

## **Prayers for the World**

- **De Jongs hope to leave for Ethiopia soon**  
Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong hope to leave for Ethiopia within the next few weeks. Please pray that their visa and transportation details will be arranged in a timely way so that they can arrive for the start of the semester at Meserete Kristos Seminary.

- **AIMM meetings in October** - Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission co-executive directors in Congo and Canada, John Fumana and Bruce Yoder, ask us to pray for the successful registration of the Congo office. Pray for the AIMM meetings in Burkina Faso and Congo in October. Tany Warkentin, liaison to ministry in Africa for Mennonite Church Canada, will attend these meetings on behalf of our nationwide church.

- **Pray for peace and reconciliation in the Philippines**  
As we mark the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada this week, join Lakan and Lakambini Sumulong (Dann and Joji Pantoja), Witness workers in the Philippines, in prayer as they work for peace and reconciliation in the Philippines through PeaceBuilders Community, Inc. <https://waves.ca/join-us/pray/>

- **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.*

### **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 descent.

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?*

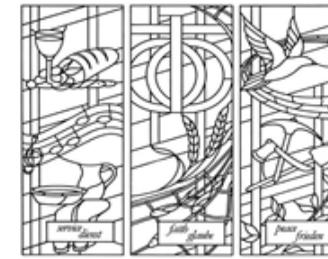
It is not only those who predicated in the "Be it Resolved Challenge" that need to ask these questions. All treaty inhabitants of this land need to engage them. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend, we want to hear from you. As you consider these and other questions related 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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## **World Communion Sunday A time to give thanks**

### **GATHERING**

Prelude

Cong. Hymn VT #22 What Is This Place

Call to Worship VT #870

Cong. Hymn VT #120 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome and Sharing Activities of the Church

### **OPENING OURSELVES TO THE WORD**

Cong. Hymn VT #118 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-8, Isaiah 25:6-9

Meditation "Thank you" Pastor Dan Kehler

### **COMING TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST**

Cong. Hymn VT #477 Seed, Scattered and Sown

With the World at the Table of our Lord

Hymn VT #314 "Holy Lord"

Receiving the Bread & the Cup

VT #480 I Am the Bread of Life

We eat and drink together

Prayer of Intercession

### **SENDING**

Hymn of Praise VT#114 Now Thank We All Our God (vs.1-2)

Benediction

VT#114 (v. 3)

### **AMC Contact information:**

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm  
Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns  
Recording Technician: Loren Braul

### **Worship & Meeting Events at AMC**

October 10	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service – Sharing Sunday
<i>Theme:</i> Be It Resolved <i>Speaker:</i> Sharing Sunday <i>Scripture:</i> Job 12:7-12; Isaiah 2:2-5; Rev. 21:22-25 <i>Worship Leader:</i> TBA <i>Musicians:</i> Lori & Loren Hiebert <i>Recording:</i> Kevin Neufeld		
October 13	7:30 pm	Leadership Council Meeting
October 17	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service
October 19	7:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting

**Birthdays:** October 3 – Mark Sawatzky, Julia Thiessen;  
October 6 – Sam Kehler; October 9 – Ray Hamm

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Steven Wiebe would be happy to help you with raking leaves. If you want to hire him, email [wiebesteven6@gmail.com](mailto:wiebesteven6@gmail.com) or text 204-304-6894.

- **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](mailto: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.

#### **- 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](mailto: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.

- **Enjoy *Singin' in the Grain* from the comfort of your home!** This virtual concert will premiere on World Food Day, **October 16 at 8 pm**, raising funds for MCC food projects in Haiti, supported through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Join the concert at [foodgrainsbank.ca/singing](http://foodgrainsbank.ca/singing) and enjoy the musical talents of Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustaedter Barg and more.

- **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](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events)

- **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](http://mccmb.ca/buckets-thanks).

### **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 Carol Penner and family. Ken passed away last week. The private funeral is this afternoon.

- 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**

- 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.