

Altona Mennonite Church Announcements for September 4, 2022

- **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, or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0).

- **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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- We pray for a joyous, healthy return to the school year!
- We pray for our future pastor and for the search committee.
- We rejoice that Greg Costen is at home, healing from the burns to his arms.
- 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
- As a facility owned by the Mennonite churches the **Eden Health Care board and staff are asking for prayer for our future** after flooding in our main facility. We need much wisdom in dealing with families, patients, and our government. We need to see God's guidance to understand and see how God will work "His mysterious wonders to perform". It is a time of great uncertainty about our future.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

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, Communion service likely
October 2 – 11:00 am Worship Service, AMC Thanksgiving

- We will have the opportunity to think together and discern our Faithful Climate Action plan with Sandy Plett and Marilyn Houser Hamm from the MC Manitoba Climate Action Working Group on Sunday afternoon, October 16, from 1:00-3:00pm. We hope many from our congregation- ideally one person from each household- will reserve that date and plan to be with us for this session of exploration and action.

- **Faith and Life Choirs are preparing for a full season of rehearsals, church visits and concerts beginning September 24!** If you are interested in joining the choir, contact conductors: Janet Brennehan (Women's Chorus)- jbrennehan@cmu.ca, Ben Pauls (Male Choir)- bp.gerberpauls@gmail.com

- Sept 15 @ 2pm 60th Celebration at The Gardens on Tenth, dining room

- **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 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 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!