

## **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**

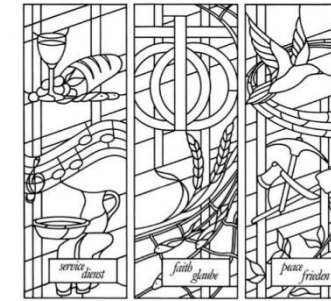
Every week AMC receives emails from organizations doing the work of the church throughout the world.

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.*



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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## ***For the Love of Creation***

### **GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT100 Praise Him, Praise Him

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT227 Here I am to Worship

Prayers for the People

### **LISTENING**

Children's Time

Hymn VT495 Morning has Broken

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 6:16; John 1:1-5;  
Colossians 1:15-20

Message

Hymn VT626 A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus

### **COMMUNION**

### **SENDING**

Offering

Closing Words/Benediction

Hymn VT712 Beauty for Brokenness

Postlude

### **AMC Contact information:**

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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.*

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen  
Musicians: Mary Costen, Nancy Ratzlaff  
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC**

October 2 – 9:30 am Kids/Youth Activity  
11:00 am Worship Service,  
AMC Thanksgiving – see announcement below  
*Theme:* Gratitude *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand  
*Speaker:* Loren Braul *Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Edna Zacharias *Technician:* Nathan Loewen  
October 9 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Sharing and singing our gratitude  
October 15 – 2 pm Central MB Youth Choir Concert  
4 pm Fall Get-Together at Andrea/Karey's – see announcement below  
October 16 - 11:00 am Worship Service  
1:00 – 3:00 pm – Climate Action Plan working group with Sandy Plett and Marilyn Houser Hamm.

**Birthdays:** September 25 – Tim Doerksen; September 29 – Jenny Neufeld, Leo 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 were distributed via email.

#### **- AMC Fall Get-together**

You're invited to come to Andrea & Karey Hildebrand's for a Weiner Roast on Saturday, October 15 from 4:00-7:00pm. Please bring your lawn chair, outdoor games, chips, a dessert or cookies to share. Any questions, contact Sandra at [Sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

#### **- From the treasurer:**

We're happy to report that we're finally out of our line of credit. Without major, unforeseen expenses, we will now be able to begin saving toward the future, even while we pay a very part time "pastor" for the next few months. We look forward to being able to support a pastor again in the new year. Thank you for your continued giving during this time of transition.

- 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).

- 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**

#### **- Altona MCC is seeking application for store manager.**

To apply, pick up application form at 10 main street and return in person or email with resume to [altomamcc@gmail.com](mailto:altomamcc@gmail.com)  
Applications being accepted until Oct. 25. Call 204 324 8323 ask for Corny Fehr.

#### **- 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](mailto:shepherd@regionalconnections.ca) or Val Klassen- [val@regionalconnections.ca](mailto: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](http://cmu.ca/gallery).

- 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).

- 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

P: 204-330-7516 E: [glenn@truelistening.ca](mailto:glenn@truelistening.ca)

#### **- Camps with Meaning Celebration Fundraising**

**Banquets.** Let's celebrate this summer's camping ministry and raise money to send more kids to camp. October 22, 5:30pm - Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. October 23, 5:30pm - Douglas Mennonite Church. To reserve your free tickets or host a table, contact the camp office. [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca), 204-895-2267.

#### **- First Mennonite Church invites all to an in person and online Queer Theology and the Church lecture series.**

This series will explore how queer theology can lead the church beyond a framework of inclusion and into larger questions of justice and transformation. First of four Sunday evening lectures begins October 23. <https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/special-events/>