

## **Prayers for the World**

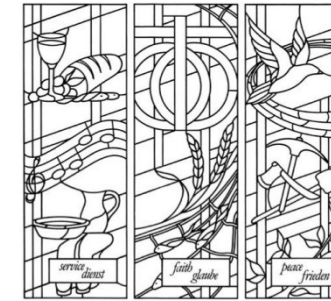
- **Watch for opportunities to meet Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong...**

... 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](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events)

## **From the Pastor**

Steps Toward Reconciliation is a grassroots group of individuals who have come together in Altona with the purpose of providing area residents with information, history, and stories from Indigenous communities regarding their experience throughout Canadian history. We seek to learn and share Truth, and to foster good and right relationships... Between us as Settlers/Newcomers, the Indigenous Peoples living within or nearby our community, and the land on which we all live together.

In sharing with you, STR seeks authentic voices, and wherever possible we invite our Indigenous neighbours from Roseau River First Nation to be those voices. Over the past year, we have also called upon speakers from the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, and other Indigenous friends, guests, and knowledge keepers to guide us in our listening and learning. If you would like more information, or to join the email list (emails are only sent out when there is an upcoming event to let you know about), please talk to one of AMC's STR members: Mick, Susie or Erika.



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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April 7, 2024

## ***Orange Bench***

Prelude

Hymn VT 57 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT 141 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Children's Time

Offering

Scripture Readings: Psalm 25:1-7 & Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn VT 145 Touch the Earth Lightly

Message "Why An Orange Bench?" Mick Friesen

Hymn VT 527 Bless the Arms That Comfort

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Hymn VT 831 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs 1-2)

Benediction followed by Blest Be... (vs 3-4)

Postlude

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine

Musician(s): Loren Braul, Sylvia Klassen

Technician: Nathan Loewen

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

**Birthdays:** April 10 – Hilda Elias

### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC**

April 14 – 9:30 am Book Study  
– 11:00 am Worship Service - Erika Enns Rodine  
*Theme:* Stories That Shape Us – On Mount Sinai *Worship Leader:* Sandra Klassen *Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Edna Zacharias *Technician:* Loren Braul  
April 15 – 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal for Memorial service  
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  
April 30 – 4:30 pm Leadership Council  
May 5 – Joint service at Altona Bergthaler Church

### **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 Margruite, 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**

- **Fruit Jam Fundraising concert** for the community orchard, April 13, doors open at 6. See poster. The Sixagons have members who are part of our church family!

- **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>.

### **YFC Altona Golf Classic at Oakview - June 15th**

More information and registration can be done on our website [YFCALTONA.COM](http://YFCALTONA.COM)

### **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](http://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](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)  
**Volunteer health officers, kitchen staff, and maintenance needed for Summer 2024.** Consider giving a week or more to make a difference with our camping ministry. [www.campswithmeaning.org/staff](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/staff) or contact the office at 204-895-2267.

- **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](http://cmu.ca/face2face).

- Join the **CMU Festival Players on April 20 at 11AM** for Cantatas, Cambers, Claviers & Coffee in the Great Hall at CMU. Enjoy J.S. Bach's beloved "Coffee Cantata" along with other Bach pieces. Coffee is included in the ticket price, and traditional German baked goods will be available for purchase! Visit [winnipegbaroquefestival.com](http://winnipegbaroquefestival.com) for tickets and information.

- All are invited to **Spring at CMU on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre.** Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit [cmu.ca/springatcmu](http://cmu.ca/springatcmu) for more information and for the event livestream.

### **Faith and Life Spring Concerts:**

**May 4** – 7 pm at First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg

**May 5** – 3 pm at Morden Mennonite Church

See poster on bulletin board.

- **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](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat).

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Please hold Ken Hamm in your prayers as he continues to recover.

- 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.