

Prayers for the World

- Military seizes Indigenous land in Philippines -

While Lakan and Lakambini Sumulong (Dann and Joji Pantoja), Witness workers in the Philippines, help to coordinate a Peace Memorial for the Bagobo Tagabawa Tribe to celebrate peace made in this formerly violent area, 200 hectares of the tribe's farmland was seized by the military without proper ritual and respect. Please pray for peace and wisdom during this conflict.

- Witness worker continues restorative-justice training

- Witness worker Bock Ki Kim, together with colleagues at the Chuncheon Community Peace Centre, have been asked to instruct trainers in restorative justice practices in Chuncheon schools and police services. The end of June marked the 17th training course for school divisions in the Chuncheon area dealing with school violence and conflict transformation. We thank God for Bock Ki's presence and work in this community.

- AIMM opens office in Kinshasa -

Thank God that the AIMM (Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission) Kinshasa office in DRC is now open and allows AIMM to be closer to African partners. Pray for God's presence and wisdom as AIMM serves God's people through the church

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.

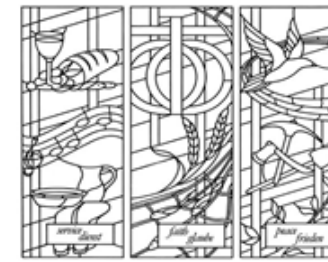
Psychologists have used the term languishing to describe this condition. Even with the hope offered by the vaccines, the lingering effects of languishing for so long will be with us for months, even years. Paul's letter to the Philippians is often called his epistle of joy. Shackled in prison, possibly 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, designing, making, meditating.

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 just the small blocks, but got caught up making many baby quilts instead. So Version 2.0 was to add the larger blocks to the quilt. Version 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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There is no order of service
this Sunday.
Our House Groups are meeting
for discussion sometime
during this week.

In keeping with
the *Nurturing Joy* theme the
following starter question
was offered.

"What has been a source of joy for
you during the long months of
restricted/limited
contact with others?"

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

July 18 Worship Service

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

2:12-30 *Speaker(s):* Laura Thiessen, Julia Thiessen *Worship*

Leader: Norma Thiessen *Musicians:* Loren Brault, Marilyn

Houser Hamm *Recording:* Nathan Loewen

July 21 7:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting

July 25 Worship Service

August 1 Worship Service

Birthdays: July 12 – Harry Klassen; July 16 – Michelle Doerksen

Anniversaries: July 11 – Ken & Marianne Braun

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **From the treasurer:** Part of AMC's giving supports Mennonite Church Manitoba's Leadership Ministries. Facilitated by The Director of Leadership Ministries, this program supports and cares for pastors by offering individual pastoral care, opportunities for continuing education, seminars and workshops designed to strengthen and stretch ministry, and by facilitating and leading monthly pastors' cluster meetings in each of 5 regions within MCM. They assist Congregations in areas such as encouraging and calling persons to ministry, pastoral searches, pastor-congregation relationships, credentialing persons for ministry, pastoral reviews, and when necessary, receive assistance in situations of mediation and conflict resolution. Like many pastors in MCM, Pastor Dan is at AMC because of access to grants and loans for pastoral studies provided by MCM's Leadership Ministries. 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 done!** Landscaping needs to be completed. Donations are being asked for to cover the extra monies needed. Contact Robert Martens or Bill Loewen for more information.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

- 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 is opening more spots at the day camps!** Many new spots available for grades 1-5, a few for grades 6-9, and lots of room at Youth Week. Our Pop-Up Camps also have room – there is probably one near you! So grateful that we get to spend part of our summer with you! Visit www.campswithmeaning.org

- **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

- **Sign up for the 18th Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament today!** Join us for a day of golfing, prizes and dinner on September 9th in support of families impacted by the Beirut explosion. Register [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/golf.

- **Eden Foundation is offering motorcycle riders** the opportunity to ride together and explore some of the towns around southern Manitoba. It's a fun-ride with no requirement to raise funds. The Motorheads for Mental Health ride will start at Winkler Coop / Outpost Grill truck stop just east of the junction of Hwy #3 and #14. Check-in at 1 pm on Sunday July 25th. For more details go to: edenhealthcare.ca/news or call 204-325-5355.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Prayers for the Heinrichs family as they mourn the passing of Kathy's sister Rosie Penner Asari. Pray also for Rosie's husband Kwasi who is in Ontario. There will be a private memorial service at a later date. Rosie was a member of our church.

- 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

- 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.

- MCI Prayer Requests - For rest and rejuvenation for our students and staff as they enjoy the summer break. We pray that our students will have a meaningful summer, connecting with their family and home churches – and for our international students, who went through many weeks of quarantine to be at home for the first time in over a year. And for wisdom for our school administration as we plan and prepare for the upcoming school year.