

Prayer for Our World

- **Patience during changing lockdown measures** - Praise God for the support Witness worker Sook Kyoung Park gives to her students and their parents amidst the opening and closing COVID-19 orders for after school programs. Pray she will have wisdom, patience and a calm presence in a difficult time.

- **Burkina Faso Mennonite Church elects young leaders, first woman** - There are exciting changes in the Eglise Évangélique Mennonite du Burkina Faso (EEMBF), the nationwide Mennonite church in Burkina Faso. Last month, the Executive Committee elected new, promising young leaders, as well as the first woman to ever serve on the Committee.

- **New pastors ready to serve in Burkina Faso** - Nine young pastors were ordained (pictured together with their wives) in addition to three more young men finishing their biblical training and ready to begin pastoring. Thank-you for your prayers for these promising new leaders within the Burkina Faso

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

Altona Mennonite Church Vision

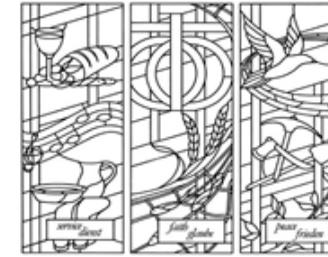
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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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Cultivating Loving Kindness

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn VT #7 (HWB #12) Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing
Call to Worship VT 859

Opening Prayer

Hymn VT #57 (HWB #26) Holy Spirit, come with power

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:9, Jeremiah 31:3
Colossians 3:1-4, 12-15a, Galatians 5:22-26

Prayer for the Fruits of the Spirit

Sharing – Margruite Krahn

Hymn VT# 388 (STS #117) How can I Say

Sharing – Lori Hiebert

Hymn VT #524 (HWB #623) When love is found

Prayer

Hymn VT #638 (HWB #592) Love divine

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand

Music: Dave & Hildie Regehr, Greg & Mary Costen, Margruite Krahn

Recording: Perry Batchelor

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

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| Feb. 16 | 7:30 pm Zoom Coffee |
| Feb. 21 | Worship Service - First Sunday of Lent <i>Theme:</i> Deep in the Sea: Called to deep relationships <i>Scripture:</i> Gen. 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22 <i>Speaker(s):</i> Dan Kehler <i>Worship Leader:</i> Mick Friesen <i>Musicians:</i> Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns <i>Sound:</i> Dale Klassen |
| Feb. 25 | 10:30 am Zoom Coffee |
| Feb. 28 | Worship Service |
| March 3 | 7:15 pm Worship Committee |
| March 7 | Worship Service |
| March 10 | 7:30 pm Leadership Council |

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim and Marlene Dyck experienced a house fire last Sunday morning. They are well, but the house sustained some damage. Jim and Marlene will be living in Katherina Courts for the coming months, as their house is cleaned and repaired.

- We are excited to announce that Dan has returned to full time pastoring as of February 1, 2021! We are grateful to Dave and Hilde Regehr for actively taking on the challenge of leading our congregation for the past six (6) months. Interim leadership is difficult in normal times but AMC has been ably guided through these exceptional times. We are hopeful that Dan's return is one of many things that return to normal in 2021.

- **Voices Together**, our new hymnal is being used more for our services. If you would like to borrow a church copy for home use until we can meet again, please let the church office know. Indicate if you will pick it up from church (and sign out your copy) or if you would like to have it delivered.

- From the treasurer:

Thank you again for supporting the work of the Church. You may contribute online if you bank at Access (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number) make an e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send or bring a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, R0G 0B0)

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Considering MCI for the 2021-22 school year?

New students who submit an application by March 15th will share in \$25,000 of available tuition support. One lucky applicant will also receive their first year of tuition FREE! For more information visit www.mciblues.net/admissions/new-student-incentive/ or email sophiegerbrandt@mciblues.net our Student Recruitment Associate,

- Camps with Meaning Summer Staff applications are on the CwM website. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org and follow the Summer links.

- **MCM Annual Gathering 2021 - March 6 online - Come learn about your regional and nationwide ministries at the 2021 Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering.** March 6, 9:00am - 12:00pm online. Delegates should register through their church office. Non-delegates are most welcome, but we're asking you to register on the MCM website or by calling the MCM Office. 204-896-1616. mennochurch.mb.ca Summary agenda is available on the [MCM website Gathering event page](#).

- **Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us...** A global pandemic is shining a light on our assumptions about the elderly among us. COVID-19 has exposed cracks in our systems of care, and shed light on our understandings of aging, revealing how we value older adults in our communities. How might we listen anew to the voice and resilience of older adults, and how could such listening reshape our imagination and understanding? Join us on Zoom for a panel conversation with a Personal Care Home Executive, along with a number of seniors, including an Indigenous Elder. **Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (CST)**

- CMU's **Xplore 55+ Enrichment program** offers courses exploring dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it – all without assignments or exams! **Eight online courses are offered on Wednesday mornings from March 3 – April 7** and include a rich array of options in Christian worship, biblical spirituality, Christian faith and Indigenous spirituality, the Book of Revelation, Old Testament Prophets, the power of music (from Bach to the Beatles), Abrahamic faiths in dialogue, and the witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Go to www.cmu.ca/xplore for information and to register.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Jim & Marlene Dyck as they wait for their house to be repaired after last Sunday's house fire.
- Elaine Loewen sends this "Thank you for your many caring thoughts and prayers, emails, and phone calls. I have felt very cared for by family and friends. Surgery went well and I am on the road to recovery."
- Pray for Pastor Dan as he resumes full time pastoral duties.
- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun and Mike Tarnick who are at Eastview.
- While still recovering, pray for Ken Hamm as he returned to HSC for some further tests. The isolation is weighing heavily.
- 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.
- Michael Pahl is the new MCManitoba's Executive Minister.