

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Pray for Harv Heinrichs as he is in Palliative Care at BTHC. Pray for family, especially for Kathy. Visitors are allowed, 2 at a time.
- We pray for our pulpit supply minister Harold Peters Fransen, and our future pastor, as they prepare to join us.
- 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 employment and daily life a struggle.
- We pray for the family care-givers.

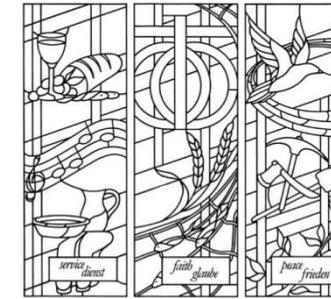
## **Prayer for Our Community**

- 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**

- **Small Korean church gains members during pandemic** Mennonite Seoul, a small congregation led by Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, has gained new members, even as they met online during COVID-19. One member said, "My way of being, problem solving and decision making have all changed because of what I have learned together with these people. My life with God has changed." Pray for this group as they continue to worship and walk together.
- **Permits finalized for De Jongs** - Praise God that the work permits and visas for Werner and Joanne De Jong have been finalized! Pray that their presence at Meserete Kristos Seminary blesses those that they serve.
- **AIMM meetings in South Africa** - Pray for Tany Warkentin, MC Canada liaison for Africa, as she travels to Burkina Faso and South Africa for meetings with partner churches with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission on Oct. 20-27. Pray, as leaders gather from various countries, for travel safety and 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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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT 62 God is here among us

Call to Worship Prayer Litany (based on Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13)

Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love:

*We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.*

Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us, forgiving us for our sin and shame:

*We come to worship and honour our merciful God, and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.*

Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered:

*We come to worship and revere our glorious God, who enriches the lives of God's own people and speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people. Amen.*

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### **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.*

### **AMC Contact information:**

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

Hymn HWB 441 I bind unto myself today  
Scripture Reading: Job 42:7-17, John 20:1-2; 11-16,  
Acts 28:1-6

Hymn VT 536 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
Sermon – Cognitive Behavioural Christianity – Greg Costen

Sharing/Praying together  
Special Music Mary & Marilyn

Benediction  
Hymn HWB 599 He leadeth me  
Postlude

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand  
Musicians: Mary Costen, Marilyn Houser Hamm  
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

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

October 23 - 4:00 pm Fall Get-Together (see below)  
October 30 11:00 am Worship Service, *Speaker:* Erika Enns  
Rodine; *Worship Leader:* Norma Thiessen *Musicians:* Loren  
Braul, Nancy Ratzlaff *Technician:* Nathan Loewen  
November 1 7:00 pm Leadership Committee meeting  
November 2 7:15 pm Worship Committee meeting  
November 3 6:30 pm AMC Kids  
November 6 11:00 am Worship Service  
Speaker is Harold Peters Fransen  
November 10/11 Rental  
November 13 9:30 am AMC Kids  
11:00 am Worship Service

**Birthdays:** October 24 – Norma Thiessen

#### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **- AMC Fall Get-together – Rescheduled to October 23**

You're invited to come to Andrea & Karey Hildebrand's for a Weiner Roast on October 23, from 4:00-7:00pm. Please bring your lawn chair, outdoor games, chips, a dessert or cookies to share. Contact Sandra at [Sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra.klassen1971@gmail.com) if you have any questions. 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).

- **Canadian Mennonite** magazine is updating the subscription list. The magazine is available in print and in digital form. Please let Lori Hiebert know if you want to make any changes to your current subscription. If you wish to start receiving it, let her know that as well, by October 27.

#### **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.

- 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).

- **The Gardens on Tenth Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in The Gardens MPR.** Talk to John Gerbrandt if you are interested in being a delegate/representative from AMC.

- In partnership with South Central Regional Library (Altona) and in response to the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action**, the local library invites you to a conversation with David A Robertson, author of *Black Water*, a memoir. October 27, 7 pm. This is part of the Indigenous Stories: A Community Book Club initiative.

- After two years of virtual concerts, **Singin' in the Grain** is delighted to invite you to a Live choral concert in support of the Canadian FoodGrains Bank (CFGB). Featured choirs are the CMU Singers from the Canadian Mennonite University and

the Faith and Life Women's Chorus. The Winnipeg concert will be held at Douglas Mennonite Church at 7:00 P.M. on October 29, 2022, and the rural concert will be held at **Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler at 3:00 P.M. on October 30, 2022.** Please consider joining us at one of these concerts to enjoy great music, and to support the efforts of CFGB to address food scarcity concerns around the world where they are most urgently needed.

- Want to learn more about how you and your church can respond to the climate crisis? **The MCM Climate Action Working Group invites you to Hope & Courage: Mennonites Gathering for Climate Action.** Come learn about a Just Transition, have conversations about Living More with Less, and be inspired to take action on climate within your church or community. The event will take place at Canadian Mennonite University on October 29 from 1 - 5 pm. Register here: [mennochurch.mb.ca/cawg](http://mennochurch.mb.ca/cawg)

- **MCI Soup & Pie and Fall Concert – November 4<sup>th</sup>.** Please join us for soup & pie (by donation) from 5-7pm and concert at 7:30pm.

- The **Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine** is holding a music and dessert evening in thanks for your support of the Mennonite Centre. The evening will feature the Faith and Life Male Choir, reports on our work in Ukraine, as well as zwieback and chokecherry jelly. There will be an opportunity to donate in support of our work. Saturday November 12, 2022 7:00 PM at Douglas Mennonite Church 1517 Rothesay Street, Winnipeg Manitoba

- **November 20 – Southern Manitoba Choral Society concert** at 2 pm, Altona Berghaler Church