

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Prayer for Our Church family

- Pray for Dave & Hildie Regehr as they lead us for a time.
- Pray for Pastor Dan Kehler as he returns half time.
- Harv Heinrichs has been diagnosed with Lymphoma and will begin treatments on October 26. He will receive daily treatments for a week, then 8 weekly treatments. Pray for strength and healing.
- Pray for Marianne Braun as she adjusts to life at Eastview.
- Pray for Mike Tarnick and his family as Mike adjusts to living at Eastview.
- Pray for Ken Hamm, who had surgery for a broken femur and a hip replacement. He is now back in Altona's hospital.
- Anne Loewen goes for chemotherapy monthly. Pray for strength, safety and peace.
- Pray for all those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle. The current situation increases anxiety for many.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with their care.
- Many of our church family have other family they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.

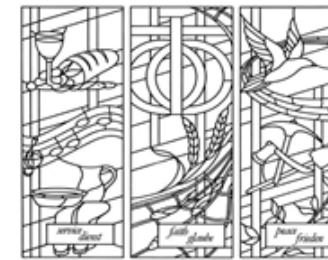
## **Prayer for Our Community**

- Pray for ALL the teachers, students and staff as they navigate all the regulations and requirements.
- Pray also for the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Rick Neufeld and Peter Rempel who are adding the duties of MCManitoba's Executive Minister to their other roles. Michael Pahl will be assuming that position in January 2021.

## **Prayer for Our World**

- **AIMM annual meetings in November** - Pray for the online Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission annual meetings in early November. Pray for a Spirit of unity and understanding as people come together from five countries to discern and plan for this next year. Pray that the online nature of the meetings this year won't stand in the way of strengthening relationships. Pray for wisdom as AIMM chooses a new executive director.

*If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.*



# Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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## **Stories that Shape Us Peace Sunday**

Prelude – Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace  
(Mary McDonald)

Words of Welcome

Prayer of Invocation: The Prayer of Saint Francis

Hymn HWB #407 We are people of God's peace

Call to Worship (a paraphrase of Isaiah 2:4 & 52:7. RSV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who  
bring good news,

Who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who publish  
salvation, and proclaim, "Your God reigns!"

God will judge between many peoples,

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and nation  
shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn  
war any more.

Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of peace and  
justice. AMEN

Poem: i don't know [anything] about war (Mick Friesen)

A Paul Krahn Song: Peace in the Valley

(traditional gospel song)

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### **Altona Mennonite Church**

#### **Vision**

*God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

#### **Purpose**

*We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.*

*We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.*

*We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.*

An Old Testament Litany

(with allusions to Genesis 1:1-2 & Isaiah 11:6-7; RSV)

Video: *The War Prayer* (Mark Twain)

A Paul Krahn Song: Blowin' in the Wind (Bob Dylan)

Children's Story: Say Something

Poem: As for Peace (Mick Friesen – a found poem from Rudy Wiebe's novel, *Peace Shall Destroy Many*)

Song led by Marilyn: SJ #54 Longing for Light  
Prayers of the People

A Litany for Peace (adapted from a letter by Jakob Hutter)

Closing Hymn led by Marilyn: HWB #411 I Bind my heart this tide

Benediction

Postlude HWB #371 Let there be light

**Worship Leader:** Mick Friesen

**Music:** Marilyn Houser Hamm, Paul Krahn

**Sound:** Greg Heinrichs

*The offering plate is by the sanctuary doors.*

*Thank you for your gifts.*

*Please take your bulletin home with you this morning.*

### **Worship & Meeting Events at AMC**

Nov. 11 7:15 pm Worship Meeting

Nov. 15 on-line service

*Theme:* MCC – Stories and Celebration *Scripture:* *Worship*

*Leader:* Harry Wiens *Musicians:* Loren & Lori Hiebert *Sound:*

Perry Batchelor

Nov. 18 7:30 pm Spiritual Advisory Meeting

Nov. 22 Communion during morning service - TBC

Nov. 29 Advent begins

**Birthdays:** Nov. 9 – Anna Penner, Mason Wood; Nov. 12 – Cornie Elias

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- As we near the end of the year, we are over our Line of Credit limit. Please remember the ways you can donate during this time: online if you have an Access account, an e-transfer, or a cheque in the mail or offering basket. Thank you.

- Giving is an act of worshiping in the community of God's people as part of our desire to be faithful followers of Jesus, providing healing and hope to those whom AMC feels called to service. We continue to be a generous people, offering our resources of time, energy and money to the ministries of our congregation, our conference relationships and our local ministry partners. Remember there are several ways to give: Online through Access Credit Union, (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number), e-transfer to [amchurchdonations@gmail.com](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com), or a cheque which you can add to the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to AMC, Box 1237, Altona, R0G 0B0. Thank you.

### **WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute** invites you to join their **AGM online** on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm. Send an email to [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) to register and receive the Zoom link. You will be sent the annual report, including the financial statement.

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute** invites you to join us on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for the **MCI Fall Showcase!** Visit the [MCI YouTube channel](#) on the 12<sup>th</sup> to join us. The Showcase will also be available for viewing after the event.

- This fall, **Camp Assiniboia is open on Sundays from 2-5 pm for anyone** who would like to come and explore its trails! Admission is free, donations accepted. Please let us know you're coming ahead of time - call David Hogue at (204) 864-2159 Ext. 3.

- There are envelopes for the Rhineland Food Bank on the small table at the sanctuary entrance. If handling groceries is tricky, perhaps writing a cheque and mailing it will be easier. Usually Altona youth run a food drive, but due to COVID, this will not happen. Be generous. . If preferable, E-transfers can be made to [rhinelandfoodbankinc@gmail.com](mailto:rhinelandfoodbankinc@gmail.com).

- **Virtual Book Launch at CommonWord** Join us for a Zoom conversation with Ray Friesen on the launch of his book *Wandering the Wilderness*, **November 12, 7:00 PM (CST)**. Former pastor and lifelong "believing skeptic," Ray will reflect on his own wilderness experiences and Brené Brown's Wholehearted living research, while offering an ancient Biblical pathway for our own desert pilgrimage. Register at [www.commonword.ca/go/2159](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2159).

- MCC invites us to join them for a special virtual Centennial Celebration on Saturday, Nov 21 at 7pm. The evening will feature a time of storytelling, music prayer and thanksgiving. Visit [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events) to register.

- Christmas Giving guides now available! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Christmas Giving guides, gift inserts and greeting cards are available by pre-order only. You can request physical copies of the special gift inserts and cards to be mailed directly to you or arrange a safe pick-up by contacting us at 204-261-6381 or [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca).

- **CommonWord remains open to the public during Winnipeg's Code Red (with extended hours)** Although the doors to Marpeck Commons are locked to the public, local residents are asked to ring our doorbell or call us (204-594-0527) to enter the store, or to arrange curbside pick-up, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday. CommonWord staff remain available to serve congregations across the country. Browse [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca) to find thousands of free digital resources or to place your online retail or loan order. Don't go without your fair-trade coffee, local specialty foods, or a good book to read!