


September 22 - October 13, 2020

## WMC Announcements



**Warm Clothing Donations** // With the change of seasons, Saskatoon Police Service's Detention is looking for clothing items. Often people coming in to Detention are not adequately dressed for the weather. The top three most wanted items are 1) pants (particularly larger sizes, stretchy pants/sweatpants are great), 2) outerwear, 3) warm shirts/ sweaters. As always, the need for footwear and socks never goes away. Thank you to everyone who keeps this in mind when you're cleaning your closets. Sometimes all it takes is a pair of socks to improve someone's day.

**WANTED:** Women's warm long winter coat and any warmer clothes, size L. Please contact Eileen Klaassen.

**MCC Centennial Project** // At our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Sept 13 we voted to participate in an MCC Centennial Project with a goal of raising \$10,000 for MCC. To donate to this project you can send an e-transfer to [office@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:office@wildwoodmennonite.org) and indicate in the message that it is for the MCC Centennial Project or mail a cheque to the church with MCC Centennial Project in the memo line.

**WMC Family Church** (the new family-focused Sunday School alternative) will meet in the sanctuary every 2-3 weeks. Parent/ caregiver volunteers are needed. If you would like to be added to the contact list in order to keep current on all Family Programming updates, email [office@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:office@wildwoodmennonite.org).

**In-Person Pilot Service** // Our next in-person pilot will be Sunday, Oct 4. Please contact Sarah @ [office@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:office@wildwoodmennonite.org) to register.

**Wildwood Women** // Wednesday, Sept 23, 7 p.m. // WMC // Given both provincial and city elections coming up shortly, the topic is "How do you decide who will get your vote?" This is not a discussion of who you are voting for, but how you make the decision, e.g. vote for person or party, vote for certain policies and what is the reason certain policies are important to you. Any person or party has something you appreciate and something you don't; which are the ones that convince you to vote a certain way. The meeting will be held in the church basement using physical distancing and wearing masks. Please bring your own lawn chair.

**Who Still Cares about Climate Change? Congregational Responses to Denial and Despair** // Thursday nights from Oct 15 to Nov 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. EST // Doug Kaufman of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and Mark Lancaster of Bethany Theological Seminary and the Church of the Brethren are organizing the event. [Learn more here.](#)

**Adult Sunday School** // Starting Sunday, Sept 27, 9:45 a.m. we will be starting the Adult Discussion class via Zoom. Our initial theme will be "Living Faithfully in Pandemic Times," resourced with materials from MennoMedia's "Beyond Our Fears," as well as historical accounts from our Mennonite and larger church experiences. We welcome you to join us. In that we will be using Bruno's Zoom account, we need to know participants' names and email addresses before then, hopefully soon. We will have materials to send electronically. Please let the [church office](#) know of your interest.

## WMC Announcements cont'd

**Staff Office Hours** // WMC Staff will continue to work primarily from home per government recommendations. However, you will generally find the staff in the church office on Tuesday mornings. If you plan to stop in it might be a good idea to call/text ahead and confirm that the person you are looking for is in fact in the office that day.

**Lawn Mowing Volunteers Still Needed!** // We are not counting on winter just yet. We have a couple more weeks in September (**beginning NEXT week**) to cover and will go to an as needed basis after that. If you are willing to mow the lawn at the church once over the next month or so please sign up on the google doc or email Sarah your preferred weeks and she can add you to the list.

## Regional Church Announcements

**Curling, curling, curling** // Hurry, hurry, hard. SWEEP. If these are terms that you love, then you should get involved with the Saskatoon Church Curling League. We curl on Wednesday nights at 8:45 p.m. starting in October. It is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship and to meet new people. Worried about COVID19? No problem. Each sheet of curling is 250 square feet so there is lots of room to physically distance. Join as a regular or as a spare. For more information, please email Denelda Fast at [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) or text at 306-221-2846.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated - or is thinking of still participating - in the Shekinah Move-A-Thon! THANK YOU to all who donated to the event in support of Shekinah to help keep it viable during these difficult times. If you'd like to still be involved, either moving or donating, please see more information on the Shekinah website: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon>.

