

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- We pray for our future pastor and for the search committee.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation who aren't able to worship with us in person these days: Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor.
- We pray for those who are grieving.
- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health make daily life a struggle.
- We pray for the family care-givers.

## **Prayer for 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**

Every week AMC receives emails from organizations doing the work of the church throughout the world.

Pray for (and go to their websites to learn so much more)

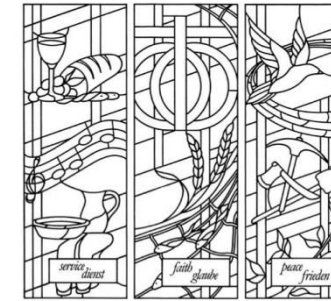
Mennonite Church Manitoba  
Mennonite Church Canada  
Mennonite Central Committee  
Mennonite Disaster Service  
Canadian Mennonite University

- **Pray for the people of Palestine and Israel - escalation in violence** - Please keep the people of Palestine and Israel in prayer in the wake of a sudden escalation of violence in Gaza and the West Bank--rooted largely in decades of Israel occupation and violation of human rights and international law. For your information and action, please [read the letter](#) from the Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network to Ottawa, calling our government to consistency of word and action in promoting a just peace in the region. (MC Canada PIN)

- **De Jongs guide new graduate program at MKS** - As Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong return to Ethiopia for the beginning of the school year at Meserete Kristos Seminary please pray with students and faculty. MKS will begin a graduate program this fall semester. Pray for the De Jong's leadership as they guide this process.

- **China leaders face more pressure from govt-** Church leaders in China are experiencing barriers and pressure from the government that they haven't seen in decades. Please remember them in your prayers and consider supporting them through the Mennonite Church Canada Witness program of leadership development from an Anabaptist perspective.

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



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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## ***We Declare: what we have seen and heard*** ***Mennonite Church Canada Gathering***

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*L: May God be with you!*

**P: And also with you.**

*L: Lift up your hearts!*

**P: We lift them up to God.**

*L: Let us give thanks to God.*

**P: It is good to give thanks and praise.**

*L: It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy One. With your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name.*  
*Amen.*

Song: VT #1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Prayer

### **TELLING GOD'S STORY**

Sharing from the 2022 Gathering

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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.*

Musical Offering (video) – “Greater Things Than These”  
by Phil Campbell-Enns  
Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4 and Luke 15  
Song: VT #299 God Lights a Lamp  
Sermon (video) – “Losing and finding” Doug Klassen

### LIVING GOD’S STORY

Song: VT #732 Open My Eyes  
Praying together  
Commissioning and Blessing from 1 John 1:1-4

*We will declare:*

*what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we have touched with our hands.*

*We will declare the Word of Life:*

*so that we might have fellowship with one another,  
so that we might have fellowship with God and with  
Jesus Christ,*

*so that our joy may be complete*

*We will declare the eternal Word of Life.*

Song: VT #412 My Soul Cries Out

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand  
Musicians: Mary Costen and Gina Enns  
Technician: Loren Brault

### WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

September 4 Community groups meet  
September 11 11:00 am Worship Service, *Worship Leader:*  
Norma Thiessen *Guest Speaker:* Michael Pahl *Musicians:*  
Marilyn Houser Hamm, Sylvia Klassen *Technician:* Nathan  
Loewen  
September 15 Worship Committee meeting  
September 18 11:00 am Worship Service – Music service on  
the theme of Creation Care  
September 20 7:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting  
September 25 11:00 am Worship Service  
October 2 – 11:00 am Worship Service, AMC Thanksgiving

**Birthdays:** August 31 – Albert Bergen; September 2 – Barb  
Wiebe; September 3 – Ang Enns, Margaret Rempel

**Anniversaries:** August 28 – Judge & Nicole Wood;

August 29 – Ken & Elaine Loewen

**AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
- **From the treasurer:** Compared to last year, we are down  
a significant amount in our giving. The Bridge grants we got  
last year were helpful, but now, after 4 months without a  
pastor, we are still in our line of credit. Everyone is feeling the  
money crunch. We need to tend to our congregation right now  
financially, so third quarter donations to conference will not  
happen at this time.

