

Prayers for the World

- MKC postpones assembly due to security reasons

Meserete Kristos Church president Desalegn Abebe asks for prayer for peace in Ethiopia. Due to security problems in the northern and western parts of the country, the MKC General Assembly planned for late August is now postponed. Pray for church leaders that continue to visit and encourage the church in various regions of the country.

- Annual AIMM meetings planned for October

Please pray for the annual meetings of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission planned for October in Burkina Faso and Congo. Pray that COVID-19 restrictions and visa requirements will allow leaders to gather, to encourage each other and learn together.

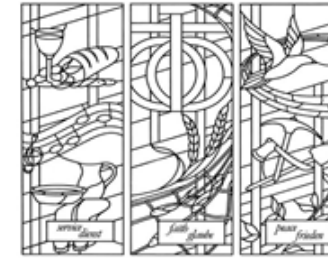
- Ongoing struggle in Minnesota against Canadian pipeline development

- More than 600 people have been arrested or received citations over protests amid growing opposition to the Line 3, a proposed oil sands pipeline expansion by Enbridge to bring Alberta tar sands oil to Wisconsin, through wetlands and the treaty territory of Anishinaabe peoples, through the Mississippi River headwaters to the shore of Lake Superior. Native American tribes and Indigenous-led environmental organizations such as [Honor the Earth](#) are leading opposition efforts in court and on the ground.

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

Announcements

Hymn VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Call to worship

Opening Prayer

Congregation: (when prompted)

God, source of lovingkindness, and strength, we worship you. Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you.

Holy Spirit, ground of our being, we worship you. Amen

Scripture Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Isaiah 35:4-7a;

Psalm 146

Hymn VT #529 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-27

Hymn VT #414 Jesus Shall Reign

Message Finding the Good Life

Dan Kehler

Hymn VT #420 God of the Bible

Prayers of the People

Offering

Hymn VT#738 Open My Eyes That I May See vs 1-2

Benediction, followed by vs 3

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

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: June Schwartz
Musicians: Dave & Hildie Regehr
Sound Booth: Loren Braul

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

Sept. 12 11:00 am Worship Service
Theme: Homecoming and Sharing Sunday *Scripture:* TBA
Speaker(s): members of the congregation *Worship Leader:*
Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Marlene
Wiebe *Sound Booth:* Kevin Neufeld
Sept. 19 11:00 am Worship Service
Sept. 26 11:00 am Worship Service
October 3 11:00 am Worship Service

Birthdays: Sept. 11 – Ray Mierau

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- After discussion and much prayer, the Formation Committee has decided to postpone Sunday School classes due to current COVID restrictions, uncertainties of COVID this fall, and lack of Sunday School teachers. AMC would potentially have 12 Sunday School students for the 2021-2022 year. The Formation Committee feels this might be a time for the AMC community to contemplate new ways of moving forward with Christian Education at AMC.

- 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.

- From the treasurer:

Part of AMC's giving supports Mennonite Church Canada's program Company of 1000. This ministry is administered in consultation with Church Leadership Ministers. Company of 1000 is a Study Reserve Fund that supports the training of pastors for the congregations of Mennonite Church Canada. Money from the fund is used to reduce the personal cost of preparation for ministry and to encourage pastors and pastoral candidates to attend preferred schools through the granting of forgivable loans and tuition grants. Like many pastors in MCM, Pastor Dan applied for and received forgivable loans as he studied at AMBS and CMU in preparation for ministry that were reduced annually based on pastoral employment in an MCM congregation.

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.

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

- **Blood Donor Clinic** - Thursday, September 9th at Altona - Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Main Floor Hall 227 10th Ave NW
Clinic time: 1:00 - 7:00 pm. **Please call 1-888-236-6283, go on-line to book your appointment - NO WALK INS PLEASE.**

- **Gardens on 10th Drive – Thru Mexican Fiesta Fundraiser** – Tuesday, September 28, 5-7 pm. See bulletin board for details.

- **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.

- **Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life, A 55-Plus Enrichment Program.** Xplore offers courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. All without any assignments or examinations! Xplore happens in a six-week block, with online courses offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, beginning October 5. Join us! cmu.ca/xplore.

- **Pack a Bucket of Thanks with MCC this fall.** Fill a bucket with essential relief supplies and help support vulnerable families impacted by emergency and disaster. Learn more at mccmb.ca/buckets-thanks.

- **Whose Land, Whose Promise? Palestine, Justice, and the Bible** - Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network and three partner advocacy groups are hosting a two-part online series Saturday, Sept. 19 and Oct. 2, at 12 p.m. EDT /9 a.m. PST. Resource persons include Palestinian pastor-theologian Alex Awad, political science professor Ron Dart, and professor Dan Epp-Tiessen of CMU. Register: <https://bit.ly/3BbaFOc>.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Ken Penner who moved to Tabor Home in Morden in June. Carol has moved south of Neuberghthal for the year.
- Pray for Jean Tarnick and family as they move forward without Mike. The service was Wednesday afternoon.
- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun 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 for teachers and students who are preparing to return to school. Pray for a joyful, peaceful, healthy return to this academic year.
- Please pray for CMU students who are starting their new academic year on September 8, 158 of whom are heading into their first year of studies.
- 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.