

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.

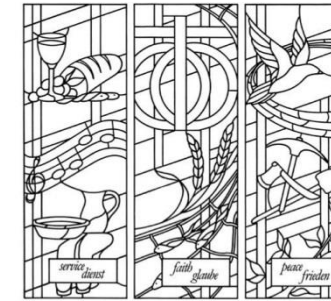
Prayers for the World

- Pray for security, peace and wisdom for congregations of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso. They had planned to gather for annual January meetings in KénéDougou province, but terrorist attacks have increased in recent weeks. Authorities have asked churches to decrease public gatherings.

- Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong ask you to pray for the safety of students traveling to and from the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia over their Christmas break (around Jan.7). Pray for Werner as he mentors four graduate students working on final research papers.

- Ten lay leaders have been identified within the China Mennonite Network for mentoring, training, and preparation for ordination. Pray for God's wisdom and discernment as leaders work with them in this next year.

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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The manifold Wisdom of God be made known

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT #61 You Are Holy, You are Whole

Call to worship

Leader: Arise, shine! For your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: Grace was given to us
to bring the news of the boundless riches of Christ,**

Leader: and to make everyone see the mystery
Hidden for ages in God who created all things,

**People: so that, through the church,
the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known to rulers and
authorities in the heavens and in the earth.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB #220 Worship the Lord in the Beauty

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymn VT #277 As with Gladness

Message Are we worshipping in the wrong place?

Harold Peters Franssen

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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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Hymn VT #276 Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

Time of Prayer

Hymn VT #810 Go, My Friends, in Grace

Benediction

Postlude

Worship leader: June Schwartz

Musicians: Gina Enns, Edna Zacharias

Sound: Nathan Loewen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

January 10 7:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting

January 15 11:00 am – Worship Service

deadline for AMC AGM Reports

Theme: Sharing – Season of Light *Speaker:* Members of AMC

Scripture: TBA *Worship Leader:* Norma Thiessen *Musicians:*

Marilyn Houser Hamm, Sylvia Klassen *Technician:* Kevin

Neufeld

Jan. 22 11:00 am – Worship Service

Jan. 29 11:00 am – Worship Service

– Harold Peters-Fransen

Feb. 5 11:00 am – Worship Service, followed by soup
lunch AND AMC's AGM

Feb. 12 11:00 am - Worship Service

- Harold Peters-Fransen

Feb. 19 11:00 am – Worship Service

Feb. 26 11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: January 10 – Karen Martens; January 14 – Fredric Dyck

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCI Board Vacancy** - Lloyd Wiebe has resigned from the MCI board after serving several years as AMC's representative. MCI is inviting AMC to nominate another representative to the board. Interested persons can contact Lloyd at 204-324-7999 for information about the responsibilities and duties associated with the position.

- **From the treasurer:** We begin a new year! As we look forward to having a pastor again, we welcome consistent, generous giving in order to fulfill that commitment. Thank you for your continuing contributions to AMC's budget. 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).

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Mondays** - January 9, 8:00pm online. Join Kathy Giesbrecht for **Congregational Care: Responsive and Proactive**. This 45 minute online workshop will introduce a resource tool that helps congregations reflect upon and perhaps re-imagine their expressions of congregational care, in particular the ministry of Deacons and Care Committees. All are welcome. Visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the link.

- **Visit CMU** - The next CMU Campus Visit Day takes place on February 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a tour of the campus, meetings with professors and current students, a financial aid presentation, opportunities to ask questions, and a treat from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit.

- **Singing our Journey: Sängerfest 2023**. Sign-up to sing in the mass choir celebrating the centenary of the Rusländer immigration to Canada. All are welcome. The event will take place at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall, July 15, 2023. More info at www.mhsc.ca/soj

- **MCI is seeking to hire a new Director of Finance and Administration**. Details are available on the school website. Job Opportunities | Mennonite Collegiate Institute (mciblues.net)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Harv Heinrichs has enjoyed being home this past month after a lengthy stay at BTHC. His condition has improved considerably! He still tires easily, but enjoys short visits. Your prayer support has been and continues to be greatly appreciated!

- We pray for Anna Penner as she receives treatment for cancer.

- We pray for our minister Harold Peters-Fransen, and for Erika Enns Rodine, our future pastor.

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:

Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor, Sarah Sawatzky at Golden West and others who are not named.

- 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.