

Prayers for the World

- **Vietnamese fellowship in Canada and abroad** - Praise God for the meetings of the North American Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship that took place at the Winnipeg Vietnamese Mennonite Church during September long weekend. Leadership from the Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam joined the meetings (online) on Saturday evening. Participants shared stories of God's work in changing lives in Vietnam and in Canada.

- **Veiths on their way home** - Thanks for your prayers for Witness workers George and Tobia Veith as they make their way from China to Canada. They will quarantine for two weeks in Winnipeg before they can be reunited with family. Please continue to pray for their transition to life in Canada.

- **Pray for our siblings at international schools** - As classes resume this fall, please pray for the faculty, staff and students in schools that Mennonite Church Canada Witness connects with internationally: Benin Bible Institute, Meserete Kristos Seminary, Bethlehem Bible College and Seminario Biblico Menonita de Colombia.

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!

From The Pastor:

Next Sunday AMC will be observing the International Day of Peace as encouraged by Mennonite World Conference. Andrew G. Suderman, MWC Peace Commission Secretary writes:

"The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations Resolution on 30 November 1981. The UN General Assembly set 21 September as the permanent date for the International Day of Peace.

The resolution states that observing the International Day of Peace "strengthen[s] the ideals of peace and alleviat[es] tensions and causes of conflict." It declares "...a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day."

Following the recommendation of the 2003 Peace Council in Bulawayo, the 2006 Peace Commission in Pasadena chose the Sunday nearest to 21 September (International Day of Peace) as a Peace Sunday to be observed by Mennonite World Conference member churches."

AMC is a bit late but it worked better into our fall schedule to observe International Day of Peace on the 26th rather than the assigned Sunday of the 21st. Along with this observance we will also join together as God people around the Table of our Lord as we share communion.

Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

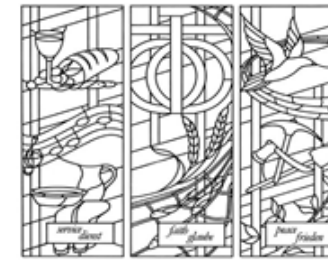
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT #36 Let Us Build a House

Call to Worship

Prayer

LISTENING

Scripture Reading: Psalm 16

Hymn VT #212 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Children's Time

Scripture: James 3:9-18

Prayer VT #1028

Hymn VT #797 We Are People of God's Peace

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-56

Sermon Living with Opposition Pastor Dan Kehler

RESPONDING

Hymn VT #409 For We Are Strangers No More

Prayers of the People

Offering

Benediction

Hymn VT #827 Move in Our Midst

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Musicians: Loren Braul, Gina Enns

Recording Technician: Dale Klassen

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

Sept. 21	7:15 pm	Worship Committee meeting
Sept. 26	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
<i>Theme:</i> MWC Peace Sunday/Communion <i>Scripture:</i> Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 4:35-41 <i>Speaker(s):</i> Pastor Dan Kehler		
<i>Worship Leader:</i> Lori Hiebert <i>Musicians:</i> Loren & Lori Hiebert		
<i>Recording Technician:</i> Nathan Loewen		
October 3	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service
October 10	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service – Sharing Sunday
October 13	7:30 pm	Leadership Council Meeting

Birthdays: September 25 – Tim Doerksen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee On Sunday morning!** Dave Regehr and Pastor Dan will be leading a discussion/study group before the service. Please consider joining this time of fellowship and discovery.

- 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.

- From the treasurer:

Part of AMC's giving supports Mennonite Church Canada's Youth Gathering. In 2022 theme is *Amplify! Giving voice to what we've seen and heard*. The Youth Gathering is an opportunity for youth ages 12-18 from across our nationwide community of faith to gather in worship, spend time in nature, recharge their spirits and meet like-minded youth from across the country. *Amplify!* will take place July 31 to August 4, 2022, at Camp Valaqua, near Water Valley, Alta., with the event kicking off on Sunday evening, July 31.

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 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

- **Join an MCM Gratitude Group.** Every second week for six weeks on Zoom. 40 minutes of joining others in encouragement and sharing gratitude. This is led by Laura Funk, MCM Spiritual Director-in-Residence. For more info see www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

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

- **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.

- **Woven (Mennonite Women MB) Kick Off their new Woven Wednesday Series**, entitled Faith: Yours, Mine and Ours, on Wednesday Sept. 29th at 8pm. We invite MCM women to join with our guests, Margie Hildebrand and Marika Veith, in exploration of the images of God we've held, hold and hope for. Hosted by Kathy Giesbrecht, our 45 min. together will include both guest input and question and response time. For Zoom Room Link contact: kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Sylvia Klassen's brother, Jerry Rempel from Carberry had a stroke on August 21, and spent over a week in the hospital. He had another stroke last week but is again home. Please pray for him and his wife Connie as they await further testing. Pray also for healing.

- 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.

- 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

- **We rejoice with the people of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation**, who after 24 years of water advisories are finally able to drink water from the tap. The water treatment plant was built only after the Freedom Road was opened in 2019.

- Pray for teachers and students who have returned to school. Pray for a joyful, peaceful, healthy return to this academic year.

- Pray for all 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.