

Prayers for the World

- **Watch for opportunities to meet Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong...**

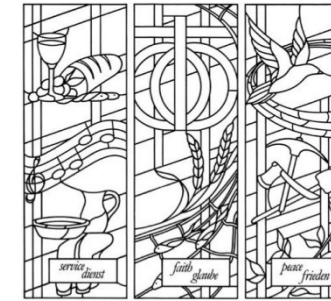
... together with Thai colleagues, Pastor Khamphan and Pastor Thippawan in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the month of April. Pray for the relationships being built and connections made in this travel. **April 13, 5-7pm at North Kildonan Church.** Celebrating ministry in Thailand with food, fellowship, and friends Tom Poovong, Pastors Khamphan and Thippawan. Sign up for a dish and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

From the Pastor

Happy Easter! Christ is risen!

We welcome the Orange Bench to AMC this Easter weekend. It will be in our church for the next couple of weeks. Steps Toward Reconciliation is a local working group (Susie, Mick, and Erika are members) that had the Orange Bench crafted locally for the purpose of engaging the community in reconciliation efforts. The materials that go with the bench are information and personal stories that speak to issues such as the Residential School experience, the 60s Scoop, and Resiliency.

Next week is our Orange Bench worship service. As individuals, and indeed as a community of faith, we seek to embody Christ's spirit of peace and reconciliation. We seek to know and love our neighbours, and to be guided in ways of Truth and Justice by God, our Creator and Sustainer. Mick Friesen will be speaking on Sunday, April 7.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Christ Among Us!

Prelude

One: Christ is Risen,

Many: He has risen indeed. X 3

Hymn VT 333 Low in the Grave He Lay

Call to Worship

One: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

Many: The risen Christ is here among us!

One: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

All: We find the risen Christ among us who has made all things new!

One: Peace be with you!

Many: Peace be with you!

Hymn VT 341 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

Prayer of Rejoicing

One: Risen Jesus, you make all things new.

Many: You call us by name to come to you.

One: You come preaching peace and forgiving sins.

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Many: You prepare a feast for us and wipe away all tears.

All: You bring life everlasting. We rejoice in your salvation, Lord of all!

Children's Time

Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9 John 20:1-18

Hymn VT 342 That Easter Morn, at Break of Day

Sermon

Offering

Praying for one another

Hymn VT 348 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Postlude

Benediction

Hymn SS 89 Christ is Alive

Postlude

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand

Musician(s): Loren & Lori Hiebert

Technician: Kevin Neufeld

Birthdays: April 3 – Bretlyn Loewen

Anniversaries: April 3 - Karey & Andrea Hildebrand;
Ray & Doreen Mierau

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

April 7 – 9:30 am – Book Study – see announcement

– 11:00 am – Worship Service – Mick Friesen

Theme: Orange Bench *Scripture:* TBA *Worship Leader:*

Erika Enns Rodine *Musicians:* Loren Braul, Sylvia Klassen

Technician: Nathan Loewen

April 14 – 9:30 am Book Study

– 11:00 am Worship Service - Erika Enns Rodine

April 21 – 9:30 am Book Study

– 11:00 am Worship Service - Erika Enns Rodine

April 28 – 9:30 am – Book Study

– 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

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!

- **AMC's Formation Committee** has planned Sunday School/Youth activities for April and May at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Every other week there will be joint Bible memorization with Margrute, which will alternate with separate Youth Classes/AMC kids bake muffins and serve coffee on the Sundays in between.

- **Spring Book Study:** Join us in reading and discussing Sarah Augustine & Sheri Hostetler's book: "So We & Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis" Sunday mornings in the church library (basement) starting April 7 from 9:30-10:30. The book is \$26, see Lori H.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Home Routes concert – Jack Garton** – Monday, April 1 at Gardens on 10th Doors open at 6:30 pm, suggested donation \$25.

- **Fruit Jam Fundraising concert** for the community orchard, April 13, doors open at 6. See poster.

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute invites applications for a full-time Principal** with a strong record of leadership in educational administration. A 9-12 high school, MCI emphasizes strong academics, offers excellent fine arts and athletics opportunities, and fosters a unique student community through a dormitory program. The successful applicant will demonstrate a passion for renewing and strengthening the mission of MCI, building on the work done by our current interim leadership. For further information, contact Board Chair, Jonathan Regehr at jonathanregehr@mciblues.net or visit <https://mciblues.net>.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 They are hoping for 10 people per congregation!

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

- **Germinating Conversations: Sustainable Food Production** – CMU invites you to join Dr. Mario Tenuta and three farmer respondents in a conversation on soil, fertilizer, greenhouse gases, and climate change on **Friday, April 5** at 7:00 PM in CMU's Great Hall. Presented by CMU, MCC, Foodgrains Bank, and A Rocha Canada. Visit cmu.ca/events.

- **Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard** – a Face2Face panel discussion on Tuesday, **April 16** at 7:00 PM at CMU and via livestream. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit cmu.ca/face2face.

- **Annual Birding Retreat. May 24-26.** Camp Koinonia. No experience required. Visit the webpage for more information and to register. www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat.

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.