



## BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday July 25, 2021

### Consider the Trees of the Bible

Worship Leader	Dorothy Hadfield
Musicians	Brent Schmidt, Kate Strathdee, Carolyn Strathdee
Scripture Reader	Paul Horton
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We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnawbe, and Neutral peoples upon which our church stands. We seek a new relationship with Indigenous peoples, one based in honour and deep respect.

#### Birthdays

July 27	Kathy Friesen	July 28	Paul Martin	July 28	Carol Shantz
July 29	Katherine Charette	July 29	Jan Mueller	July 29	Nyle Nussli
July 30	Steven Martin				

#### Joys and Concerns

- Please remember **Carol Shantz**, as she celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to celebrating this milestone birthday with Carol, in-person this year.
- Pray for **Luanna** and **Albert Martin**, as they experience changes in health and a decline in health for Albert.
- Remember and pray for **Allison Dyjach** and **Matthew Rappolt**, as they prepare for their wedding on Saturday August 28. This announcement invites our prayers for Allison and Matt, and also meets the requirements for the public announcement of wedding banns.
- Pray for those affected by the **wildfires** in places like western Canada, remembering families, fire fighters, and creation.
- Pray for **an end to hateful attacks** and discrimination.
- Pray for **Indigenous Nations**, for support and love, as we grieve and mourn the trauma of the loss of lives being found.
- Pray for **individuals, congregations, communities** as an ease to Covid restrictions and reopening unfolds, for ongoing safety and wellness, understanding and compassion.

#### Calendar of Coming Events

July 25	Sun	9:30am	Worship Online	Summer Worship Series - Consider the Trees in the Bible: The Olive, Deuteronomy 8: 7-10, Romans 11: 17-24, Pastor Eleanor preaching
Aug 1	Sun	9:30am	Worship Online	Mennonite Church Canada worship online <a href="http://mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices">mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices</a>
Aug 8	Sun	9:30am	Worship Online	Worship with Peace Mennonite Church, BC Summer Worship Series - Consider the Trees in the Bible: Listening to our Indigenous Neighbours as we consider the Trees MCC ON Indigenous Neighbours Program

#### Announcements

- **BMC Summer Camp** - hope you enjoyed our virtual BMC Summer Camp this week! Don't forget to send pictures and your answer for our special challenge to [bmcsummertcamp@gmail.com](mailto:bmcsummertcamp@gmail.com). Don't worry if you haven't had a chance to participate, the videos will be up all summer. Check them out [here](#).
- **A HUGE Thank you to our BMC Summer Camp Volunteers.** Without your hard work, dedication, and ability to adapt we could not have held another successful year of camp!
- 🍓 **Make your own Strawberry Dessert** - Containers of strawberries mixed with instant clear gel are available in the fridge at Church for \$5.00 per container, great in a fresh strawberry pie, put over ice cream or mix with cooked rhubarb for a delicious dessert. Also, still available in the freezer are frozen strawberries at \$10.00 for a 5 lb bag and instant clear gel \$5.00 per pkg. Leave your money in the box in the freezer. All money goes to Mennonite Central Committee.
- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Committee** thanks all that have supported its efforts in 2021. We hope to send at least \$700 in addition to the budget amount from Breslau. **House of Friendship** also thanks us for our donation of 150 pounds of frozen strawberries. Strawberry Pie Committee
- **Worship committee** invites BMCers to [borrow](#), picking up and signing out, a copy of: *Voices Together, Hymnal: A Worship Book, Sing the Journey, Sing the Story* to help sing along with worship online. Hymnal copies are available in the church foyer, please remember to use the sign out sheet provided. If you need assistance entering BMC facilities, contact the church office.

- **BMC Adult Christian Education Team** thanks those of you who have responded to the survey. If you haven't filled it out yet, there is still time before the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Please click on the link below to begin filling out the survey. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx56SiGNy2QKWd3BuG17BWC0w52U00s1E3ga84b2\\_rG6fNvQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx56SiGNy2QKWd3BuG17BWC0w52U00s1E3ga84b2_rG6fNvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- **Work has begun** with replacing part of the concrete walkway outside the front doors, digging up the driveway to put in a new catch basin followed by paving later in the summer. During this time, we ask anyone coming into the Church to please use a different entrance.
- **Volunteers are needed** to put mulch under BMC trees along the east side of the apartment building, weed the front flower bed and trim the cemetery hedge. If you can help with any of these projects or have questions, call Ken Bender.
- **BMC past worship services online** are up-to-date and available in the Login section of the BMC website – BMC Worship Video Archive [www.breslaumc.ca](http://www.breslaumc.ca)
- **BMC Reopening Update** - BMC facilities remain closed for worship, rentals, and group use due to Covid-19. BMC worship online continues. The BMC reopening working group is meeting this week to discuss and make recommendations about reopening. BMC Covid-19 Safety Protocol provides guidance and information <https://www.breslaumc.ca/about-us/covid-19-safety-protocols/> If you do come into the BMC facilities please sign in by the front door, use Covid-19 safety practices: wearing masks, physical distancing, etc. For questions or concerns: contact BMC Reopening Working Group – Bryan Berg, Mark Epp, Lily Hiebert Rempel.

#### **Stewardship & Finance**

Your continued giving to the ministry of BMC is appreciated. Donations can be mailed/delivered to the church office, delivered electronically using E-transfer (to [donations@breslaumc.ca](mailto:donations@breslaumc.ca)) or via monthly AFT donation. To set up monthly AFT, please contact Sharon Brown at 519-239-7741 or [sharondbrown@rogers.com](mailto:sharondbrown@rogers.com)

#### **Beyond the Congregation**

##### **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and MCC Ontario News and Updates:**

- **MCC Monthly Webinar Series** <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series>

##### **Mennonite Central Committee Ontario – Commemorating Indigenous Nations**

- Wear an MCC "Every Child Matters" button. Available at MCC Thrift shops or at BMC (basket in the foyer).
- Use [MCC's letter-writing tool](#) to engage with the minister of justice, minister of Crown-Indigenous relations, minister of Indigenous services and your MPs as we listen, engage and learn about the issues in your local communities
- **Indigenous Neighbours video "Remembering"**- This resource seeks to honour the lives of residential school children and their families with ways that we can remember. <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/remembering>
- **Applied Peacebuilding Skills Certificate Program** Sept 22, 2021 – Feb 2, 2022 is a Mennonite Central Committee Canada pilot project that seeks to teach and build peacemaking skills, and apply these skills within today's context of home, work, and community. Participants will learn to integrate practical peacebuilding skills in everyday ways wherever they find themselves. To learn more and to register, go to [www.mcccanada.ca/stories](http://www.mcccanada.ca/stories).

##### **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**

- **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada** – Participate with the Courageous Imagination initiative [mcec.ca/courageous-imagination](http://mcec.ca/courageous-imagination)
- **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada – In Ministry newsletter** now available [MCEC-in-Ministry-News.pdf](#)
- **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada** is seeking a strategic, analytical and collaborative senior leader with a passion for the Church to serve as Operations Director. [Read more and find the full job description.](#)

##### **Mennonite Church Canada**

- **Mennonite Church Canada Common Word Indigenous-Settler Relations Curated Content** resources available for individual use about residential schools, treaties, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), decolonization, Doctrine of Discovery, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and land repatriation.

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