

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.

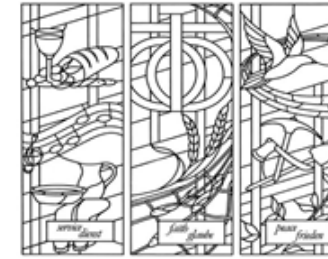
- Bylers to lead EMU program in Thailand this fall

Pray for Myrril 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 Wall Hanging – Africa and Music

This wall hanging was created by Vivian Nkomo, friend of Harry Wiens. I asked for “something with instruments” since Loren and I were both music teachers at the time. I love the joyous energy of Vivian’s work!



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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With Praise and Thanksgiving We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn VT #1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 147)

Celebrate God’s grace!

How comforting it is to know God always accompanies us.

Approach God in awe!

How amazing it is to consider that God has created each of us and each star in the heavens.

Praise the living God!

How good it is to sing praises together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

Hymn VT #419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Micah 4:1-2

Hymn VT#428 Praise with Joy the World’s Creator

Message We Gather Again! Pastor Dan Kehler

Hymn VT #716 God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayers of the People

Offering

Hymn VT #809 Sing a New World into Being vs 1-3

Benediction, followed by vs 4

Postlude

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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.

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert
Musicians: Lori & Loren Hiebert
Sound Booth: Nathan Loewen

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

Sept. 5 11:00 am Worship Service
Theme: Finding the Good Life *Scripture:* Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; Matthew 6:19-27
Speaker(s): Pastor Dan Kehler *Worship Leader:* June Schwartz *Musicians:* Dave & Hildie Regehr *Sound Booth:* Loren Braul
Sept. 12 11:00 am Worship Service
Sept. 19 11:00 am Worship Service

Birthdays: Aug. 31 – Albert Klassen; Sept. 2 – Barb Wiebe; Sept. 3 – Ang Enns, Margaret Rempel

Anniversaries: Aug. 30 – Ken & Elaine Loewen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Harry & Susan Wiens have moved to 108 River Valley Drive Winnipeg, R3X 0B4. Their new landline number is 1 204 256-3249. Their cell phone numbers haven't changed.
- 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 etransfer 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

- **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).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Mike Tarnick passed away on Wednesday evening. Pray for Jean and the family as they remember and continue their journey.
- Marlene Wiebe has gone 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. 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.

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.
- Three permanent positions remain open at Camp Assiniboia. In particular, there is a lot of competition 'in the market' for experienced Food Services staff. This is a crucial position as we slowly restart our rental/hospitality ministry. Please pray that the right people will be guided to these positions. You might be able to facilitate this with some shoulder tapping. Please see the Bulletin Announcements for more info.