

- Join a compassionate community of Manitobans helping to end hunger! Sponsor an acre of Manitoba farmland through Grow Hope to provide food and agricultural training for people in places like India and Haiti. Your gift will multiply with every \$1 growing to as much as \$5! Visit mccmb.ca/growhope to learn more and join us.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Bill Loewen and family. Anne passed away Thursday morning.
- Jean Tarnick is back in her own apartment! Pray for a smooth transition as she navigates back to home life with added homecare.
- Steven Wiebe is requesting prayer for him and his family. He is very concerned about Emily and how she lives with her disability. Also the family is still going through emotional struggles at the loss of Tim.
- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview.
- 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 all teachers and students in our community.
- 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.

Prayers for the World

- Please pray for the people in Ukraine. They were invaded by Russia. They also continue to deal with rampant COVID-19 cases as well as rising inflation making access to basic goods and services more difficult and more expensive.
- **Mennonite Seoul meets again in person** - Mennonite Seoul, a congregation led by Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, met in person for the first time in two years on April 24. Pray for this group of believers as they transition to meeting together after online meetings during the pandemic.
- **Service of Veiths celebrated in Winnipeg** Praise God for the celebration of 30 years of ministry by Witness workers George and Tobia Veith at Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg on April 22. They shared

stories of God's faithfulness and a vision for a global church that learns from each other and supports each other. For a link to the video recording, and to learn more about China ministry contact International Witness director Jeanette Hanson.

- **AIMM helps with community-development training** Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission co-director John Fumana led training on assets-based community development in Kandal recently. This focuses on the community's own assets and resources as the basis of development, empowering people to use what resources they already have. AIMM is excited its partners will envision and implement economic projects that will strengthen communities and help them to share their Anabaptist church community with others.

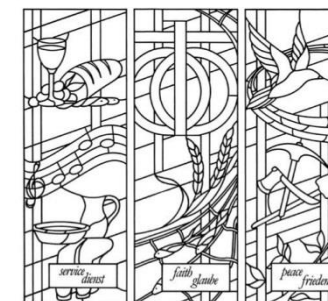
If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.

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

Worship Service 11:00 am

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May 1, 2022

Our Global Faith Family – Mennonite World Conference

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
Hymn VT 1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

HEARING

MWC Shared Convictions (VT 925)
Hymn VT 390 In Christ There Is No East or West

Hearing about MWC and the Young Adult Group
Guest Claudia Dueck
Scripture: Colossians 3:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Hymn VT 36 Let Us Build a House
Message (video) "Conviction #7 - Valerie Alipova

RESPONDING

Prayers for the World
Offering, Donations via MCM for the Young Adult Group
Benediction VT 1046
Hymn VT 829 Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert
Musicians: Loren & Lori Hiebert
Recording: Loren Braul

This Sunday, pieces of the service have been brought by a group of Young Adults, all part of Mennonite Church Manitoba, who are planning on attending the Mennonite World Conference this summer in Indonesia. As part of this ministry, the group is looking to raise funds to offset conference and travel costs; these donations can be designated through your congregation or Mennonite Church Manitoba. Thank you!

We welcome Claudia Dueck, one of the Young Adult Team.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

May 8 11:00 am Worship Service – with guest speaker
Dan Epp-Tiessen

Worship Leader: June Schwartz *Musician(s):* Loren Braul,
Elaine Loewen *Recording:* Kevin Neufeld

May 9 7:15 pm Worship Committee meeting

May 15 11:00 am Worship Service – Music Sunday

Bring suggestions for songs and share about the significance of your choice of hymn.

May 16 5 pm MCM Board meets at AMC

May 18 7:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

May 22 – No service at AMC. Our small regional groups are encouraged to meet at some point during the week.

May 29 11 am Worship Service at AMC

Birthdays: May 1 – Wayne Bergen, Albert Bergen; May 3 – Jean Tarnick

Anniversaries: May 3 – Robert & Peggy Martens; May 4 – Jim & Marlene Dyck

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Anne Loewen** was hospitalized on April 26th and passed away on April 28th. Her fight with cancer is over and we know she is seeing all the beautiful faces of those she loved and admiring all the gorgeous colours of the rainbow now! Funeral arrangements are pending.

