
Scripture Reading

Psalm 52:8-9

⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

⁹ I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.
In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Genesis 8:8-12 (NRSV)

⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹² Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

Luke 22:39

³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

Education

Adult Ed | Feb. 7, Does the Church still have legs? Final session: "That you might proclaim". The Zoom link is available from the church office.

Bethel Announcements

Church Council | Letters and ballots have been mailed to Bethel members in regard to the Jan. 27 congregational meeting. Please fill out the ballots and return them to the church **by Feb. 10.** | An audio/video recording of the meeting, and the minutes of the meeting, are available on the Bethel members page of the website, under "Church Council".

Thursday Morning Coffee Time | Join Pastoral Intern Kim Rempel for 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. Call the office for the Zoom link.

Bethel is looking for **11 delegates** [corrected number] to attend (*by Zoom*) the annual sessions of Mennonite Church Manitoba on Saturday morning, Mar. 6. This is your opportunity to learn more about the workings of our area church!! Delegates of all age groups are needed! Please contact the church office if you are interested. Summary agenda is available on the [MCM website Gathering event page](#). Guests (non-delegates) are also welcome to attend; visit the MCM website to register.

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 Lois Bergen in the church office: email office@bethelmennonite.ca or phone 204-453-2199. The deadline to respond is **Feb. 28**.

Library Update | *And The Trees Clap Their Hands*, by Virginia Owens, expounds on the idea that all creation is informed with knowledge. With vivid descriptions and referencing contemporary physical theory, Owens examines the relationship between faith and our understanding of the natural world.

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.

Prayer requests | Pray for the *people of Myanmar*, where the military has seized power and detained democratically elected leaders. See the MC Canada website for details, and a list of Chin congregations in Canada. | Pray for *the fellowship of Lao migrant workers* near Bangkok and their leadership as they form a community of faith that focuses on discipleship and leadership training. | Pray for Witness worker Sook Kyoung Park as she gives support to her students and their parents during this Covid time.

There are exciting changes in the Eglise Évangélique Mennonite du Burkina Faso (EEMBF), the nationwide Mennonite church in Burkina Faso. Last month, the Executive Committee elected new, promising young leaders, as well as the first woman to ever serve on the Committee. | Nine young pastors were ordained in addition to three more young men finishing their biblical training and ready to begin pastoring. Thank you for your prayers for these promising new leaders within the Burkina Faso Mennonite churches.

Mennonite Church Manitoba

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Congregational Leadership Transition | Jack Dyck ended his ministry at Springfield Heights MC on Dec. 31, 2020. Jack served the congregation for 10 ½ years – 3 as Lead Pastor and 7 ½ as Associate Pastor.

Camps with Meaning | Summer staff applications are available: [\[Link\]](#) .

Concordia Hospital | Available: 0.9FTE Chaplain position, and a casual position. Contact: Kathleen Rempel Boschman at 204-661-7149 or [kriboschman@concordiahospital.mb.ca](mailto:krboschman@concordiahospital.mb.ca).

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate

westgatemennonite.ca

Craving some theatre? Our grade nines are putting on a live presentation of "A Virtual Whodunnit." Performances will be on Feb. 18 and 19. Register through our office at lh@westgatemennonite.org or 204-775-7111 or so that you can receive the Zoom link. Please pass on this information to family and friends. We know that you will enjoy the show but you'll never guess whodunnit.

Discover Westgate | Feb. 16, 6:30 pm - Fun Online Event for current Grade 5 & 6s; Feb. 23, 6:30 pm - Fun Online Event for current Grade 8s. Register at: 204-775-7111 or lh@westgatemennonite.org.

Canadian Mennonite University

cmu.ca

So you want to write a winning scholarship essay... | Webinar on Wed., Feb. 10, 4:00 pm. Register at www.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 with a Personal Care Home Executive, along with a number of seniors, including an Indigenous Elder. Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (CST)

This February, join the **Great Winter Warm-up** from home! We're celebrating all things comforters - from the compassionate people who make blankets to the families who receive them. Get involved by creating a comforter at home, sponsoring a warm blanket as a Valentine's gift for a friend, or by sharing your comforter stories with us on social media. Learn more at: mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup.

The MCC Furniture Thrift Store is hosting their AGM via zoom on Feb. 8 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Please indicate your interest in participating by email to: davedyck34@hotmail.com. You will be sent additional information in preparation for the meeting.

Other

Springfield Heights Nursery School offers German bilingual preschool in a Christian learning environment, with a focus on German language introduction and education for 3 and 4 year olds. Registration for the 2021/22 school year is March 2, 6:00-7:00pm at Springfield Heights MC, 570 Sharron Bay. Please contact Dina Albright: 204-806-2253, or shnsadina@gmail.com