

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.

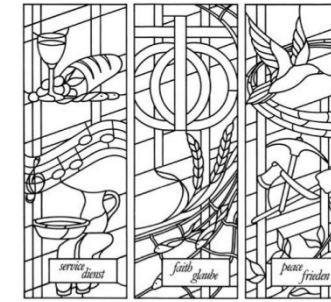
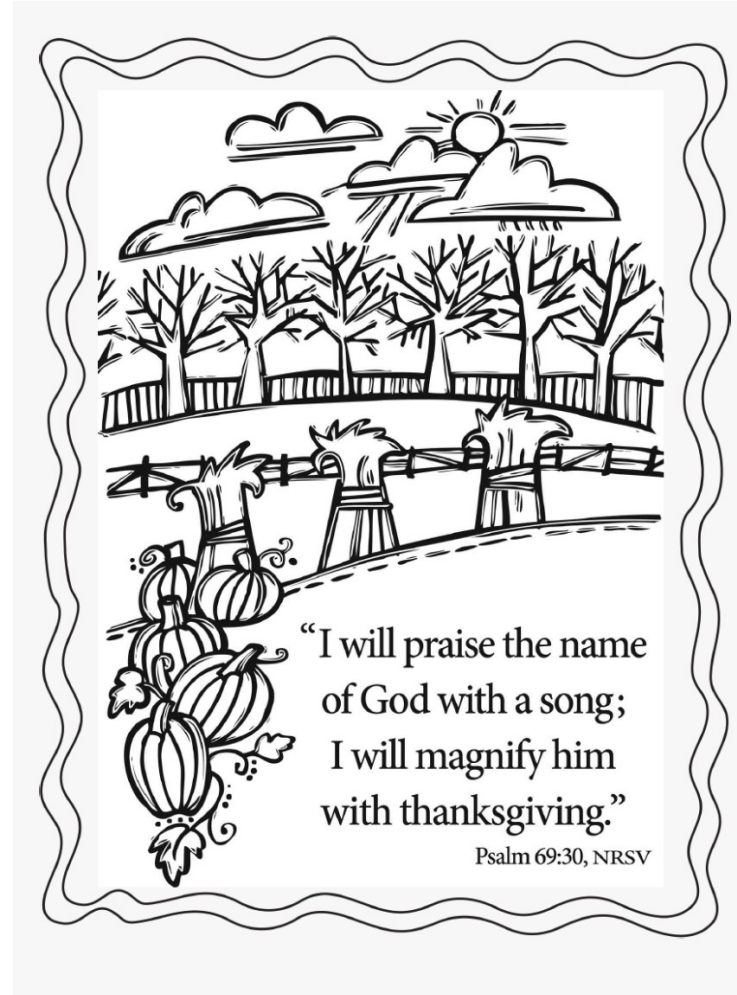
Prayers for the World

- 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 Happy Thanksgiving!

This week we pray for Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church. We pray that they have had a good harvest season.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Gathering in Praise and Thanksgiving

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Hymn VT#101 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Call to Worship HWB #821 Psalm 100:1-5
Hymn VT#747 We Plow the Fields and Scatter
Prayer of Invocation
Welcome & Announcements

Hearing the Word

Psalm 103: 1-18 HWB #822
Sung Psalm 103
(Insert) Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Crouch)
VT#127 Bless the Lord, My Soul (Taize)
Message - Professor Emeritus Dan Epp-Tiessen,
Canadian Mennonite University (video)

Responding to the Word

Hymn #644 Healer of Our Every Ill
Time of Sharing and Prayer
Sung Prayer VT#136 Santo (Holy)
VT#419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Offering VT#684 *I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry*

Sending

Hymn VT#114 Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Edna Zacharias

Technician: Kevin Neufeld

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Oct. 10 – 5 – 8 pm – MCI rental

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

– see poster for other locations

Oct. 15 – 11:00 am – *Theme:* Palestine Israel Network

Speaker: Byron & Melita Rempel-Burkholder *Worship Leader:*

Ray Hamm *Musicians:* Loren Braul, Marilyn Houser Hamm

Technician: Nathan Loewen

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

Nov. 5 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Nov. 12 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: October 9 – Ray Hamm; October 12 – Marge Friesen

Anniversaries: October 11 – Ray & Marilyn Houser Hamm

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you interested in learning something new or know someone who wants to? **The Sound Booth Technicians** would love to add you to their group! You would be part of a regular rotation. Please contact Kevin Neufeld for information.

- 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

- The Orange Bench will be outside the Altona Civic Centre until October 14th! At this new location, you'll have the chance to sit and read about truth, reconciliation, and resilience. We

have also prepared storyboards featuring Miskogizhigok's story (also known as Marjorie Nelson), as told by her daughter Josephine Hartin. We believe Miskogizhigok's story draws attention to all three themes.

- **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

- **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.

- **The Gardens on Tenth Annual General Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 PM in The Gardens MPR. Your Board representative will be looking for delegates to represent your church so please talk to him/her if you are interested.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **October 27 - J.J. Thiessen Lecture** – You are invited to hear Dr. Willie James Jennings of Yale Divinity School present his talk entitled, Gathering the pieces that remain: Weaving life together from the fragments of faith, race, and land. October 27 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons or via livestream. Visit cmu.ca/jjt for details and livestream.

- **October 27/28 - A Time of Reckoning: Telling the CMU Story** – Join a two-day symposium on October 27 and 28. Featuring short reflections and dialogue with CMU faculty, alumni, and church voices, participants will investigate what CMU is today and where it's going in light of its mission. More details and free registration at cmu.ca/timeofreckoning.

- **October 28 or 29 - Singin' in the Grain** invites you to attend a choral concert in support of the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**. Featured this year are the Chamber Choir from the Steinbach Regional Secondary School, and the Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Concert Choir. Concert dates are October 28 at 7:00 PM at the Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, and on October 29 at 3:00 PM at Emmanuel Mennonite in Winkler. Please join us to hear great music performed by talented young people, and to help CFCB address the food security needs of people around the world.

- **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

- **November 17, 7 pm – Recovery of Hope's Sliding Fee Scale Fundraiser** at CMU's Laudamus Hall. Admission by donation. Entertainment by Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustaedter Barg, Jon Gunther; Paul Bergman; The Janzen Boys.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for healing for Rosie Braul and John Gerbrandt.
- 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.