

Arnaud Mennonite Church
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Sunday morning worship at the church building has been cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of emergency issued by the government of Manitoba.

Prayer of Intercession (offered here instead of during online service)

Dear God,

We take so much for granted. We want things to go a certain way, our way: Forgive us our narrow-mindedness. Help us to see beyond our small spot on the planet, beyond our place in this moment of time. Move us out of our heads and into our hearts. Shake us loose from what we cling to that is false. Help us to ask, “Does this nourish?” “Do I really need this?” “Is it your will?” Transform our understanding. Make us instruments of your peace.

This time of sheltering in place has opened our eyes to the sacredness of gathering – to share a new birth, to give comfort in loss, to greet a friend, to wrap our arms around grandchildren. Forgive us for all the times we thought we were too busy.

Protect the hospitals, public health workers, and humanitarian organizations that work with so little and do so much. Comfort the many who are isolated at home, quarantined in ICU’s, and families who do not get to say “good bye,” “I love you” one last time. Sustain those who are depressed and soothe those who are anxious. Grant your peace to those on our prayer list struggling with health issues. We thank you for rest and renewal for our missionaries.

Keep us mindful of our faith in these turbulent times and the hope that is grounded in your enduring love for each one of us. Hear us as we continue to pray in the words of Jesus...Our Father...

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17

If you would like a name added or removed from the prayer list, please let Gloria know.

Those with health issues: George Hollo (friend of Ewald & Janet), Wilma Poetker, Cory Mazinke, Mel Schlorff, Ben Maynard, Ewald Boschmann, Carmine Gelardi (Sandy), Madeleine Hamonic.

Matt & Cheryl Peters, Dan & Lisa Friesen as they serve in various parts of our world.

FACEBOOK LIVE MEDITATION

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Meditation: “A Not so Secret Recipe”.....Gloria Beck

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picture of the Week: Send one or two photo hi-lights from your week to Adrian by texting 204.712.6368 or email thiadr@outlook.com

MennoMedia is posting the *Rejoice* devotional every morning on their Facebook page.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca

CMU continues to offer **Wednesday Webinars** for prospective students and parents, with the upcoming webinar entitled **Money Matters**. Join others online as you learn how to apply and qualify for CMU grants and bursaries, as well as how to access government financial programs (including more recent COVID-19 related opportunities). **Wednesday, May 20, from 2:00–3:00 PM CDT.** www.cmu.ca/campusvisit

Three **CMU varsity athletes have earned Academic All-Canadian Honours**. Tiegen Kroeker (Soccer), Jana Klassen (VB) and Carter Hofer (VB) were all recognized by the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Conference for maintaining an academic grade-point-average of at least 3.70 this past academic year. Fewer than 200 student-athletes from across Canada were listed in this class of excellence. media.cmu.ca/story-blazers2020allcanadianhonours

CMU Professor publishes book of sermons. Chris Huebner, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy, recently published **Suffering the Truth: Occasional Sermons and Reflections**, a series of 16 sermons and reflections structured around the liturgical calendar. This highly accessible collection speaks into the lives of everyday people of faith, and is available for purchase or loan through the CommonWord Book and Resource Centre. www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/22105

Mennonite Church Manitoba mennochurch.mb.ca

The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee invites your prayers. We will be interviewing Executive Minister candidates in late May, checking references and then discerning our recommendation to the MCM Board. Please pray that God’s Spirit will guide the choice that is made.

Mennonite Church Canada weekly worship service for Sunday, May 17

"An Accompanied Life" Text: John 14:15-21 Holyrood Mennonite Church from Edmonton, Alta., invites you to join in worship as we consider Jesus' parting words to his disciples, words intended to comfort and strengthen them for the very uncertain days which lay ahead. View this service at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices and the Mennonite Church Canada YouTube Channel.

Mennonite Church Canada study conference will be a virtual one-day event on Oct. 24, 2020 Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship. Pre-released and pre-recorded plenaries are planned to allow more time for questions and engagement between speakers and participants. Go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020>.

Psalm 66:8-20 New International Version (NIV)

⁸Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; ⁹he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. ¹⁰For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. ¹¹You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. ¹³I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—¹⁴vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. ¹⁷I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; ¹⁹but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. ²⁰Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

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