- 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](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com),  
or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0).

- Steve Wiebe is willing to do your yard work or some odd jobs  
if you have them. Contact him by text at 204-304-6894 or by  
email at [wiebesteven6@gmail.com](mailto:wiebesteven6@gmail.com)

### WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mobile Blood Donor Clinic** - Thursday, September 8 at the  
Altona Rhineland Pioneer Centre - Main Floor Hall – 227 – 10  
Ave NW The hours are: 2:00 – 7:00 pm. Please call 1-888-  
236-6283, or go on-line to book your appointment - NO WALK  
INS PLEASE.

- **It’s not too late! CMU is still accepting applications  
for fall 2022 classes.** Whether full- or part-time, while on a  
gap year, check out our course offerings at [cmu.ca/courses](http://cmu.ca/courses).  
Apply at [cmu.ca/apply](http://cmu.ca/apply).

- **Join the Pedal Dash Paddle Fundraiser for Camp  
Covid Recovery.** Sept. 18 at Camp Assiniboia. This mini-  
adventure race is designed for competitive and less  
competitive racers. Visit [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org) to learn more  
and to register.

- **OR Volunteer for the Pedal Dash Paddle  
Fundraiser.** We need parking attendants, food servers, and  
more people for course marshaling. Contact Dorothy Fontaine  
at [dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca) or call 204-895-2267 if  
you're able to help.

- **Save the date! The annual We Are All Treaty People  
Celebration will take place at the Forks on Sunday,  
September 18.** Come out for a family friendly afternoon  
event with music and performances, food, Indigenous arts,  
crafts and more!

- **Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life** – Xplore  
offers life-long learning courses investigating dimensions of  
the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any  
assignments or examinations! Join one or more of our six  
courses in-person or online Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Thursday mornings, beginning October 5. For information and  
to register visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

- Recovery of Hope, along with the support of Eden  
Foundation, is very excited to be able to host our third annual  
cycling event in Winnipeg. This is a fundraiser that supports  
the Sliding Fee Scale Program of Recovery of Hope, making  
counselling therapy accessible and affordable to all those who  
are seeking it.

**When:** Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9:00 am

**Where:** [Bethel Mennonite Church](#) parking lot, between  
Harrow and Stafford, north of Taylor Ave in Winnipeg.

For more information, and to register for the ride, please  
visit [Ride for Recovery of Hope 2022 - Eden Foundation Inc](#)  
([edenhealthcare.ca](http://edenhealthcare.ca))

- You are invited to **MCC Manitoba’s 58th Annual General  
Meeting.** Join us at Sterling Mennonite Church, Winnipeg on  
September 22 for an evening of storytelling and reporting on  
the work and growth of MCC Manitoba. For more details and  
to register, visit [mccmb.ca/agm](http://mccmb.ca/agm).

- This fall, **give the gift of a relief kit** with [Buckets of  
Thanks!](#) Help MCC meet the overwhelming needs of displaced  
people by giving a tangible gift of essential hygiene supplies to  
a family who has been forced to flee. Pack a bucket or sponsor  
the cost of supplies with your family, Sunday school class or  
care group to extend your gratitude this Thanksgiving. Go to  
[mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events), or email [simonethiessen@mccmb.ca](mailto:simonethiessen@mccmb.ca).

- **Celebrate your Mennonite heritage on a cross-Canada  
train tour!** Join one or all three parts of the July 2023  
Russlaender 100 Tour to re-enact the historic migration of  
Mennonites from Russia to Canada between 1923-1930. In  
gratitude for the welcome Mennonites received in Canada,  
tour participants will be invited to support three MCC  
programs. Learn more and register by September 30  
at [tourmagination.com/russlaender-100](http://tourmagination.com/russlaender-100).