

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Please hold Ken Hamm in your prayers. He was brought to HSC this week and is currently in ICU there.
- Judy Goertzen, Lori Hiebert's sister is receiving palliative care at Grace Hospital. Pray for her family as further decisions are made.
- We pray for Bev Barton as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.
- We pray for Anne Kehler, Dan's mom as she recovers from a broken hip and broken ribs. She is at Eastview Place.
- We pray for our pastor and her family
- 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, Hilda Elias at Centre 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.

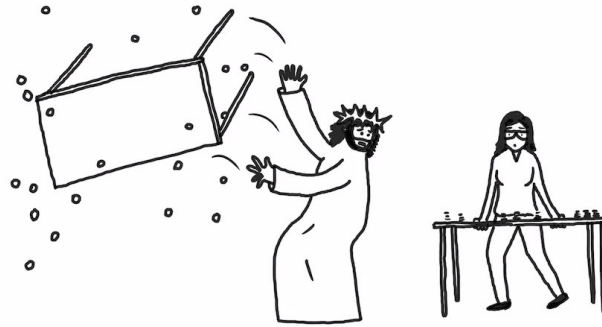
Prayers for Our Community

- 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

- **Palestine-Israel Network** - Israel's massive military campaign in Gaza has brought untold destruction and suffering. At least three-quarters of the population of 2.3 million have been internally displaced, and more than 26,000 have been killed (two-thirds women and children). Let us hold in prayer those who are witnessing to God's peace through the four regional working groups of Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network and the many local initiatives of Mennonite Action. On February 9, Mennonites will gather publicly in Ottawa and other centres around the country to sing hymns, pray, deliver petitions, and call on our political leaders to support a path forward based on justice, nonviolence, international law, and compassion.

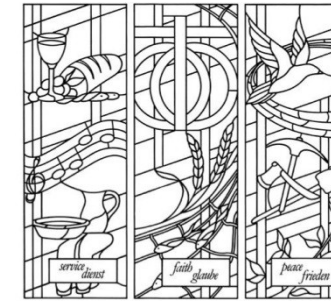
From the Pastor



"AND NOW YOU JUST FLIP IT LIKE THIS!"

Cartoon by David Haywood, Available at nakedpastor.com

Lent 3 Visuals: Scattered coins have been added to the visuals up front this Sunday to represent the kerfuffle Jesus caused in the temple. They serve as a reminder that we need to be 'shaken up' and have our own tables turned over once in a while to realign our priorities to fit with God's.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Christ Among Us, Showing Us Justice

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 103 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19

Call to Worship

All: *May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: We speak because you spoke first, bringing voice to the brightness of the sun and singing the airy darkness of the sky. You spoke this earth from end to end, and speaking must have given you pleasure, for you said, "It was good."

Many: *May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: Year after year you have poured forth speech: passing stories and statutes down through hands and lips. From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we spoke to you - singing songs of consolation that would become your psalms to us; writing poems our children's children would hear as the voice of God.

Many: *May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.*

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

One: Your law, O Lord, is perfect. Your Word is the one that endures. We seek the grammar of your justice in the words that you spoke before. Speak here now; speak here once more.

All: And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

One: We often miss the beauty in your work, God.

Many: Forgive our distracted hearts.

One: When we put our trust in other things,

Many: remind us of your love and care.

All: Bring joy to us once again.

One: May the meditations of our hearts

Many: be pleasing on your sight,

All: our Rock and our Redeemer.

