

## **Prayer for the World**

- **Palestine-Israel Network urges advocacy against destruction of Palestinian homes** - Church leaders in the Holy Land urge the global church to advocate against the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem to expand Israeli settlements--moves that contravene international law and human rights. Go to the links at the [Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network](#) (PIN) web page for information on a letter-writing campaign asking Ottawa to speak out against this injustice.

- **China Witness workers to return to Canada** - After 30 years of service in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China, George and Tobia Veith will return to Canada this summer. Pray for them as they adjust to this shift in their lives and ministry. Pray for their family in Canada and colleagues in China and for the changes this will cause in their lives.

- **Prayer for young adults during pandemic** - The fall-out of the pandemic has been particularly difficult for young people just graduating and starting their work lives. Three of our Witness worker families have young adults living in Canada, while their parents serve internationally. Pray their children find the emotional and financial help that they need.

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

*We have been given permissions to use the logo from the MCManitoba AGM on our bulletin for the next weeks.*

## **From the Pastor:**

During the Easter Season (Easter to Pentecost) the theme for AMC's worship is "Rooted in Christ...Reaching out in Love." This was also the theme for the 2021 Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM) Gathering earlier this winter. As a congregation of congregations MC Manitoba has always been "Rooted in Christ." "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11) While MCM has always been "Reaching out in Love," the changing times call us to continually reevaluate the collective mission. This is where the ellipsis is important. The full theme is "Rooted in Christ — in order to envision where we might be – Reaching out in Love." The theme points to the future where new possibilities and emerging opportunities are present in the changing times. Many churches, including AMC's leadership have wondered about the future. While congregations have adapted to life during a pandemic as best they could, there is the lingering question what will life be like after the pandemic? It is acknowledged that a return to the way things were before the pandemic is no longer viable. The world has forever changed. Can the church adapt while remaining faithful to its call? "Rooted in Christ... Reaching out in Love," is a call to faithful wonder and trusting curiosity in the God of Love knowing that the Body of Christ will always find new ways of manifesting in the changing world. This is our call; this is our hope in this Easter Season.

As part of our Easter Season Theme links to videos that highlight the ministries of Mennonite Church Manitoba will be available on AMC's website. There will be a new one each week beside the link to the worship service. It is a wonderful encouragement to see how our community of congregations are engaged in a shared ministry.

### **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.*



**Rooted in Christ  
Reaching Out in Love**

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*Third Sunday of Easter –*

## **GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn Sing & Rejoice #60 Living Stones

Call to Worship and Prayer

(based on 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48)

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come and see the love God has given to us.

**Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

## **LISTENING**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

Hymn VT #360 Who Are These

Sermon - Part 1 Faith Enabled Hope

Prayer

Children's item

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Hymn VT #480 I am the bread of life

Sermon - Part 2 A Totally Changed World

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

## **RESPONDING**

Time for Reflection

Hymn HWB #518 Eternal light, shine in my heart

Prayers of the People

Hymn VT #163 Amazing Grace

Benediction/Closing Words

Postlude

Worship leader: Elaine Loewen

Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns, Crystal Kehler

Recording Technician: Henry Rempel

Speaker: Dan Kehler

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

April 25 Worship Service – Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*Scripture:* Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18  
*Speaker(s):* Dan Kehler *Worship Leader:* Ray Hamm  
*Musicians:* Lori & Loren Hiebert *Sound:* Dale Klassen  
April 28 – 7:30 pm Leadership Council meeting  
May 2 Worship Service  
May 9 Worship Service

**Birthdays:** April 19 – Lori Hiebert, Sean Hildebrand; April 23

– Harry Wiens; April 24 – Steven Wiebe

**Anniversaries:** April 24 – Tim & Michelle Doerksen

## **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- June Schwartz is thrilled to announce the arrival of her great granddaughter Clementine Noelle born March 11, 2021 to Morgan and Joey Friesen. Ryan, Vicki and Riley are also pleased that Clem is now at home with her mom and dad. Clem had some health problems which required a prolonged stay at Children's Hospital. Her health has stabilized and doctors are confident of a full recovery.

### **- 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](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com), or send or bring a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, R0G 0B0)

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

- **April 29, 5 – 7 pm, Gardens on Tenth Drive-Thru Mexican Fundraising Fiesta** – Drive in off 5<sup>th</sup> St NE, south entrance, pick up food, make a donation, enjoy.

- Camps with Meaning Summer Staff applications are on the CwM website. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) and follow the Summer links.

- **Campers are registering for summer camps and this means we also need staff and volunteers!** Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers are needed for one-day pop-up camps in various locations and week-long day camps at both camps. Head to [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) Summer

- **Looking for a get-away? Camp Assiniboia has beautiful family cabins** that are available for individuals or groups who live in the same household. For rental information, please contact Linda Dueck 1-204-864-2159 ext. 2, or email: [carentals@campswithmeaning.org](mailto:carentals@campswithmeaning.org)

- **A spring MCC Golf Yard Sale is being held on May 14 & 15th, at 7 Mercury Bay.** You are invited to donate golf clubs or other golf related items that you no longer need. Donations may be dropped off at the Selkirk Ave MCC Thrift Shop or Sargent MCC Thrift Shop or at 7 Mercury Bay. If you have questions call Ron or Connie Loepky at 204-261-4949 or 204-296-4949. All proceeds go to support the work of MCC.

- **Seeking Justice Together** is a virtual conference hosted by Citizens for Public Justice from May 17 to 20 exploring how we are called to seek justice together through intersectional, interpersonal, and interconnected approaches.

Through a variety of keynotes and workshops, participants will explore living examples of what it looks like to seek justice as people connected to one another and to the lands in which we live. We will consider how our identities, histories, systems, and geography shape our experiences of power and privilege, and how this informs the ways in which each of us are called to seek justice together. Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights.

Register at [cpi.ca/seeking-justice-together](http://cpi.ca/seeking-justice-together).

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Elaine Loewen will be taking radiation treatments from April 22 - 28th. She is grateful for all your prayers and support.

- Harry Klassen has begun radiation treatments for prostate cancer. It is going well. Pray for strength, and safety as they travel to Winnipeg.

- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun and Mike Tarnick who are at Eastview.

- Ken Hamm has returned to the Altona hospital. Karen Martens is allowed to bring him suppers. This has helped his appetite. Pray for return of strength 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 people 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.

- **Camps with Meaning Leadership Team announced**

Janet Peters, Assoc Program Director - Camps with Meaning is pleased to announce the Leadership Team for our 2021 Summer Camp program. Please pray for these young leaders as they begin to prepare for another interesting summer.

Summer Program Directors: Nic Harder (River East (MB)) and Katie Wilson (attending Home St), Bible Instructor: Johanna Klassen (First), Nature Instructor: Scott Warkentin (Home St), Coordinator: Trey Dornn (attending Westview Christian Fellowship in ON), Coordinator: Carrie Schulz (Home St), SLT Directors: Claudia Dueck (Douglas) and Dylan Peters (Bethel), TV Director: Mackenzie Nicolle (Home St)