

AMC Members in Mission and Service Assignments

(from AMC's 25th Anniversary book, article written by Brian Petkau, on page 76)

"The Altona Mennonite Church has witnessed a small but continuous flow of its members into service assignments with Mennonite mission and relief organizations. In 1964 Gordon Braun started a two-year assignment with MCC in Basel, Switzerland. That same year Ken Braun left for Bethesda, Maryland, for a six-month MCC assignment at the National Institute of Health. Rose Penner served for two years, beginning in 1966, at Brooklane Psychiatric Centre in Maryland under MCC auspices. In 1970 Rose Penner again accepted a two-year service assignment, this time as a General Conference volunteer at the Markham Daycare Centre in Illinois. In 1972, Doug Funk and Bev Loewen assisted other Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers in the clean-up of flood-damaged Rapid City, South Dakota. In 1977 Eric and Kathy Fast began a three-year teaching assignment in Zambia under MCC. Ray and Marilyn Hamm, from 1979 until their return in 1985 to the Altona Mennonite Church where they assumed pastoral responsibilities, lived in Winnipeg, where Ray served as the Peace and Social Concerns director of MCC Canada.

1980 marked the year in which three families from the Altona Mennonite Church started service assignments: Eric and Laura Unger in Nigeria under MCC until 1983; Ken and Gwen Schlichting at Cape Croker Indian Reserve in Ontario until 1984, where Ken worked as farm administrator; and Ben and Pat Gerber Pauls at the Mennonite Seminary in Paraguay till 1984 under the General Conference. Ben and Pat Gerber Pauls returned to Paraguay in 1986 to begin a second term of teaching. In 1983 two families left the Altona Mennonite Church for service assignments with MCC: Eric and Kathy Fast to begin a three-year teaching assignment in Nigeria, and John and Norma Thiessen working until 1987 in East and West Berlin. Other members of the congregation have served for shorter periods of time in different service assignments, among them Dr. William and Selma Loewen in Paraguay and Belize. These individuals, by working in different parts of the world, gave the Altona Mennonite Church an opportunity to become more aware of the issues and concerns originating in those areas. This awareness, coupled with the service experience of many persons in the congregation, has given the Altona Mennonite Church over the years a strong service bias.

The early existence of the Altona Mennonite Church is characterized by the church's willingness to identify and respond to local needs in the community. This emphasis certainly reflected the interest of Frank H. Epp. Whether or not it originated with him does not matter. What is noteworthy is that the congregation was willing to respond to local and national issues."

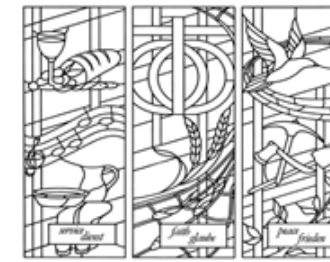
Altona Mennonite Church

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.*



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Part 1: Celebrating MCC's 100th birthday and exploring the story – Darryl Loewen of MCC Manitoba in conversation with Harry Wiens and Marilyn Houser Hamm

Part 2: Worship Service - Stories that Shape Us

Prelude – *True Evangelical Faith*, written by Larry Nickel,
Words adapted from Menno Simons.

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-10, 14-15, 28-21

Hymn HWB #6 Here in this place

A historical connection to MCC – *Harry's grandparents and father were among the first recipients of MCC assistance*

Prayer

Hymn HWB #410 Lord of light, your name outshining

AMC Connections to MCC

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:18

Message: All This Is From God – Darryl Loewen

Hymn: God bless to us

Prayer

Hymn HWB #86 Now thank we all our God

Postlude

Worship Leader: Harry Wiens

Music: Loren and Lori Hiebert, Marilyn Houser Hamm

Sound: Perry Batchelor, Kevin Neufeld

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

Nov. 18 7:30 pm Spiritual Advisory Meeting

Nov. 22 On-line service

Theme: Participants in the Stories that shape us *Speaker:*

Dave Regehr *Scripture:* Deut. 4:9 - 14, Joshua 4:21-24, Psalm

78:1-7 *Worship Leader:* June Schwartz *Musicians:* Gina Enns

Sound: Dale Klassen

Nov. 29 Advent begins

Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Birthdays: Nov. 15 - Dale Klassen; Nov. 16 - Loren Braul

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 serve. 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, 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 16th, beginning at 7:00 pm. Send an email to info@mciblues.net to register and receive the Zoom link. You will be sent the annual report, including the financial statement.

- Due to the latest provincial restrictions on COVID 19, **Camp Assiniboia will be closed until further notice.** Sunday afternoon trail walks will resume when these restrictions are lifted. Thank you everyone and stay safe!

- 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 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.

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.

- Jean Tarnick had cataract surgery last week, and that seems to have gone very well.

- Harv Heinrichs has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. The week of daily treatments went well. Three of eight weekly treatments are completed. Mostly they have gone well, with occasional low points. Still praying for continued strength, healing and good results!

- 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 has been transferred to the Health Sciences Centre regarding some cardiac issues. Remember him and his family in your prayers, especially now that visitors are limited or not allowed at all.

- 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

- **Remember Palestinians during their olive harvest** -

Please remember Palestinian farmers in the midst of this year's olive harvest—a normally festive time for communities—who face the twin challenges of COVID-19 and harassment by Israeli soldiers and settlers. To learn more about the importance of the olive harvest for a just peace in Palestine, visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/olive-harvest-initiative>. For Christmas gift-giving, consider purchasing fair-trade West Bank olive oil products through Zatoun.

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

True Evangelical Faith – lyrics for song played during prelude

Refrain: True evangelical faith cannot lie sleeping
for it clothes the naked, it comforts the sorrowful
it gives to the hungry food and it shelters the destitute

It cares for the blind and the lame
the widow and orphan child that's true evangelical faith
It binds up the wounded man
it offers a gentle hand
We must become everything to all men. Refrain

Abundantly we have received and gratefully we will respond
with true evangelical faith
So overcome evil with good
return someone's hatred with love
We must become everything to all men. Refrain