

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.

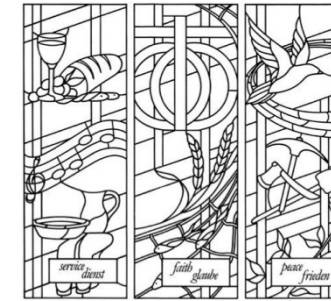
Prayers for Our Community

- 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.

Prayers for the World

- **Join Mennonites in Burkina Faso in thanking God for a successful youth camp!** Participants spent 5 days of teaching and reflection on three themes: relying on God, developing an entrepreneurial spirit, and preparing for married life. Josué Coulibaly, national youth pastor, reported that many of the youth were sad to leave each other after this intense time of learning together.

- **On 3 April 2024, Taiwan was struck by its most powerful earthquake in 25 years...** which measured 7.5 in magnitude. Leaders of FOMCIT (the Mennonite church in Taiwan) report that no members were injured. However, at least nine people have been reported killed, more than 900 injured, and property damage is widespread. The Mennonite hospital in Hualien is prepared to receive emergency patients. Let us pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the people who are suffering after the earthquake. Pray for the rescuers searching for trapped people in unstable wreckage with the possibility of aftershocks. Pray for medical teams that are helping the victims. (Source: MWC prayers <https://mwc-cmm.org/id/prayers>)



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Stories That Shape Us – Strong Sisters

Prelude

Hymn VT 88 Praise To the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation – based on Psalm 82:3-4

Hymn VT 27 Here to the House of God We Come

Children's Time - Peace Table Story "Strong Sisters"

God Be In My Head - recitation by AMC Kids

- Sung – back of bulletin

Offering

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:11-17

Hymn VT 546 There Is a Line of Women

Message Erika Enns Rodine

Hymn VT 531 Holy Presence, Holy Teacher

Sharing & Prayers of the People

Hymn VT 535 Today We Sing with Thankfulness,

vs 4 after the Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert

Musician(s): Lori Hiebert, Loren Hiebert

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Anniversaries: April 24 – Tim & Michelle Doerksen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

April 28 – 9:30 am – Book Study

- 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Theme: Stories That Shape Us – The Promised Land *Worship*

Leader: Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Gina Enns, Nancy

Ratzlaff *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld

April 30 – 4:30 pm Leadership Council

May 5 – Joint service at Altona Bergthaler Church – see below

May 12 – 9:30 pm – 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!

- **Brunch Church – May 5, 9:15 am at Altona Bergthaler Church** - Fundraiser in support of the kid's camp at Matheson Island which the youth from AMC and ABC will be leading this summer. Breakfast will be provided by the youth involved.

Our speaker will be David Scott, who is an Ojibwe Traditional Knowledge Keeper and Indigenous environmental expert from Swan Lake First Nation. David will be speaking to us about the significance of our land for Indigenous people, the historic relationships between Mennonites and Indigenous people, and how we can take steps toward reconciliation. It is our hope that David's sharing will guide us on the learning journey we began with the blanket exercise at our last brunch church.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCI is looking to hire a half to full-time cook**, starting immediately. This position could be a term from now to the end of June, or long term, depending on interest. For more information about this position or to apply, visit mciblues.net or email tammypeters@mciblues.net.

- **MCI is accepting applications for teaching positions** for the 2024/2025 school year! These are full-time or part-time positions for the 2024-2025 school year with the potential of permanent status. To learn more about the areas of instruction or to apply, visit mciblues.net.

- **Would you consider volunteering at Altona MCC Thrift?** Help is needed in the Clothing Department. Your responsibilities could include sorting, pricing or hanging clothes. Availability on Monday mornings is important. Work is also available on other days and in different departments.

Please contact Dave Rempel in person at the shop for more info or Phone: 204-324-8323; Email: altonamcc@gmail.com

- **Gardens soup and pie** – April 25, 5 – 7 pm by Donation. Poster on bulletin board.

- Altona Health Care Ladies Auxiliary invites you to a **Taco Buffet Fundraiser, Thursday, May 2** from 4:30 – 6:30, at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre with all the trimmings, beverages, and brownies for dessert. Gluten free option available. Cost: By Donation All proceeds go to purchasing hospital ceiling tracks and specialized wheelchairs. Tax deductible receipts available upon request.

- **Save the date for MCI's Spring Fundraiser Coffee House! Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm in Buhler Hall foyer.** Come for a variety of musical performances, including current student groups and local artists/alumni, such as Orlando and Grace Sukkau! There will also be tasty desserts. See you there!

- **Restoring Our Relationship to the Land: Indigenous Wisdom and Planting Practices.** This workshop will take place at the Millennium Exhibition Centre in Altona on Saturday May 4th, 9:00am - 4:00pm. This will be an exciting opportunity to listen and learn from three important guest speakers about land, planting practices, and Indigenous wisdom surrounding nature and healing.

While onsite registration is an option, we would greatly appreciate it if participants would pre-register for the event, so we can get a sense of how many folks to expect! Please register using our Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/y8mBggPRZRQktcW97>.

- **MCI Saengerfest on Sunday, June 2nd** in Buhler Hall!

Join us for a time of worship and a celebration of song, centered on the theme "Joy, Joy, Joy!" The worship service begins at 10:30 am, with lunch (by donation) to follow, and an afternoon concert at 2:00 pm.

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

More information and registration can be done on our website YFCALTONA.COM

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Voices Together in Worship - a gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians.** Schedule and preliminary workshop list is now available. May 10/11, 2024. Cost \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. Registration will open April 16. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship

- **A great summer of camp is coming!** All registrations are open: campers, staff, volunteers. 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 or contact the office at 204-895-2267.

- 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 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.

- **Shop at Piece it Together's Spring Quilt & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 11, 9:00am – 4:00pm** at Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (150 Bayridge Ave.). Enjoy the beautiful handicrafts sold in support of MCC's disaster and humanitarian relief work! pieceittogether.ca

- Join us for **MCC Manitoba's golf tournament on Thursday, July 4** at Bridges Golf Course. Enjoy our Texas Scramble tournament with on-course challenges, with a BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/golf for information and to register today!