
Education

Bethel Kids Connecting invites the children to join a virtual gathering today, at 11:15 am over Zoom for a 30 minute session. With the intention of emulating an in-person gathering, the session will include a game, story, scripture verse, prayer time and craft tutorial. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Valerie at valerie@bethelmennonite.ca.

Bethel Announcements

In-person worship gatherings | The Bethel Emergency Response Team has decided to continue the suspension of in-person worship gatherings. The rationale for this decision includes 1) the reality that we are still in the code red danger zone as a province, 2) that a goodly portion of the congregation has not yet received the coronavirus vaccine. Both the worship committee and BERT are continually evaluating and assessing our situation. It seems prudent to postpone the shift to at least the code orange category.

Usage of masks in the building | Masks will continue to be mandatory and required of all persons entering the church building. However, beginning on Good Friday and Easter, as comfort levels allow, the preacher (and perhaps the worship leader as well) will remove the mask when preaching/leading from the pulpit. All musicians and song leaders would continue wearing the mask.

Bethel Women in Mission will not be able to meet in April. However, let's join together this month to reflect on the theme "My Cup Overflows with God's Goodness in Times of Pain". Consider keeping a record of your thoughts and prayers and put them in a cup for possible sharing when we can gather again. As you are able, continue to mail or bring your offerings to the church office - clearly designated for Bethel Women in Mission.

Library Update | *The Jigsaw Puzzle King*, by Gina MacMurchy Barber, is the story of eleven-year old Warren, who has just moved to a new school where his twin brother Bennie, who has Down syndrome, is attracting too much attention for Warren's liking. Although written for kids, Warren and Bennie's family story will engage older readers as well. *Please call the church office to make an appointment to access the library.*

Partners in Ministry

Mennonite Church Canada

mennonitechurch.ca

Job opportunities | Executive assistant, full-time, in Winnipeg, beginning May, 2021. See the MC Canada website for details.

In their new book, *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization* (Cascade Books, 2021), authors and life partners Elaine Enns and Ched Myers confront hard truths about settler complicity in historic and ongoing injustices perpetrated against Indigenous peoples. They also offer a way toward healing.

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/11341-raise-hard-truths-and-turn-toward-healing>

Mennonite Church Manitoba

mennochurch.mb.ca

MCM invites applications for the position of Director of Church Engagement, 0.5 FTE. Information at: mennochurch.mb.ca/news.

The Good News of “Holy Terror” | In our Holy Week journey toward the cross, we already know that the story ends with the good news of resurrection. But Mark gives us a different take on Jesus’ resurrection than we typically think of, and it’s a take worth reflecting on this Easter.

Michael Pahl. [Read the whole article](#)

Campers are registering for summer camps; this means we also need staff and volunteers! Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers are needed for one-day pop-up camps in various locations and week-long day camps at both camps: campswithmeaning.org Summer.

Canadian Mennonite University

cmu.ca

Webinar on Homeschool Transcripts | Wed., Apr. 7, at 4:00 pm. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Spring at CMU | April 13, 7:00 pm, at cmu.ca/springatcmu. Hear stories from students, faculty and alumni; CMU Singers’ premiere of *Breathe* by Leonard Enns; and more. Optional Part Two: Conversation with President Cheryl Pauls and others at 8:00 pm. RSVP to development@cmu.ca by April 9 to receive the conversation Zoom link.

Virtual Book Launch | Thurs., Apr. 22, at 6:30 pm. Join a Zoom conversation with Lori Guenther Reesor about her book, *Growing a Generous Church: A year in the Life of Peace Blossom Church*. Register at commonword.ca/go/2328; book available at commonword.ca/go/2327.

Spring intensive course | “Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices” is being offered May 3-7. Register at cmu.ca/gradcourses.

MCC's Grow Hope farmers are starting to work their fields for the planting season. Learn how you can help: mccmb.ca/GrowHope.

Happy Easter from MCC! | At Easter, many Ukrainians decorate eggs to give to friends and family as a symbol of new life. Decorate your own; see the colouring page at: mccmb.ca/stories/colour-your-own-easter-egg.

Other

Lindenwood Estates | Suite available. Church member open house Sun., Apr. 11, 1:00-2:00. Public open house Sun., Apr. 11 & 18, 2:00-4:00. Please contact D'Anne Hansen 204-979-0432.

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is beginning the recruitment process for Summer Student positions (Marketing & Events, Graphic Design, etc.). These positions are contingent upon approval and funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Program beginning in May 2021 and would be remote work. For more information, please visit: www.meda.org/careers. The deadline to apply is April 4.