

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.

Prayers for the World

- **Turmoil and rising cases in Bethlehem affect Bible college** - Bethlehem Bible College asks us to pray for their new academic year as they prepare for classes and enroll students this summer. Located near the checkpoint and two refugee camps, they are often subjected to tear gas, shootings and turmoil in the street. They are also dealing with rising COVID-19 cases, a slow vaccine roll out and less than 15 per cent of the population vaccinated.

- **Progress made in Siamou translation** - Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission asks us to join them in praising God for progress made by the Siamou Bible translation team. Despite several months lost to public health restrictions, work resumed on the books of Mark, Acts, Galatians, 2 Corinthians and Colossians. Pray that progress will be steady so that the Siamou people will soon have the Bible in their own language.

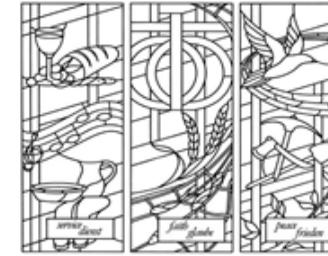
- **Bylers to lead EMU program in Thailand this fall**

Pray for Myrrl and Ruthie Byler, jointly appointed by Mennonite Church Canada Witness and Mennonite Mission Network to relate to ministry partners in Southeast and Northeast Asia. Although experiencing travel restrictions in Thailand, they are connecting with various partners. Pray for the cross-cultural program they will lead through Eastern Mennonite University in Thailand this fall.

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

The Quilts bring me joy when I plan, create, meditate while I stitch. The Sunflower quilt is named "*A little bit embarrassed, a lot delighted*" because I showed how to make the block at one of our guild meetings for one of the block draws. As each person completed their block and returned it to me for the draw, I would say something like "That will look so nice in my quilt"! So I was both embarrassed and delighted when my name was legitimately drawn.

"*My Not So Secret Garden*" was the project for a class I took over several months. I love learning new ways to do the various techniques involved in the making of a quilt. There were 8 of us in the class, and 8 very different results.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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August 22, 2021

House Groups
are encouraged
to meet this week.

In-person services
resume next Sunday.
11:00 am

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

August 22 Small groups meet again this week

August 29 In person Sunday worship service resumes 11:00 am

Theme: With Praise and Thanksgiving We Gather

Scripture: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Micah 4:1-2 *Speaker(s):*

Pastor Dan Kehler *Worship Leader:* Lori Hiebert *Musicians:*

Loren & Lori Hiebert *Recording:* Nathan Loewen

Sept. 5 11:00 am Worship Service

Sept. 12 11:00 am Worship Service

Birthdays: Aug. 27 – Megan Batchelor, Hildie Regehr, Mary-Grace Rempel

Anniversaries: Aug. 22 – Don & Barb Wiebe; Wayne & Tracy Bergen; Aug. 25 – Dale & Sandra Klassen; Aug. 28 – Judge & Nicole Wood

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vic Penner has moved from Gardens to Winnipeg. His new address is #112-741 Sterling Lyon Pkwy, BrightWater Senior Living, Winnipeg, MB R3P 2S9. Steve and Anna are glad to have him close to where they live.

- **From the treasurer:** Thank you to all who have continued to give generously to the ongoing work of the church through AMC. As a member congregation of Mennonite Church Canada we are partners with the Colombia Mennonite Church. They are 20 Mennonite Churches in Colombia that share a common vision for Anabaptist witnesses of justice, peace, love and nonviolence. Part of our Sunday donations are passed on to MC Can. where they support the Colombian Mennonite Church through grants for ministries, especially in the areas of leadership development, church planting and missions.

Of course, we also have AMC bills to pay and salaries to honour, even while we have been apart. Fortunately, AMC has received generous Bridge grants, totalling \$20,000. To put this into perspective, our other Revenues are lower than usual, and even in normal times we are often up to, or exceeding our maximum line of credit by this time of the year. This year we are just nearing our line of credit for the first time. Now our steps and ramp project is nearing completion.

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

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Do you know a university student who is still deciding where to live in Winnipeg this fall? Emmaus House has two openings for the 2021/22 Academic year. It is a place that immediately feels like home and where you'll find good food, friends, and lots of laughter. Great walking access to U of W and bussing to U of M. www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca or call 204-272-9191 and ask for Rod or Susan.

- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for three permanent positions at Camp Assiniboia. Head of Maintenance, Food Services Coordinator, Custodian/General Assistant. Go to www.campswithmeaning.org for the job descriptions.

- **The people of Haiti need our help.** On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Early reports show that many of those who survived lost their homes. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. To donate visit <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/haiti-earthquake>.

- 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's Head for the Hills 2021** is going to happen this year. They are hoping restrictions will be lifted by **September 11**, the day of the event. For more information and to register, visit www.edenhealthcare.ca

- **CommonWord is here for you this fall!** As of August 30th, we will resume our regular hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) serving you with trusted congregational resources, Anabaptist and related books, specialty foods, and new Indigenous products. Visit us in-person (and stop by folio café!) by phone (1-877-846-1593), email (info@commonword.ca) or online (commonword.ca).

- **Join us folio café for a coffee or lunch!** folio is excited to reopen to the public starting August 30th (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm). Note: Masks are required except while seated at tables.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Marlene Wiebe will be going to Saskatchewan to take care of final arrangements for the interment of her father and then to Alberta to visit her mother who has Alzheimer's. This trip takes place in August. She asks for prayers for her, Emily and Steven as they travel.

- 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.