

Prayer for Our Community

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

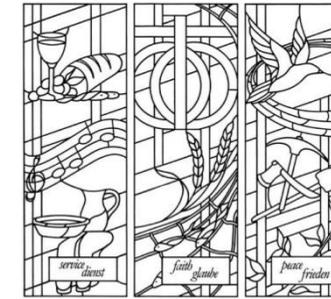
Prayers for the World

- 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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January 15, 2023

Season of Light / Gratitude

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn VT #29 Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Call to worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT #437 The Lord is my Light

Scripture verses for the Season of Light

Sharing

Marne Mierau Friesen

Scripture verses on Gratitude

Sharing

Ken Loewen

Hymn VT #120

For the Beauty of the Earth

Sharing

Congregation

Hymn

Congregational choices

Prayers of the People

Hymn VT #703

Rain Down

Benediction

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.

Worship leader: Norma Thiessen
Musicians: Loren Braul, Sylvia Klassen
Sound: Kevin Neufeld

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Jan. 22 11:00 am – Worship Service
Theme: Contemplative service led by Susie Fisher.
Musicians: Lori & Loren Hiebert *Technician:* Loren Braul
Jan. 29 11:00 am – Worship Service
Speaker: Harold Peters-Fransen *Scripture:* Micah 6:1-8;
Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12 *Worship
Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Gina Enns, Nancy
Ratzlaff *Technician:* Dale Klassen
Feb. 5 11:00 am – Worship Service, followed by soup
lunch AND AMC's AGM
Feb. 12 10:00 am Coffee with Harold
11:00 am - Worship Service - Harold Peters-Fransen
Feb. 19 11:00 am – Worship Service
Feb. 21 5:30 – 7 pm - Pancake Tuesday supper to welcome
Erika and family
Feb. 26 11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: January 15 – Sylvia Klassen; January 19 – Dave
Regehr, Ken Hamm

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Harv and Kathy Heinrichs have cancelled their landline. New
phone numbers to use are 204-304-9085 for Harv, and 204-
324-3186 for Kathy. Email addresses are
harvheinrichs@gmail.com and kathyheinrichs@yahoo.ca.

- **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

- **Hold in Common** – Join us for the first virtual gathering of
the CMU Hold in Common project, a candid look at the place
CMU and other institutions have in today's society. Share your
perspectives—your hopes and your misgivings—on what's at
stake with institutions that are shared and held collectively by
diverse, grassroots communities. Whether you are closely
invested or more distantly connected to CMU, you are
welcome. **Monday, January 16, 7:00-8:30 PM (CST).**
Details at cmu.ca/holdincommon.

- **MCM Mondays - January 16, 8:00pm** online. Let's Talk
About Homelessness MCM Director of Mission Engagement,
Melanie Neufeld will be joined by 3 special guests to share
about community solutions to end homelessness and answer
your questions. All are welcome. For more info and the link,
visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

- **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** - This "Sängerfest" (Songfest) will
celebrate the centenary of the Rusländer Mennonite
immigration to Canada in the 1920's. The event will take place
at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall, July 15, 2023. All are
welcome to **sign-up (by Feb 15)** to sing in the mass choirs.
More info at www.mhsc.ca/soj

- **Join our leadership team!** MCI is looking to hire a full-
time Director of Finance and Administration. Do you enjoy
being a part of a collaborative team? Would you like to directly
contribute to the decisions of an organization? Do you excel at
engaging with prospective donors and stakeholders? Would
you thrive in a youthful school environment? If so, we would
love to speak with you! To find out more about this position,
or to submit a cover letter and resume, please
contact jenniferklippenstein@mciblues.net or
visit mciblues.net.

- We are looking for **volunteers in MCI's library!** In the
library, volunteers assist teachers by supervising students
using that space for spares or classwork. We are in need of
occasional library coverage on Wednesday & Thursday
afternoons and morning and afternoon on Fridays. If you are

willing to be on a contact list for library supervision or would
like more information, please contact librarian Janna Wiebe by
calling the school or emailing jannawiebe@mciblues.net.

- **We are making preparations for the MCM Annual
Gathering to be held on March 3-4, 2023, Friday
evening and Saturday, at Douglas Mennonite Church
(1517 Rothesay St., Winnipeg).** It is exciting to think
about gathering together in person for the first time in three
years! This will be a wonderful time of worship,
encouragement, information, and affirmation.

Our Gathering 2023 theme is "Re-Imagining Church
Together." In light of changes in church and society during the
past few years, we as congregations and as a regional church
are asking questions like, "Who are we?" and "What is God
calling us to be and to do now, in this time and place?" At
Gathering 2023 we will explore these questions together,
drawing on the hopeful promise of Ephesians 3:20-21. You can
find more information about Gathering 2023 at
www.mennochurch.mb.ca/gathering.

If you wish to be a delegate at this meeting (we are
allowed 4), let Loren Braul or Lori Hiebert know. That info has
to be in to the conference office by Feb. 15.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Harv Heinrichs received good news from his doctor this
week. CT scan showed further improvement to his lungs!
Oxygen supply has been reduced. He is feeling better and
stronger each week! Harv and Kathy are very appreciative of
your prayer support!

- Pray for our interim speaker 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.