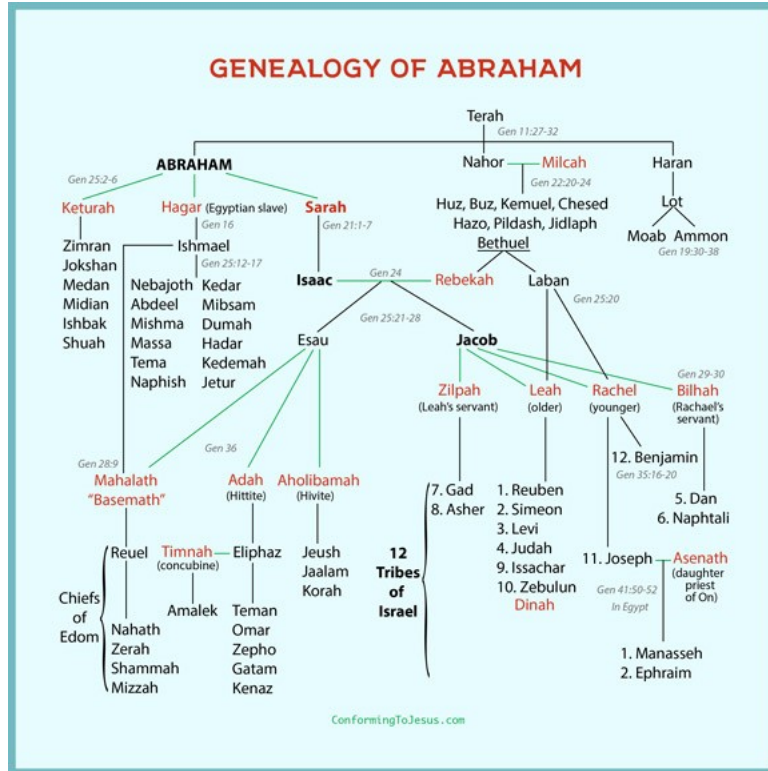


From the Pastor

Good morning,

I love me a good family tree. One of my favourite parts of getting to spend time at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives when I was doing my university practicum was charting ancestry and mapping out relations (as in, determining that so and so is my 6th cousin twice removed)!

So in light of the stories we've been covering this fall, here's a family tree of the line of Abraham! Lots of wives, and some marrying between cousins. Not all that different from some European Royal Family Trees...



This week we pray for North Kildonan Mennonite Church. NKMC recently passed a vote to become a Welcoming Congregation – we praise God for a good process of decision making, and pray that as they live into this next chapter of congregational life that all members and voices will work together in the love and unity of Christ.

Climate Action For Peace

Preparing for Peace Sunday

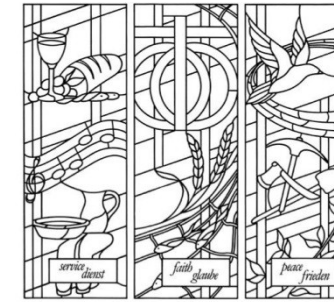


On November 12, our service will be on the theme of climate change and peace and we'll be using MCC's Peace Sunday resources to explore this topic. If your family or small group would like to do some reflections on this theme ahead of time, you can visit ClimateActionForPeace.com.

The stories, fact sheets and other resources found here will help you learn about the realities of climate change and renew your hope of a future where a true and just peace is a reality. And it will help you get inspired to take climate action to help bring about peace.



Climate change is impacting people around the world. Scan this QR code and find out how to take action!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Stories That Shape Us – Joseph the Dreamer

Welcome & Announcement

Call to Worship

* Hymn

Dramatic Presentation of Joseph the Dreamer (from the Peace Table)

Offering

Scripture Reading - Genesis 37:1-8

* Hymn

Message

Erika Enns Rodine

Sharing & Prayer

* Hymn

Benediction

* Hymn

* Hymns will be announced during the service

Worship Leader: Margruike Krahn

Musicians: Margruike Krahn, Leo Dyck, Elliot Rempel, Paul Krahn

Technician: Kevin Neufeld

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Birthdays: November 7 – John Gerbrandt

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Nov. 7 – 4:30 pm Leadership meeting
Nov. 12 - 11:00 am Worship Service *Theme:* Climate and Peace *Speaker:* Guest – Kenten Lobe from MCM's Climate Action Working Group *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Loren Braul, Nancy Ratzlaff *Technician:* Nathan Loewen
Nov. 19 – Joint service at Altona United Church
Nov. 21 – 4:30 pm Formation meeting
Nov. 26 – 11:00 am – Worship Service, Erika Enns Rodine
Decorating for Advent sometime this week
December 3 – 11:00 Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
First Advent!

