

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>

MCC Climate Action For Peace **Preparing for Peace Sunday**

Today, our service is on the theme of climate change and peace. We will be using MCC's Peace Sunday resources to explore this topic. If your family or small group would like to do further reflections on this theme, you can visit ClimateActionForPeace.com.

The stories, fact sheets and other resources found there 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!

From the Pastor

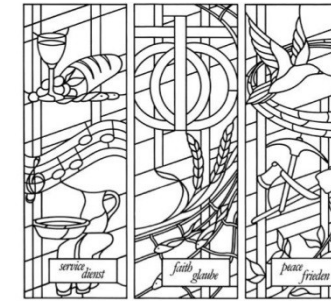
Greetings!

Recently, Mennonite Church Manitoba provided the treasurers of member congregations with some information about how the money we forward to MCM ends up being distributed, so to speak. This following was taken directly from Michael Pahl's letter to MCM church Treasurers:

For every \$1000 forwarded to MCM by our member congregations...

- \$140 goes to Camps with Meaning, our regional church camping and retreat ministry
- \$105 goes to Leadership Ministries, supporting our pastors and spiritual leaders, and helping congregations find and sustain good pastoral leadership
- \$90 goes to Congregational Ministries, supporting congregations in areas of worship, faith formation, and congregational care
- \$60 goes to Mission Ministries, supporting congregations in their local mission efforts and connecting them to shared regional, nationwide and international mission work
- \$75 goes to Canadian Mennonite University, our regional denominational university that helps to train church leaders
- \$50 goes to *Canadian Mennonite*, our denominational periodical that helps to connect us across our nationwide church.
- \$5 goes to the Inter-Mennonite Chaplaincy Association, partnering with other Mennonite denominations to provide chaplaincy services at the U of M
- \$300 is forwarded to Mennonite Church Canada for our shared nationwide ministries, which include:
 - \$110 to International Witness Ministries
 - \$25 to CommonWord, our denominational resource centre
 - \$10 to the Mennonite Archives and Gallery
 - \$10 to our affiliated bodies, such as Mennonite World Conference
- Out of every \$1000, \$175 at the regional church level and \$100 at the nationwide church level goes toward administration, communication, facilities, and operations, to support all this work we share together as MCM and MCCanada.
- AMC forwarded nearly \$14,000 to MCM last year. Thank you to the whole congregation for that expression of covenant commitment!

This week we pray for two MCM congregations (because we will not have a bulletin next week): Oak Lake Mennonite Church, and Pinawa Christian Fellowship. May God bless and keep our siblings of the faith in those communities.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Climate Action for Peace - Peace Sunday

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Diane Bish
Welcome & Announcement
Introduction

Hymn VT 42 Could it Be that God is Singing
Call to worship - Humility
Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT 34 We Praise You O God Our Redeemer
Scripture Reading – Psalm 78:1-7
Children's Time – From Garbage to Garden

Confession - A prayer for frugal life
Offering *Simple Gifts* arr. Wilbur Held

Scripture Matthew 25:1-13
Message Kenton Lobe
Hymn VT 298 What Is the World Like

Praying for our world & one another
Hymn VT 732 Open My Eyes

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

A commitment to renew our common home

Leader: God of creation

We come to you this season recognizing that you are the creator,
and we open our eyes to the beauty that fills the creatures, the land,
the air and the water.

People: You are creator not only of humankind, but of all that graces this

planet and this universe.

Leader: God of these days

People: In this time of pandemic, climate change, racial inequity,

biodiversity loss and other threats to your creation, we recognize
that we are blessed by what you have made, while also dependent
on how that creation is cared for.

Leader: God of justice

We come recognizing our complicity in not caring for that with
which you have blessed us.

People: We fail our sisters and brothers around the world when our actions

cause harm to our world.

Leader: God of peace

People: We ask your guidance for how to honour your creation in these

challenging times.

We humbly open our hearts and minds to what we can do to be
your instruments of peace, in helping to make the global Anabaptist church a community that people can point to and say — they
are taking creation care seriously; they are faithful Christians.

Leader: God of assurance

All: Thank you for the assurance that you are with us in this journey.

Renew our spirits, as we work to renew our common home.

In the name of Jesus, amen.

Hymn VT 828 There's a Wild Hope in the Wind
Postlude

Worship Leader: Andrea Martens

Musicians: Loren Braul, Nancy Ratzlaff

Technician: Nathan Loewen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Nov. 19 – 11:00 am - **Joint service and Potluck Lunch at Altona United Church**, Greg Costen is speaking. Bring a potluck dish to share.

Nov. 21 – 4:30 pm Formation meeting

Nov. 26 – 11:00 am – Worship Service

Theme: Baby in the Basket *Speaker:* Erika Enns Rodine

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen *Musicians:* Lori & Loren

Hiebert *Technician:* Loren Braul

Decorating for Advent sometime this week

December 3 – 11:00 Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
First Advent!, Communion

Birthdays: Nov. 15 – Dale Klassen; Nov. 16 – Loren Braul

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

- **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.

- **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 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 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 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! Let your U of M student know. <https://mennooffice807238384.wordpress.com/>

- **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.

- **Faith and Life Choirs Christmas Carol sing "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"**. Sunday December 17, 2023. 3:30pm at Bethel Mennonite Church. Featuring poetry by Sue Sorensen and monologues by Arlyn Friesen Epp.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

- Prayers of condolance to Marge Friesen, and Henry & Margaret Rempel on the passing of their brother Jake Rempel.

- 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.