

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Mark Sawatzky had a successful surgery. It was complicated but has been told he is Cancer free. Please pray for this challenging time of healing. Your prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you.
- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun and Mike Tarnick who are at Eastview.
- Ken Hamm has returned home. He is doing very well.
- 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

- MCI requests prayer for their Graduates – That they can make meaningful memories during their last few weeks on campus. We ask for peace and joy as they process the disappointment of graduation celebrations not unfolding as they had hoped. AND also for their Transitioning Staff - Jozanna Loewen (Dean), Paul Peters (Director of Student Life), and Kathy Franz (EA). We ask for prayer over these staff members as they complete their last weeks at MCI and anticipate the changes that lie ahead. We are grateful for their service at MCI, they will be missed.
- 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 Michael Pahl, our MCManitoba's Executive Minister.

Prayers for the World

- Witness workers move to expand peace education Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Sook Kyoung Park and Bock Ki Kim have moved to a new community in Chuncheon, South Korea, this month to expand their children's ministry in peace education. Pray that their community will benefit from Sook Kyoung's peace presence as she interacts with children and their families.

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

From the Pastor:

This summer AMC's worship will be centered on the theme *Nurturing Joy*. How do we nurture joy in our lives not only during a pandemic but in all seasons of life? Restrictions to keep our community safe have taken away many of the things that make life rich and meaningful. Many people say they have become unmotivated to engage with daily routines and schedules. Others have suggested that we are experiencing "Groundhog days." This is in reference the 1993 movie where Bill Murray is a reporter doing a story on local Groundhog lore. In a twist of fate, he wakes up every morning at 6:00 AM only to repeat the same day over and over. Some say there is a disconnection with life in general creating a haze of time where one day runs into the next with no sense moving forward. If you have asked what day of the week it is more than once a week this could be you. It is like a mild depression that exhausts one's motivation for basic daily plans. The stereotypical portrait of this is sitting on the couch wearing pajamas in a messy house eating junk food while endlessly binge watching TV.

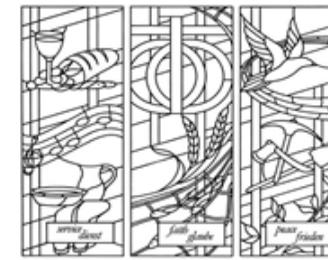
Psychologists have used the term languishing to describe this condition. Even with the hope offered by the vaccines, the lingering effects of languishing for so long will be with us for months, even years. Paul's letter to the Philippians is often called his epistle of joy. Shackled in prison, possibly facing execution for his belief that Jesus is Lord and Caesar is not, the apostle Paul experiences a remarkable joy despite his dire circumstances. How can this be? But what is joy that it might be found while imprisoned?

How is it that Paul could nurture such Joy with his freedoms severely curtailed? Perhaps joy can only be nurtured when we realize the finitude of our existence in the vast unknowability of the cosmos. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi informs us how we might nurture joy in this extended time of languishing.

The Quilts bring me joy.

Colour My World With...Love I love applique, circles, and rainbows in all their meanings – love, inclusion, promise, hope.

Hearts and Tulips 3.0 – This quilt was started in 2009. I intended to do a whole quilt with the small blocks, but got caught up in many baby quilts instead. So 2.0 was to add the larger blocks to the quilt. 3.0 happened when I decided to join the sections with the appliqued vine.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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The Glory of Creatures Readings for the Seven Days of Creation

Prelude: If I were a butterfly

Welcome

Scripture reading: Psalm 19:1-5

Call to worship VT 855

First Day

Light – Genesis 1:1-5

The Book of Job 38:1-7

Hymn VT#179 At the Dawn of Your Creation vs 1,2

Second Day

Firmament – Genesis 1-6-8

Blaise Pascal (1623–1662)

Third Day

Trees & Fruit – Genesis 1:9-13

Julian of Norwich (1342–ca. 1416)

Hymn VT#550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

Fourth Day

Sun, Moon & Stars – Genesis 1:14-19

Francis of Assisi (1181–1226)

Hymn VT#504 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Fifth Day

Birds – Genesis 1:20-23

Mechthild of Magdeburg (ca. 1207–ca.1282)

Hymn VT#180 This is God's Wondrous World vs 1,2

Sixth Day

Animals – Genesis 1:24-25

Christopher Smart (1722–1771)

Hymn VT #177 All Things Bright and Beautiful vs 1,2,4

Humans – Genesis 1:26:31

Augustine of Hippo (354–430)

Seventh Day

And It Was Good – Genesis 2:1-3

Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889–1929)