Hymn VT 712 Beauty for Brokenness

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn STJ 65 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Scripture Reading: John 2:13-22

Sermon Erika Enns Rodine

Hymn VT 146 Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn

RESPONDING

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn VT 802 Draw the Circle

Benediction

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen

Musician(s): Lori Hiebert, Loren Hiebert

Scripture Reader: Marge Friesen

Technician: Kevin Neufeld

Birthdays:

March 8 – Nicole Wood, Ryan Schwartz; March 9 – Paul Hiebert, Felicity Mullet; March 10 – Irv Giesbrecht; March 12 – Bryson Loewen; March 15 – Marlene Wiebe; March 16 – Josh Rodine

Anniversaries:

March 10 – Albert & Sylvia Klassen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

March 8-10 AMC Retreat at Camp Koinonia

11:00 am Coffee and visiting at church for those not at retreat

March 17 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Theme: Christ Among Us, the New Covenant *Scripture:* Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:20-33; Hebrews 5:5-10 *Worship Leader:* Margruite Krahn *Musicians:* Paul & Margruite Krahn, Elliot Rempel, Leo Dyck *Technician:* Nathan Loewen

March 24 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Palm Sunday

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

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!

- **Last call for retreaters** - There are still 2 unassigned rooms in the lodge, and adding a few more folks to the retreat roster would be wonderful! Everyone gets their own space! Talk to Erika if you have questions or interest in joining next weekend.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCI presents The Pirates of Penzance** – tickets are on sale now! Join us in Buhler Hall for this entertaining musical on March 7, 8, 9th nightly at 7:30 pm, and for a matinee at 2:00 pm on March 9th! Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.mciblues.net or by calling the school at (204) 327-5891 during school hours.

- **Join us for an MCI Open House!** We invite prospective students (gr. 5-8) to register and join us for an open house one hour before show times on March 8th (evening) and 9th (aft.). Prospective students who register will receive a free musical ticket and backstage pass! Call the school or email info@mciblues.net to register!

- **Local chamber choir Prairie Singers** invites you to join them in celebration of the universal language of music, with their concert 'Song of the Universal', featuring Post Road Strings – a DKSM orchestra. Two concerts on Saturday, March 9th, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm at the Winkler Emmanuel Church. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$5/student. Tickets may be purchased from choristers or at the door prior to the concert. For more information email theprairiesingers@gmail.com

- **YFC's Miss Mondays will be hosting a paint night** with Cheryl Krahn! All girls ages 12 - 20 are welcome to attend. It will be held Monday March 11th from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Make sure you let us know you're coming by March 8th. You can text or call Kendra at 204-362 -4072, or email at kendra.fehr@yfc.ca. See you there!

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Mondays Mar 4, 7:30pm on Zoom.** These sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is interested in the topic. "Following up on MCM Gathering 2024". Join Michael Pahl to talk about what happened at Gathering 2024 and where we go from here as a regional church. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

- **In this season of Lent, pilgrims in 125 cities are mapping the length of the Gaza Strip onto their bodies by walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza.** Join Winnipeg's walk on **Saturday, March 16.** It begins in the Medicine Garden at St. John's Park, 1 Fowler St., at 7:30 a.m. The 42-kilometer pilgrimage consists of seven segments; walk the entire length, or one or more of the segments. For more info: www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com and for local info go to the Join a Pilgrimage page. Contact: Michael at michael.b.yung@gmail.com 204-771-0684. -- Supported by Mennonite Church Manitoba Palestine-Israel Network, MCC Manitoba, and Mennonite Action.

- **CMU Discover Day** – Full- or half-day options available on **March 8.** Tour the CMU campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid, ask questions, and have treats on us! Visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

- **The Mennonite Community Orchestra** presents a concert for children and the young at heart on **Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 PM** at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 560 Arlington St. Hear the orchestra perform "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Magic Flute Overture." Free tickets for children. Visit mennonitecommunityorchestra.ca.

- **The Verna Mae Music Competition**, an annual event that showcases the work of CMU music students, is being held this year on **Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM** in the Laudamus Auditorium. The concert will feature competition finalists Arielle Beaupré, Ava Campbell Enns, Carolynne Bracken, Emily Myers, Jacob Kenny, Vina Dimayuga, and Will Harder. Visit cmu.ca/events.

- **A great summer of camp is coming!** All registrations are open: campers, staff, volunteers. www.campswithmeaning.org