial Services Assistant. Please help us make them feel welcome.

Amplifying Jesus: Sunday night worship ...is a 6 week series of Lent Worship Services for MCM Youth, starting Feb. 21, 8:00 pm. Hosted by Kathy Giesbrecht, these half hour services will include: special guests sharing about Jesus, songs led by Mackenzie Hildebrand, art and prayer. We are hoping to create a space for spiritual encouragement and connection. Contact kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca for Zoom Link.

Camps with Meaning | *Summer 2020 video*: click [this link](#) to go back to warmer weather and happy times for a brief time. | *Summer Staff applications* are on the CwM website: campswithmeaning.org .

Craving some theatre? Our grade nines are putting on a live presentation of "A Virtual Whodunnit." Performances are Feb. 18 and 19. Register at lh@westgatemennonite.org or 204-775-7111 to receive the Zoom link.

Discover Westgate | Feb. 16, 6:30 pm - Fun Online Event for current Grade 5 & 6s. Register at: 204-775-7111 or lh@westgatemennonite.org.

Canadian Mennonite University**cmu.ca**

Year One: Exploring Your Options | CMU's Year One option offers essential opportunities to build a broad base, expand interests, discover academic passions, and develop important transferable skills. Webinar: Wed, Feb. 17, 4:00 PM (CST). Register at cmu.ca/webinar.

Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us... A global pandemic is shining a light on our assumptions about the elderly among us. Join us on Zoom for a panel conversation. Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (CST)

Xplore 55+ Enrichment program offers courses exploring dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it – all without assignments or exams! Eight online courses are offered on Wednesday mornings from March 3 – April 7. See: cmu.ca/xplore.

Conrad Grebel University College**uwaterloo.ca/grebel/**

Virtual Book Launch | Feb. 18, 7:30 pm ET. *European Mennonites and the Holocaust* (University of Toronto Press), edited by Mark Jantzen and John D. Thiesen. Featuring a panel discussion. See: grebel.ca/events .

Mennonite Central Committee**mccmb.ca**

Happy Valentine's Day! Show a loved one you are thinking of them by sponsoring a comforter. Donations go towards the cost of making a cozy comforter for vulnerable people. See: mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup.

For MCC, peace is more than a wish, it's what we do. Help us answer the question "What is peace?" by sharing what peace means to you. You can contribute at: mccmb.ca/what-is-peace.