

Prayers for Our Community

- Please pray for MCI's annual Christian Life Retreat to Red Rock Bible Camp on Sept. 27-29. This is an important event in the MCI community. May this be a time of connection and community building.
- Pray for all teachers and students as they learn and teach.
- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for MCI.

Prayers for the World

- Pray for Ukraine.
Pray with PeaceBuilders Community (PBCI) as they work toward a sustainable transition of leadership in peace and justice work in Mindanao and other parts of the Philippines. Pray for Witness workers Lakan and Lakambini (Dann and Joji Pantoja) as they work with the group to discern future involvement in social enterprise and peace and reconciliation training. Thank you for being part of this transition process with your gifts and prayers. See the progress on the Malipayon Peace Hub:
<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/philippines-transition>

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

From the Pastor

Fall Greetings!

This week we pray for Living Word Church in Cross Lake, MB. Living Word is one of the congregations formed out of what was formerly called Native Ministries within Mennonite Church Canada. Having just marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we pray for all Indigenous communities and people groups.

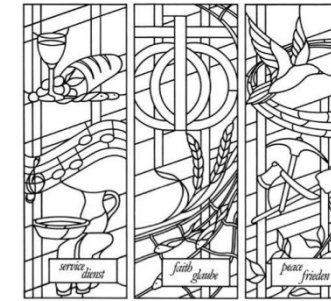
We pray for communities that are without access to clean and safe drinking water. We pray for communities, families, and individuals who have suffered the effects trauma and wound up in cycles of violence and ill health. We pray for all those who have had a loved one go missing or murdered. We give thanks for the many gifts of the Indigenous way of life, and for what we can learn. May we walk humbly, open to new relationships, committed to justice, and led by the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation.

Territorial Acknowledgement – from KAIROS

We acknowledge that the holy ground we live, move, and have our being on is the Territory of Treaty One. We acknowledge the ongoing governance and sovereignty of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Dené, Ojibway-Cree, and Métis nations, and raise our hearts in gratitude for their leadership.

As we gather today we acknowledge the millennia of Indigenous brilliance and creativity on these lands and waterways. We commit ourselves today to uprooting, naming, and confronting the dynamics of settler-colonialism and racism in our midst. With a spirit of humility, respect, and gratitude we centre our relationships with one another and all creation as we begin our gathering today.

We recognize and give honour and respect to all Survivors of Indian Residential Schools, Indian Day Schools, Indian Hospitals and Sanitoriums, the child apprehension system, prisons, and institutions of confinement. We recognize the courage of Survivors in breaking the silence and denial of the churches and state, and telling their stories. We commit ourselves to upholding the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the 231 Calls for Justice of the national inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, Two Spirit, and LGBTQQIA people. May love circle and enfold all who carry a grief too great for words.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Gratitude – Stories We Share

Prelude

Hymn VT 95 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn VT 120 For the Beauty of the Earth

Children's Time – Lori Hiebert

Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address

Offering

Readings

Hymn VT 182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Gratitude in Art - Margruite Krahn

Hymn VT 124 For the Fruit of All Creation

Readings

Hymn VT 122 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Prayers of the People

Hymn VT 701 You Are All We Have

Benediction

Hymn VT 70 Praise God (Dedication Anthem)

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine
Readers: Mick Friesen, Susie Fisher, Marnë Mierau Friesen
Musicians: Gina Enns, Nancy Ratzlaff
Technician: Dale Klassen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Please join us for lunch after the worship service.

Oct. 8 – 11:00 am Worship Service

Speaker: Dan Epp-Tiessen (video) *Theme:* Grief/Praise

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm *Musicians:* Marilyn

Houser Hamm, Edna Zacharias *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld

Oct. 11 – 5 – 8 pm – MCI rental

Oct. 14 – 2 pm - Central MB Youth Choir Concert

Oct. 15 – 11:00 am – guests Byron & Melitta Rempel

Burkholter from Palestine Israel Network

Oct. 22 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Oct. 24 – 4:30 pm Leadership Meeting

Oct. 29 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: October 3 – Julia Thiessen; October 6 – Sam Kehler

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee** sign up sheet is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCI** is looking to hire someone for a classroom support position on Monday and Thursdays, 3 hours per day. This is a paid position. For more information, contact Jennifer Klippenstein, MCI principal, by calling the school (204-327-5891) or emailing jenniferklippenstein@mciblues.net.

- **The Rhineland Area Food Bank** is in need of **volunteers** for regular once-a-month shifts to serve clients. Hours are Monday mornings, 10 am to 11 am, and evenings, 7 pm to 8 pm. We are also in need of volunteers who are willing to be on the sub list and would be available to sub when called.

If you are interested in volunteering and need more information, please email Hilda Klassen at:

Hildaklassen28@gmail.com

- October 4, 6:30 – 8:30 pm - DRIVE AWAY HUNGER

2023 - Youth will be collecting groceries and cash donations door-to-door *Double check your items for the expiry date.*

Rhineland Area Food Bank Ten Most Needed Items

Canned vegetables; Canned meat and fish

Canned soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato

Canned fruit; Canned beans in tomato sauce

Pasta, Kraft dinner, Mr. Noodle and Pasta sauce

Rice (small bags)

Oatmeal and non-sugared Cereals; Peanut Butter

Juice (powdered)

- Altona and District Palliative Care Volunteer Team

is looking for new **volunteers** to support people in our community who are dealing with serious illness and loss.

There is a Pall. Care Training Program upcoming Oct. 16th and 23rd in Morden. If interested in becoming a volunteer, contact

Maria Nickel at 204-324-4480

altonapalliativecare@gmail.com

- Southern Manitoba Concert Series is celebrating 50 years of bringing the Arts to our communities. See poster on the bulletin board for this season's concerts.

CONFERENCE RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 26, 7 pm - Which Violence, Whose Safety?

- Political promises and collective care in our city and province. First Mennonite Church - see poster on bulletin board.

- October 27 – 28 - J.J. Thiessen Lecture and CMU

Symposium – Join CMU on Friday, October 27 at 11:00 AM until Saturday, October 28 at 4:00 PM for a free lecture and symposium. CMU faculty, alumni, and church voices will reflect on what CMU is today and where it is headed. More details and registration to come.

- November 4/5 - Camps with Meaning Celebration

Banquets. Join us November 4th @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler and November 5th @ Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Contact the camp office to reserve your free spot. camps@mennochurch.mb.ca, 204-895-2267

- November 11 - Returning Wealth: Land Reparations

and the Church. Discerning collective opportunities for relationship healing, land repair, and land return. Keynote: Sarah Augustine; with Elder Rev Stan McKay and local contributors Adele Perry and Shelisa Klassen. 8:45am-4pm Saturday 11 November 2023, Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship.

Register by Nov. 8 - \$10 for students, \$25 for non-students, \$15 for morning online. Contact Melanie Neufeld for more information, mneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca. For more info and to register: www.mennochurch.mb.ca/returningwealth

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for healing for Rosie Braul and John Gerbrandt.

- Condolences to Anna and Steve Penner and family, on the passing of Anna's mother Hok Wolters on September 12. Hok was 94.

- Pray for Erika Enns Rodine, Josh, Freya and Sigga.

- 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, Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Marlene Plett at Katherina Courts 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.

- We pray for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.