- We have dipped into our line of credit to make our first quarter donations. You may contribute online if you bank at Access Credit Union (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number), make an e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send a cheque to AMC

(Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0). Thank you for your continued generosity.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Rhineland Area Food Bank** is celebrating their 25th anniversary in their new location at 162 Centre Ave. on Thursday, May 12, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. There will be a short program at 7 pm, with refreshments to follow.

- **Want to support the work of MCC in a hands-on way?** MCC Plum Coulee Warehouse is looking for volunteers! We need people with various skillsets for tasks involved in creating comforters (sewing, pinning, sandwiching) and preparing for shipping (bailing, packaging). Contact Gord Letkeman for more information, 204-829-3005 or gordletkeman@mccmb.ca.

- **The 21st annual CMU Golf Classic** will take place on June 15 at Bridges Golf Course. To register or for sponsorship opportunities, visit cmu.ca/golf.

- **Save the date for Cycle Clear Lake.** After a two-year break, we are pleased to announce that Cycle Clear Lake will go ahead this summer. Consider cycling the Clear Lake Trail in support of MCC's work with refugees and displaced people on July 2. Stay tuned for more details.

- **Golf for MCC!** Join us for a day of golf, prizes and dinner on July 7 and you'll support refugees and displaced people around the world. For more information about the MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament and to register, visit mccmb.ca/golf.

- **Celebrate your Mennonite heritage on a cross-Canada train tour.** July 6-25, 2023, join the three-part Russlaender 100 Tour to re-enact the historic migration of 21,000 Mennonites from Russia to Canada, 1923-1930. Remember your ancestors' faith and challenges. In gratitude for the welcome Mennonites received in Canada, tour participants are invited to support three MCC programs. Learn more at tourmagination.com/russlaender-100.

- **The Mennonite Centre in Ukraine** is grateful to be able to continue serving the people in Ukraine. Our staff in Molochansk are still able to prepare meals and distribute food hampers to local people. We are also able to connect with trusted individuals and agencies in Ukraine who are bringing supplies from Europe and western Ukraine to eastern

Ukrainian cities where the war has destroyed so much. On their return trips they bring refugees to places of safety. They do this in the midst of severe danger. Just a few of these include our maintenance person, the pastor of the Molochansk Mennonite Church, and a former member whom we know well. We are grateful for so many generous donors and for your continued prayers. The most recent newsletter is on the bulletin board.

- **Join MCC in response to the crisis in Ukraine.** Russian military forces have invaded Ukraine with active shelling, airstrikes and other hostilities targeting cities across the entire country. For the latest updates on MCC's relief response, visit mcccanada.ca. Join us in [prayer](#) and donate at mcccanada.ca/ukraine.

- **MCM Delegates for MC Canada Gathering 2022** Mennonite Church Manitoba is looking for delegates to attend the MC Canada Gathering in Edmonton, July 29-Aug 1. We need 11 general delegates to represent MCM at delegate sessions and 3 Young Leaders Experience participants (age 17-21) to take part in a delegate program geared for them. Registration, accommodation, and travel costs will be covered. Please see www.mennochurch.mb.ca for more info, and contact office@mennochurch.mb.ca if you are interested.

- **Registration is open for all of our camps** – day, overnight, farm, outtrip, ADV – we are so looking forward to being together this summer!

- Summer camp is not the same (actually it's not possible) without our volunteers! **Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors, and health officers are needed at both camps.** Come and spend a week at one of our lovely sites and add your unique gifts to our amazing camp community. Call the CWM office at 204-895-CAMP or register online at www.campwithmeaning.org/staff.

- **Leaders of Mennonite Church Canada** are calling on the members, congregations and regional churches of Mennonite Church Canada to respond to the **climate emergency**. This document (available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/climate-action) includes six initiatives that "reflect our working commitments as a nationwide church." Also included is a recommended reading list – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/2809>.