

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- John Gerbrandt says thank you for all the prayer support, it was same day surgery. It went unbelievably well.
- Harv Heinrichs is recovering at home! Pray that the medicines continue to do their job. Harv and Kathy thank you for your prayers and concern.
- 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

- **Prayer for meeting in Philippines** - Board members and staff of PeaceBuilders Community Inc. and Coffee for Peace in Mindanao, Philippines, together with Witness workers, Lakan and Lakambini, will meet with Mennonite Church Canada staff over the next ten days to discuss plans for the future. Pray that God will guide and give wisdom as they discern together.

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

Psalm 148

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

- North Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- South Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
- North Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- South Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!**
- North Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- South He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- North Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- South Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**
- North Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- South Young men and women alike, old and young together!**
- ALL Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!**

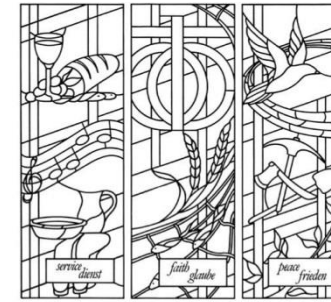
Altona Mennonite Church

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

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September 18, 2022

***For the Love of Creation
A Service of Song & Listening to the Voice of Creation***

GATHERING IN PRAISE

Prelude

Call to Worship Litany of Psalm 148

VT#95 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome & Announcements

VT#182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF CREATION

VT#81 All Creatures of our God and King

HWB#55 Cantemos al Señor/Let's Sing Unto the Lord/Creation is a Song SJ#24

VT#436 O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art

VT#403 As a Sigh Great with Yearning/ Comme un soufflé fragile

VT#405 Listen to the Word that God has Spoken

The Lone, Wild Bird in Lofty Flight – Lynette & Dan Wiebe

VT#373 As the Wind Song through the Trees

PRAYING FOR CREATION & THE WORLD

VT#708 As the Waters Rise around Us (text only)

VT#710 This is My Song

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

SINGING HOPE

VT#670 In the Bulb there is a Flower
HWB#37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

SENDING

Scripture Isaiah 41:17-19
VT#847 You Shall Go Out with Joy
Benediction

Worship Leader: June Schwartz

Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns

Technician: Dale Klassen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

September 20 7:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting
September 25 11:00 am Worship *Theme:* Taking action on Climate Crisis and Communion *Worship Leader:* Elaine Loewen *Speaker:* Ray Hamm *Musicians:* Mary Costen, Nancy Ratzlaff *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld
October 2 – 9:30 am Kids/Youth Activity
11:00 am Worship Service,
AMC Thanksgiving – see announcement below
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
1:00 – 3:00 pm – Climate Action Plan working group

Birthdays: September 18 – Bill Loewen

Anniversaries: September 18 – Susie Fisher & Shaun Dyck

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AMC Thanksgiving Lunch: Please bring a casserole, salad or veggies, buns and dessert enough for your family and extra to share. Set up will be Group 2, Clean up is Group 1. (New lists will be distributed this week.)

- **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

- **Thursday 29 September, 7:00 pm: Elder Florence Paynter: An Elder's Perspective on Treaties.** In the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, we invite the community to join us for an evening of listening and learning. Millennium Exhibition Centre, 7:00 pm, FREE! This event is sponsored by Altona United Church, Town of Altona, Southern Health, South Central Regional Libraries, and Altona Yoga.

- 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.

- **MHC Gallery – In the world, but not of it: The Hutterites.** An exhibition of photographs featuring Hutterite colonies across Manitoba, created over 13 years by Brandon-photographer Tim Smith, runs until November 12 at the MHC Gallery on the CMU campus. Visit cmu.ca/gallery.

- 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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