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!
- **Canadian Mennonite subscriptions:** All who attend AMC may receive a subscription. The biweekly magazine is delivered by mail and email. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through our conference and by donation. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences, please contact Lori Hiebert by Nov. 8.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Volunteers needed, for Eastview Personal Care Home and Apartments at Gardens on Tenth**
> For programs or just for company and presence
> Children/youth groups, music groups, groups or individuals for programs, for games and visiting
> For more details and ideas see list on bulletin board.
- **FREE screening of Rustic Oracle on Tuesday November 7th at 7:00pm** at the Community Exchange in Altona. There will be a sharing circle following the film. We anticipate representatives from STEPS, Genesis House, Pembina Valley Red Dress Project, and Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation will be present to help facilitate the discussion. See poster on Bulletin board.

- **November 20, 2023** - Mennonite Collegiate Institute invites you to join us on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 pm for the AGM. We will meet in MCI's chapel. We hope to see you there!

- **Cottonwood Community Drama** presents, The Tin Woman. **November 23-25**, 7:30 pm at the Buhler Hall in Gretna. Tickets on sale soon at the MCI website.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **November 5, 3 pm - The Mennonite Community Orchestra** presents a concert entitled "The Power of Hope" which includes a "Tribute to Ukraine". Works by Skoryk, Lysenko and Silvestrov will be included at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 560 Arlington St. For tickets and other information, visit mennonitecommunityorchestra.ca

- **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 18, 5 pm** - Energizing Hope: Finding Our Place in Climate Action - Nov 18 at CMU (South Campus)
The MCM Climate Action Working Group invites you to an evening of visiting and listening to the voices of three young adults in the church. Alayna Smith, Aria Klassen, and Asher Warkentin will share reflections from recent experiences at "Rooted and Grounded," a climate conference hosted by AMBS in Elkhart, IN. Kyle Penner will provide reflections and questions for discussion for guests and the panel. The event begins at 5pm with a free supper - provided by CAWG. Program at 6pm. Register now at mennochurch.mb.ca/cawg

- **November 18 – Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine** are hosting a Music and Dessert Evening at 7 pm at Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay St. Winnipeg. Donations will be graciously received and receipted. See poster for further details.

November 21 – noon - Samosa Lunch at the U of M Menno Office. Kathy Giesbrecht, MCM staff, will be showing up with samosas for everyone! Be sure to let all our U of M students know. <https://mennooffice807238384.wordpress.com/>

- **November 17 - Music for Mental Health is a free fundraising concert at 7 pm**, at Canadian Mennonite University, in the Laudamus Auditorium, with musical performances by Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustaedter Barg, & Jon Gunther; Paul Bergman; & The Janzen Boys". Funds raised will support the Sliding Fee Scale program, which keeps counselling accessible for low-income individuals, couples, and families.

- **November 25** - Christmas at CMU returns to start the Advent season. Enjoy various CMU music ensembles perform Christmas selections on November 25 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM on the CMU campus. Visit cmu.ca/christmas.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- 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.
- We pray for Marlene Rempel and her siblings as they prepare for the funeral service for their mother Dianne Rempel.

Prayers for Our Community

- 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

- **Let's pray for Little Flowers Community** this week that they might have the resilience, hope, and funding they need to do the unique ministry of transformational justice which God has called them to in Winnipeg's inner city.
- **As we lament the ongoing hostility between Israelis and Palestinians**, let us continue to pray for those working for a future that ends the deep and longstanding injustices that lie at the root of the crisis. The Palestine-Israel Network has provided prayers of lament and intercession: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/16090>