Prayer

Hymn VT #145 Touch the Earth Lightly vs 1,3,4

Closing & Announcements

Postlude: How Great Thou Art

Readers: Dan Kehler, Andrea Hildebrand

Musicians: Loren & Lori Hiebert

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

June 27 Worship Service

Theme: Nurturing Joy – Joy Rebels *Scripture:* Philippians

1:27-30 *Speaker(s):* Pastor Dan Kehler *Worship Leader:*

Susie Fisher *Musicians:* Dave & Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Henry Rempel

July 4 Worship Service

(July 11) Small groups meet as possible, no recorded service

July 18 Worship Service

Birthdays: June 21 – Shaun Dyck; June 24 – Dan Geirnaert;

June 26 – Marilyn Houser Hamm, Susan Wiens

Anniversaries: June 24 - Cornie & Hilda Elias

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Calling All Grads:** If any of our church family is graduating this year from high school, or university, please let Sandra Klassen know this week. sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com

- **Be it Resolved Challenge** - This June, during Indigenous Peoples History Month, Mennonite Church Canada is launching the Be It Resolved Challenge! Members of our Mennonite Church Canada family are invited to reflect on the profound commitments that our community of faith has made to Indigenous justice over the last 50 years and to respond, in turn, with your very own resolution. What those resolutions will be, no one knows at this point. Each of us will discern in conversation with Christ, the text, and the many friends who have decided to join this journey. If you would like to join the Be it Resolved Challenge talk to Pastor Dan or visit, <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/event/11787-2021-06-01-be-it-resolved-challenge>

There is a small group from AMC already registered so please consider joining us.

- From the treasurer:

Summer is upon us and that means many children are anticipating a camping experience at *Camps With Meaning*. While Covid restrictions will impact programming for a second year, CWM has been busy preparing for day camps at various locations in Manitoba. Our regular AMC donations to Mennonite Church Manitoba contributes to this ministry by providing staff remuneration, camperships and resources so that children of all ages might be blessed by an experience of acceptance and love this summer. Thank you again for supporting all 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) Check the latest minutes and financial statements for more information

- **Work on the front stairs and wheelchair ramp is continuing.** Because we are adding the ramp right away, costs are higher. Donations are being asked for to cover the extra monies needed. Contact Robert Martens or Bill Loewen for more information

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCI is hiring a Head of Maintenance.** This position is responsible to ensure that all physical aspects of MCI's fourteen-acre campus are well maintained, often using a hands-on approach. This includes our academic wing, Buhler Hall, and student dormitory. Know someone who would be a good fit? Encourage them to apply today by emailing ryanpotter@mciblues.net

- **MCI Golf Classic – The 7th Annual MCI Golf Classic has been postponed to July 10-18** at the Minnewasta Gold Course. To Register, call MCI at 204-327-5891 by June 30th. (\$150 per player/\$35 donation receipt)

- **MCC'S virtual challenge is back!** Join us for GO! 100 all summer long. Challenge yourself or a team to complete 100 of anything while raising funds for peacebuilding projects around the world. Click [here](#) to get started or visit mccmb.ca/go-100.

- **Join our nationwide community of faith for Mennonite Church Canada's AGM on Saturday, June 19, 1-2:30 p.m. EDT.** We will hear updates from our program directors, enjoy worship and reflect together as members of Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council share what God has showed them over the past year. All are welcome to register. Link: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/event/11737-2021-06-19-mennonite-church-canada-agm-2021>

- **20th Annual CMU Golf Classic:** Join us at CMU's annual golf fundraiser in support of student athletes and student financial aid. Due to public health restrictions, the event has been rescheduled to July 7 at Kingswood Golf & Country Club. Visit www.cmu.ca/golf to register or become a sponsor.

- Eden Foundation invites you to come play golf at Gretna's Oakview Golf Course on Saturday, **August 14. (note new date)** Tee off time 9 am. **Eden Foundation's Charity Golf Tournament.** A new twist on an old game. Play 36 holes, 54 holes or 72 holes all for the same low price. Free! Here's the twist, we want you to raise some money for mental health care. Due to present Covid health regulations, the maximum number of people we can accept is 36 participants. For more information go to <http://edenhealthcare.ca>

- **Camps with Meaning invites applications for the Head of Maintenance position at Camp Assiniboia.** This is a full-time, permanent position with potential housing at the camp. [Find the job description on the Camps with Meaning website.](#)

- **Camps with Meaning invites applications for the Summer Head Cook position at Camp Assiniboia.** This summer position supports the summer camping ministry. [Find the job description on the Camps with Meaning website.](#)

- **Join the "Ring up the Cash" Camps with Meaning Covid Relief Campaign.** We are expecting a concerning deficit this year. Donate and/or join the campaign. Visit our special campaign site to learn more and participate: ringupthecash.causevox.com