

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Please hold Ken Hamm in your prayers. He is recovering at home.
- 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

- **Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL)** will be holding its national assembly March 22-25 in Cachipay, Colombia.

Please pray for these siblings in faith as they gather, worship, celebrate and discern together. Pray also for Janet Plenert (pictured), Liaison Worker for ministry in Latin America, who will be representing Mennonite Church Canada at this gathering.

- **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

Happy Sunday!

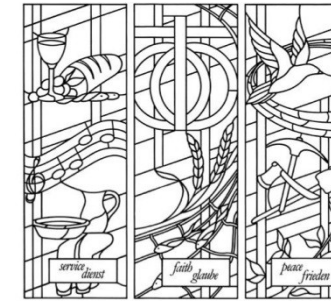
Those of us who spent last weekend at Camp Koinonia had a wonderful retreat!

There is actually snow out west, and because of the beautiful mild weather, we could enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities: skiing, snowshoeing, s'mores, wiener & bannock roasting over the bonfire, walks on the lake, rolling giant snowballs, and the tube slide. We ate well, laughed a lot, had good conversation, played games, the kids ran around a LOT and played hide and seek with Margruite, and on Sunday morning we sang camp songs for at least an hour! It was a full weekend, and we want to do it again next year!

Lent 5 visuals:

This week's symbol is a seed. We will be planting seeds during the children's time this morning and placing them on the path to represent how we grow in faith and discipleship.

"To have Christ within us, we must die to self. We must throw off all the external things that get in our way and look within. For a seed to produce anything, it has to die. Then, and only then, will it bear fruit. We are like that seed. Patiently and lovingly, God waits for us to surrender." (Leader Magazine Worship Resources)



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Christ Among Us, the New Covenant

Hymn VT 43 God, Be the Love

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Call to Worship

One: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbours, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

Many: This new covenant is being offered to us.

One: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Many: Death must come before resurrection.

A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.

All: This new covenant is being offered to us: to lay down our life and follow.

One: The life-giving ways of God paced within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God's people and God is our God.

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Hymn VT 258 Love Has Come
Children's Time
Offering
Scripture Reading John 12:20-33
Message
Hymn VT 670 In the Bulb
Prayer of Confession

One: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy.
Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

One: O God, wash us, make us clean,
create in us a new spirit.

Many: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.

**All: So that we can cry out with joy,
cleansed in your abundant mercy.**

Sharing & Prayer

Hymn VT 398 Thy Word is a Lamp
Benediction
Thy Word is a Lamp

Worship Leader: Margruite Krahn

Musician(s): Paul & Margruite Krahn, Elliot Rempel, Leo Dyck

Technician: Nathan Loewen

Birthdays: March 17 – Ashlyn Loewen Thiessen; March 18 –
Lauren Martens; March 20 – Marlene Dyck

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

March 19 - 7:00 pm Leadership Council

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

Theme: Christ Among Us, the Way of a Servant *Scripture:*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16;

Philippians 2:5-11 *Worship Leader:* Greg Costen *Musicians:*

Mary Costen, Marilyn Houser Hamm *Technician:* Dale Klassen

March 28 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm Maundy Thursday – Exploring the
Labyrinth and Communion Service

March 29 – 11:00 am - Good Friday service, AUC invited

March 31 – 9:30 am Easter Breakfast

11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

April 7 – 11:00 am – Worship Service – Mick Friesen

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!

- **Join the Choir!** There will be a joint AMC/AUC choir again
this year for Good Friday. Rehearsals will be on March 20 & 27
(Wednesdays) at 7pm at AMC. The choir will also meet early
to warm up on the morning of the service, March 29.

- **Maundy Thursday - Exploring the Labyrinth** - Come
explore the labyrinth (stations of the cross) on March 28 at
Seeds (in the worship auditorium) anytime between 6:30-
8:00pm. AMC has 'booked' the space for Maundy Thursday
evening, and we'll also be inviting our friends at AUC to join us
for this time of meditation and communion. If you want to
participate with others (or kids), come closer to 6:30. If you
want a quieter time of reflection, come during the latter part
of the evening. Erika will be there for the duration of the
evening to guide and serve communion.

- **Please join us for Easter breakfast** on Sunday March 31,
2024 at 9:30 AM in the church basement. Please bring paska
or hot cross buns along with cut up fruit and hard boiled eggs
enough for your family plus a little extra. Coffee, Tea and
Juice will be provided. Set up is Group 1 and Clean up is Group
2.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Two newcomer families sponsored by Build a Village**
will soon be coming to Altona and we are being asked if we
would provide some of the items needed. Please bring them to
the church or to me (Elaine) before March 22.

General List - we need gently used furniture and household
items to furnish a house and an apartment - beds, couches,
tables and chairs, dishes, lamps, pots and pans etc.

- **Blood Donor Clinic - Thursday, March 21** at the Altona
Rhineland Pioneer Centre - Main Floor Hall – 227 – 10 Ave NW
Please contact Blood.ca to make an appointment.

- **Southern Manitoba Choral Society** – "Prairie to Sea
Melodies" concert at the Altona Berghaler Church, Sunday,
March 24, 3:00 pm

- **YFC's Miss Mondays** will be hosting a tie dye night on
March 25th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. All girls ages 12 - 20 are welcome
to come! Please sign up ASAP, letting us know your choice of
either a t-shirt (\$10) or a crew-neck (\$20) along with your
size. It's gonna be a ton of fun, hope to see you there!

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Mondays Mar 18, 7:30pm on Zoom.** These
sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is
interested in the topic. "Pastoral Models – can we imagine
other options?". Many congregations are seeing the need and
value in finding more shared and alternate models of
leadership. We urge congregations who are currently
searching for pastoral leadership to be a part of this event that
will be hosted by Karen Schellenberg - Co-Director of
Leadership Ministries. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays
for more info and the Zoom link.

- **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.

- **Light the Fire Launch Party. Your Camps with
Meaning Capital Campaign** is launching on April 14, 2024,
7:00pm, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by
Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Food,
drink, news, and of course an invitation to think about how
you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free
tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

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

- **Germinating Conversations: Sustainable Food
Production – How do we do that?!** Hosted by MCC, CMU,
and A Rocha, join us to hear from soil scientist Dr. Mario
Tenuta, in conversation with local farmers on soil, fertilizer,
greenhouse gases and climate change. Come to CMU's Great
Hall (500 Shaftesbury Blvd., North Campus) on Friday, April 5
at 7:00pm. Stay for cookies and conversation after the
presentations. To learn more, check out
mcc.org/manitoba/germinatingconversations.