

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- John Gerbrandt is scheduled for knee replacement on Monday, 12th. Most of the time these procedures are routine, but there always is some risk - prayer support would be appreciated.
- Harv Heinrichs has been unwell for quite some time. On Tuesday, August 30, he was admitted to Boundary Trails Health Center for testing and observation. Pray for clear answers and good outcomes. Pray for strength and calm for both Harv and Kathy.
- We pray for a joyous, healthy return to the school year!
- We rejoice that Greg Costen is at home, healing from the burns to his arms.
- 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

- MC Canada leaders meet at regional church gathering in Ethiopia - Meserete Kristos Church, the largest church body in Mennonite World Conference, recently met at Meserete Kristos Seminary in for an annual conference of regional church leaders. MC Canada Executive Minister Doug Klassen and MCEC Mission Ministers Norm Dyck and Fanosie Legesse, as well as Witness workers, Werner and Joanne De Jong, were in attendance. Pray for the regional leaders as they

return home. Pray for the De Jongs as they assist with much-needed leadership development in this fast-growing church.

- Witness workers recovering from COVID-19 Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park recently contracted mild cases of COVID-19 and had to cancel some summer activities while they quarantined. Pray for the return of their health and strength as they begin a busy fall schedule of classes, training and lectures.

- Burkinabe pastor passes leadership of churches on to young pastors - Mennonite churches in Bobo Kioulasso, Burkina Faso, ask for prayer for pastors Joseph Sinou, Samuel Traoré and Josué Coulibaly. Senior Pastor Siaka Traoré recently handed over responsibility for congregations that he has started and nurtured over the years to these three young leaders. Pray for a clear vision and Spirit-filled witness in the Bobo Dioulasso communities where Christianity is a minority religion.

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

Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

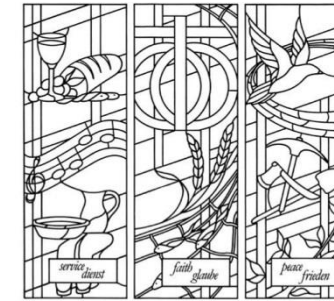
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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.



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Worship Service 11:00 am

VOLUME LXI No. 30

September 11, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Song: Wake the Song of Jubilee (insert)

LISTENING

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

Song: VT #555 Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing

Time with Children

Camp Songs: Garden to Garden
Be a Sower VT 789

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-23

Sermon: Good News for All Creation - Michael Pahl

RESPONDING

Song: HWB #334 Christ is the world's true light

Praying together

SENDING

Song: VT #395 The Church of Christ in Every Age
Benediction

Worship Leader: Norma Thiessen

Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Sylvia Klassen

Technician: Nathan Loewen

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

September 15 7:15 pm Worship Committee meeting
September 18 9:30 am – Kids/Youth Activities
11:00 am Worship Service *Theme:* Music service on the theme of Creation Care *Worship Leader:* June Schwartz *Guest Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns *Technician:* Dale Klassen
September 20 7:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting
September 25 11:00 am Worship Service
October 2 – 11:00 am Worship Service, AMC Thanksgiving
October 9 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Sharing and singing our gratitude
October 15 – 2 pm Central MB Youth Choir Concert
October 16 – 11:00 am Worship Service

Birthdays: Sept. 11 – Ray Mierau; Sept. 17 – Kerry Enns

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Formation Committee, together with Margruite Krahn, are planning regular activities for kids/youth this fall! **Our first meeting for ALL AMC kids + youth is Sunday September 18th at 9:30am-10:45am!** Parents, be on the lookout for an email with more info/dates!

- **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).

- 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 will reserve that date and plan to be with us for this session of exploration and action.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regional Connections is starting a weekly drop-in for English Cafe beginning September 26 with orientation September 19 at 7pm at The Community Exchange 116 Main Street. We invite volunteers who have an interest in helping newcomers to Altona with learning English through conversation, homework practice, being a language partner and a welcoming friend. Also needed are childcare providers, kids activity volunteers and snack/bakers and coffee hosts. Contact Shepherd Chiwandire at shepherd@regionalconnections.ca or Val Klassen- val@regionalconnections.ca for more information or to pick up a volunteer form.

- **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.

- 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.

Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9:00 am **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://Ride for Recovery of Hope 2022 - Eden Foundation Inc (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.

- 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, or email 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.

- ASIST is a world renowned suicide intervention training. ASIST will help you identify someone who is suicidal, confirm it with them, hear their story, find their turning point and make a safety plan that keeps them safe...for now. You do not have to be a professional helper to be trained in ASIST, although many professionals do take the training. To take this training you need only to want to help people that are feeling suicidal. That is really it! Let's make the world a safer place for those who are suffering! The training is provided by Glenn Schroeder (who used to attend AMC some 30 years ago.)

Hosted by: The Community Exchange 116 Main St., Altona

Date: September 27+28/22, Time: 8:30am-4:30pm

*Lunch Included Break for lunch is only 1/2 hour

Price: \$275 To Register contact Glenn Schroeder

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