

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.

- **Prayers for Unist'ot'en** - Pray for [Unist'ot'en Camp](#) where Indigenous peoples are working tirelessly to exercise their jurisdiction as construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline escalates. The pipeline is being built through Wet'suwet'en territory despite the fact that all five Hereditary Chiefs have unanimously opposed its construction. Allegra Friesen Epp will be returning to Unist'ot'en from Sept. 16-Oct. 6, as part of her internship with MC Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations Office and Christian Peacemaker Teams' Turtle Island Solidarity Network.

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:

There are a number of people at AMC who have been participating in the "Be it Resolved Challenge." This learning activity took place over the summer months into September and continues into the 21-22 winter season. They read a new compilation of all the ways that Mennonites have sought to interact with our fellow treaty peoples of indigenous decent.

Part of the engagement is asking some difficult questions about how we participate in the ongoing process of our indigenous neighbours. Like...

- *As you've learned more about who we are as treaty inhabitants as Mennonites on this land, how does that affect / change how you think about where you live? How you live?*
- *What have you discovered about yourself in your learning? -*
- *What has surprised you?*
- *What are some ways that you are seeking truth in reconciliation?*
- *What are the barriers in your journey?*
- *What kinds of resources are you finding helpful? What are you reading to further educate yourself?*

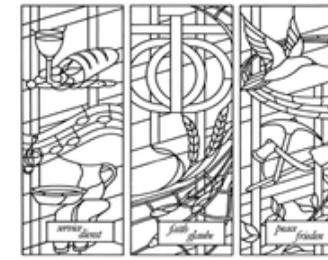
It is not only those who predicated in the "Be it Resolved Challenge" that need to ask these question. All treaty inhabitants of this land need to engage them. On October 10th, Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend, we want to hear from you. As you consider these and other questions related to the ongoing process of reconciliation you are invited to share your thoughts with your church family in the worship service. You might do so with a poem, an art piece, a short written reflection or sharing a story of relationship building. In this way we want to learn from each other and grow in our understanding. In the midst of our sharing, we are thankful for vulnerability, for truth seeking, and for trust.

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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Mennonite World Conference Peace Sunday Finding Hope and Healing in Crisis

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT #88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs 1,2,4

Into to Mennonite World Conference Peace Sunday

Call to Worship "Turning a Cheek"

WE HEAR

Scripture Matthew 14:22-33

Prayer "Loving Through the Storm"

Hymn VT #610 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Scripture Mark 4:35-41

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn VT #595 When the Storms of Life are Raging, vs 1-4

Message Hope in the Storm Pastor Dan Kehler

WE GO IN PEACE

Hymn SJ #56 Make me a channel of thy peace

Prayers for the people

Benediction

Hymn VT #793 Siyahamba

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert
Musicians: Loren & Lori Hiebert, Marilyn Houser Hamm
Recording Technician: Dale Klassen

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

October 3	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
<i>Theme:</i> An Anxious Thanksgiving <i>Speaker:</i> Pastor Dan Kehler <i>Scripture:</i> Philippians 4:4-6; Isaiah 25:1-10a; Psalm 136:1-12, 23-26 <i>Worship Leader:</i> Marilyn Houser Hamm <i>Musicians:</i> Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns <i>Recording:</i> Loren Brault		
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: Sept. 29 – Jenny Neufeld, Leo Dyck

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.

- With the return to in-person services at AMC, the Usher list needs to be updated. If you are already an usher, please let John Gerbrandt (johngerb1631@gmail.com) know if you have a preferred month. If you wish to serve as an usher, let him know that as well. The offering plate will remain at the back of the sanctuary for now.

- October 3rd - World Communion Sunday. Come join us around the table of our Lord with our christian brothers and sisters from all over the globe. It is a time to celebrate, remember and pray for the body of Christ around the world.

- From the treasurer:

Our Treasurer announcements in the past months have been highlighting various aspects of the work we do together with other Manitoba and Canadian Churches. Participating in these areas of mission, along with supporting our own congregation, is our privilege and responsibility. At the end of September it's time to forward our 3rd Quarter gifts to our Conference and Affiliates. As of Sept. 23 we need almost \$5,000 to fulfill that responsibility. Thank you for all your

generous donations. Your personal giving records to the end of September will be in your church mailboxes in October.

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)

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Gardens on Tenth Annual General Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 PM in The Gardens MPR.

On Monday October 11th we will email you a zoom link to the meeting and you can choose to join remotely if you do not want to attend in person.

Due to current Public Health orders masks remain mandatory within the Gardens on Tenth and for the duration of the meeting.

Your Board representative will be looking for delegates to represent your church so please talk to him/her if you are interested.

- **CommonWord** (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) and **folio café** (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM) are open to the public. The rest of the CMU campus is closed to the public due to the pandemic. The library remains closed to the public, except by appointment.

- **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.

- You are invited to attend an **MCC centennial conference. MCC at 100** will be hosted by University of Winnipeg Sept 30 - Oct 2 via Zoom. The conference presents papers that examine the past, present and future of MCC. Register [here](#) or visit mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca for more information.

- **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 but is home. He has slurred speech, swallowing difficulty, limps and is generally weak. Pray for healing, and for his wife Connie as they await further testing.

- Pray for Ken Penner who has been moved into palliative care. He is at Tabor. Pray for Carol and the family.

- Pray for Jean Tarnick and family as they move forward without Mike.

- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview.

- Ken Hamm is doing well at home, and is grateful.

- 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.