**MCC SK AGM** // Sept 26, 1:30-4:00 p.m. // This reporting and accountability session will be held via Zoom. Church delegates and guests can register by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or emailing [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca). The Zoom meeting info, along with an electronic copy of the MCCS Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, will be sent to the email addresses of all who register.

**Voices Together hymnals will start to ship in November - watch for details!** The full list of songs and resources included in *Voices Together* is now available [here](#)

**Canada at a Crossroads – Join our online book club this fall!** What are the things that separate and unite Indigenous and settler peoples? What can we do to challenge structural racism and repair the broken relationship? Join Indigenous-Settler Relations director Steve Heinrichs for an online book club this fall, exploring the new book, *Canada at a Crossroads* by sociologist Jeff Denis. Beginning Oct 7, we'll gather by Zoom each Thursday @ 7 p.m. (for 8 weeks) for a circle conversation, sharing with each other our questions and learnings, our hearts and hopes. Together, we'll seek to understand how we might nurture Treaty friendships. If you'd like to join: please email [sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca). Find the book at <https://utorontopress.com/ca/canada-at-a-crossroads-4>.

**REGISTRATION OPEN: Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs? Mennonite Church Canada Study Conference** // Oct 24 // [Meet our Table Talk guest speakers: Jesse Nickel](#) Professor of Biblical Studies at Columbia Bible College, Jesse Nickel will be a guest speaker at Mennonite Church Canada's study conference Table Talk 2020: "Does the Church still have legs?" on October 24. He will present on worship in the New Testament. [In this short interview](#), he shares about how the NT encourages us to be open to what worship can be. Register for Mennonite Church Canada study conference at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020)



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## **Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology - An Anabaptist Short Course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** // Sept. 16-Oct. 27

Join [Jamie Pitts](#), Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anabaptist Studies, in this six-week online short course to survey the history and theology of the early Anabaptists, looking at various interpretations of "Anabaptism" and its meaning today. More details at <https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/exploring-anabaptist-history-theology-short-course>

**MCC Connects:** With harvest in full swing across the province, we invite you to extend the table with Grow Hope Saskatchewan. We still have a number of acres available to sponsor and we need your help! To find out more, or to sponsor your acre, please visit [www.growhopesk.ca](http://www.growhopesk.ca)

### **RJC Connects:**

#### **RJC Opening Program Sunday // Sept 27, 2 p.m.**

Help RJC start off the school year by joining us virtually for our opening program. The event will feature music, reflections from RJC parents & students, and an invitation for your ongoing support for the school year. Information on how to watch the event can be found at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca).

**RJC Employment Opportunities:** RJC High School is currently hiring for a number of full and part-time positions: Teaching Staff, Kitchen & Dining Hall Staff, and Custodial & Maintenance Staff. Please contact Ryan Wood, Principal ([ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca)) for more information about these positions or call (306) 232-4222.

### **CMU Connects:**

**Xplore has moved online!** Because of COVID-19, the [Xplore +55 courses](#) in 20-21 [are moving online](#) via Zoom, thus making all courses available widely across the country. Eight stimulating courses, are offered every Wednesday and Thursday morning over a six-week period, beginning September 30. View course, tuition, and registration information here [cmu.ca/explore](http://cmu.ca/explore). Courses and teachers this fall include:

- **Reading the Bible with Jesus** – Michael Pahl
- **Journaling through Grief** – Wilma Derksen
- **Beyond the Numbers: Pandemic Reordering the World we Knew** – Janet Plenert
- **Denominations: What are they and what are they good for?** – Gerald Gerbrandt
- **Race and Racism** – Jobb Arnold
- **"...so that through the church..." Vision and Challenge from the Letter of Ephesians** – Robert J. Suderman
- **Exploring Mennonite Schisms: Theology, Personality, or Church Practices?** – Hans Werner
- **Life Sentences: Writing for Yourself and Others**– Larry Danielson

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**Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre** welcomes you! Our fall programming combines in-person and online events using Zoom. Please visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming programs: [http://www.queenshouse.org/?page\\_id=4399](http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399)  
Nourish Your Mind and Nurture Your Spirit at Queen's House! For inquiries/additional information contact Sarah Donnelly, Programming Director: 306-242-1916 x226.

