

October 13 - October 27, 2020

## WMC Announcements

**In-Person Pilot Service** // Our next in-person pilot will be Sunday, Oct 18. Please contact Sarah @ [office@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:office@wildwoodmennonite.org) to register.

**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.

**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.](#)

**WMC Family Church** (the new family-focused Sunday School alternative) will meet in the sanctuary every 2-3 weeks. 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).

**Adult Sunday School** // Sundays, 9:30-10:15 a.m. 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.

**Refugee Sponsorship Needs** // Osler and Wildwood Mennonite churches are committed to providing Lina Alnouri and her family with a warm and welcoming home. The Refugee Committee is looking for furnishings and housewares for this family of six. Items still urgently needed are listed on the Osler Mennonite Church web site (<http://www.oslermennonitechurch.org> click on Community Announcements). Contact Sandra Grismer (306.380.4576, [sgrismer1@sasktel.net](mailto:sgrismer1@sasktel.net)) if you can donate, pledge to provide, or have questions on these or other items the family may require. Thank you.

**Got Christmas Spirit?** Or even if you'd welcome a reason to go looking for it... the WMC Worship Committee is looking for anyone interested in sharing their gifts during the upcoming season of Advent! The Worship Committee will be taking the lead on the planning this year, but if you'd enjoy being involved--with decorating, music, drama, Christmas Eve planning, general merry-making, etc--or have ideas for how to make Advent meaningful in this peculiar time, talk to Joe, Eileen, or anyone on the Worship Committee.

**Spiritual Companionship Course** // An introductory class for those wanting to be a compassionate presence for others, Foundations of Spiritual Companionship, is being facilitated by Julie Bergen and offered at Queen's House. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for the brochure.

**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.



# Regional Church Announcements

The Fall 2020 MC Sask UPDATE is here! Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/Documents/Fall-2020-Update.pdf>!

**Shekinah Virtual Art Auction** // Nov 7-8 // Place bids online for one-of-a-kind items created by local and western Canadian artists. See more information on our website at [shekinah.ca](http://shekinah.ca).

**Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Online Story-Telling Series: Treaty as Sacred Covenant.** // This series is centered on covenants made, broken and renewed. Both Indigenous and Mennonite Settler voices will shine light on the history of broken covenants and illuminate pathways of hope to a more just future for all nations on this land. To learn more and register go to <https://mcec.ca/programs/truth-and-reconciliation>. Next session is Oct 20.

Following the completion of the story telling from Ontario, **Walking the Path**, an ad hoc group of **MCSask's Ministries Commission** will facilitate a conversation based on the documentary prepared by Tasha Hubbard on the Colten Boushie/Gerald Stanley story. Details to follow.

**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

Register at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020)

Meet our Table Talk guest speakers:

Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Professor of New Testament at Canadian Mennonite University, will lead a Bible study at the conference. [In this short interview](#), she shares about how Jesus invites us to the feast and all we need do is come.


Jeremy Bergen, associate professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, Ont will share thoughts on worship. Read a short interview with him [here](#)

**Be It Resolved** // A new anthology published by Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC) and Mennonite Church Canada hits the press this October. *Be it Resolved: Anabaptists & Partner Coalitions Advocate for Indigenous Justice* is a collection of over 90 documents detailing commitments Anabaptists have made to Indigenous justice and decolonization since the 1960s. Learn more at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/10700>

**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.



## Regional Church Announcements cont'd



**MCC Connects:** This Thanksgiving, we invite you to join us for our fourth annual Buckets of Thanks event! In celebration of MCC's 100th birthday we are attempting to pack 2020 kits (1010 relief kits and 1010 hygiene kits) and we need your help! Join us at one of our public kit packing events or sponsor a kit online! Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/30LpcQV> or call the office at 306.665.2555 for more info!

**RJC Connects:**

**RJC Annual Corporation Meeting** // Saturday, Oct 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. This year's meeting will be held over Zoom. Please visit the website [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) for further details or call the school at (306) 232-4222.

**RJC Homecoming Fundraiser: This Hour Has 115 Years!** // Join us virtually on Sunday, Oct 25 at 7 p.m. for an evening of entertainment, playing off the CBC program of a similar name. The evening will feature: an online auction, alumni interviews, musical performances, and more! Visit [rjc.sk.ca/homecoming](http://rjc.sk.ca/homecoming) to watch the event.

**CMU Opportunities for Prospective Students!**

Be part of a **Webinar Workshop** entitled '*It All Adds Up*' in which you will reflect on your values, work experiences, interests, and dreams and gain a holistic sense of possibilities for your future path in university and beyond. **Wednesday, Oct 14, 6 PM.** For more information go to [cmu.ca/webinar](http://cmu.ca/webinar).

CMU's first **Campus Visit Day** of the fall will be held on **Friday, Oct 23** and include a campus tour and conversations with faculty and current students. This is an invaluable opportunity for students and parents to explore what CMU has to offer. Maximum six individuals, all masked, per group. Sign up for one of 5 two-hour slots through the day at [cmu.ca/campus-visit-day-oct23](http://cmu.ca/campus-visit-day-oct23).

[Click here](#) for **MC Canada news and updates.**

[Click here](#) for the **Bethany October Newsletter.**