

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- We pray for our pastor and her family.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Jean Tarnick who is back at The Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Hilda Elias at Centre Courts and others who are not named.
- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns: Ken Hamm, Bev Barton
- 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.

Prayers for the World

Supporting Pastors in the Congo - The three Mennonite denominations in the Congo and AIMM, with support from Mennonite Church Canada, are embarking on a project to assist and accompany congregations to reinforce local and sustainable support for pastors. The project will provide start-up funds and training in entrepreneurial and management fundamentals for bi-vocational pastors. Pray for the leaders and trainers in this project. You can participate with your gifts here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/AIMM>

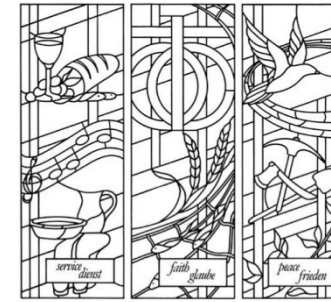
From the Pastor

Greetings!

Last month I attended a workshop called Restoring Our Relationship to the Land, which featured 3 Indigenous Elders. One of the breakout sessions was led by Jeannie White Bird, who shared about the Ojibwe teachings of the Four Directions while teaching us to make tobacco ties. One of the things she said to our small group was that teachings may differ from one place to another, or one group of people to another. Sometimes, she said, the colours of the Medicine Wheel are in different places, or the teachings will correspond to different directions. She emphasized the acceptance of this, saying that one isn't right and the other wrong, but simply that teachings will differ from place to place.

I really appreciated learning more from Jeannie, and after meeting with Kirby (together with Ray & Marilyn) earlier this week, it struck me that the more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know! Today we are so fortunate to have Kirby Nelson come to share with us about the Midewiwin tradition. Kirby is the Chief of the Midewiwin Lodge in Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation. May we welcome him with openness to what he will share!

My notes from Jeannie White Bird's Four Directions teachings:



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Teachings from our neighbours

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 81 All Creatures, Worship God Most High

Call to Worship

Prayer VT 864

Hymn VT 1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Children's Time

Offering

Hymn VT 387 We Are One in the Spirit

Teachings Kirby Nelson

Hymn VT 706 O Healing River

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Hymn VT 838 The Peace of the Earth Be with You

Postlude

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine, Ray Hamm

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Birthdays: June 10 – Al Rodine; June 12 – Ted Klassen; June 13 – Susie Fisher

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

June 16 11:00 am Worship Service
Theme: guest speaker Dave Regehr *Worship Leader:* Lori Hiebert *Musicians:* Lori Hiebert, Loren Hiebert *Technician:* Nathan Loewen; *Scripture:* 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 *Theme:* Giving voice to the silent
June 18 4:30 pm Leadership Council meeting
June 23 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
June 30 11:00 am - coffee on the lawn for the long weekend
July 7 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
July 14 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will use the offering time during the service as a time of reflection as we listen to the offertory. The collection baskets will remain at the the back for you to place your offering in as you enter or exit. This decision was made as so many people give on-line. A reminder – e-transfers can be made to amchurchdonations@gmail.com. If you bank at Access Credit Union, you can add AMC as a bill payee using your phone number as your account number. We are thankful for all the ways you give of your time/money/gifts to the church.

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee sign up sheet** is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 9 – Prairie Soundscape presents "First Light, A choral concert", 3pm and 7pm at St. Paul's United Church, 353 Thornhill St. In Morden. (Erika is part of this choir.)

- We extend a warm invitation to join MCI for a campus prayer event on Sunday, June 9th between 4:00-8:00 pm (come and go). This self-guided prayer walk is an opportunity for supporters of MCI to wrap the school, students, faculty, campus and our wider community in prayer. Specific prayer requests for the school will be posted around the building to guide you as you pray for MCI.

- 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

- **Activ8 is a brand new 8 month program for young adults** that combines participation in a learning community, engagement in a service experience and the freedom to stay at home, work and save for future study. Starts Sept. 2024.

Go to www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8 and check it out. Or email mneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca for more info. This pilot program is a partnership between MCM and Peace& Justice Initiatives.

- Employment opportunity: Canadian Mennonite is hiring a full-time associate editor/senior writer. The work can be done remotely. Apply by June 10.

See canadianmennonite.org/employment.

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

- **Camps with Meaning needs you!** Specific asks include 17+ yr old lifeguards (July 7-12, July 21-26 and August 18-23 at Koinonia) and Kitchen Help (July 7-12 and July 28-August 2 at Koinonia, June 30-July 4, August 5-9 and August 11-16 at Camp Assiniboia). Please tap those you know to consider these opportunities or come as a group for extra fun! All volunteer needs are posted on the website, so take a look and sign up- www.campswithmeaning.org/staff. We are grateful to our community for the way you support camping ministry!

- Join us for **CMU's Faspa on the Lawn**, a fundraising garden party with food from local Hutterite communities, lawn games, music, and mingling. Tours of Poettker Hall, the original student residence that will soon undergo renovation, will also be offered. **Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 PM** on CMU's south side lawn. We will gather to celebrate and call CMU forward together. Register at cmu.ca/faspa.

- Do you want to take care of our earth? **MCC Thrift's Zero Waste Challenge** is a great place to start. Join us in learning all about going zero waste and challenge yourself to reduce your waste the **week of June 23**. If this challenge feels daunting, don't worry - even the smallest changes go a long way towards reducing our waste and helping the planet. We'd

love for you to join us in making a difference. mccthrift.com/zerowaste

- **Camps with Meaning is 75.** Come out to Camp Assiniboia June 21-23 to celebrate. Events for all ages. Come for a day, come for the weekend, come for the worship service. Detailed schedule and registration for accommodations and food (please register for the free Sunday lunch) on the website. www.campswithmeaning.org/75

- **Discover powerful stories from Palestine.** Join us on Zoom for Unbounded Stories: Stories from Palestine on Friday, **June 28 at 11 a.m.** Hosted by Al-Najah University in partnership with Bridge and MCC Manitoba, the event features personal narratives from Palestine, cultural insights and a live Q&A session. Register here for free: gaserbridge.wixsite.com/gaser/events-1/unbounded-stories-stories-from-palestine

- Secret Treaty Tour and Book Launch - June 29

Sharing stories of the West Reserve before Mennonite Settlement and first encounters between Ojibway and latecomers. How do we forge a different way of sharing this land? Neuberghal Commons. Info and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcis.

- **Tee off for a cause in support of MCC's** global disaster relief efforts. Join us for MCC Manitoba's Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 4 at Bridges Golf Course. Experience our Texas Scramble tournament featuring on-course challenges, complemented by a delicious BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/golf to learn more and secure your spot today!

- **Cycle for a cause** – support MCC's food projects around the world with Cycle Clear Lake! Join us on **Saturday, July 6** for a 34 km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park. Come for the day or camp for the weekend. Check out mcc.org/manitoba/cycleclearlake for full event and registration information.

Sponsor an acre of Manitoba farmland and provide essential food to displaced families across the world! Your sponsorship of **Grow Hope** acres in Manitoba can help equip farmers with access to tools and seeds for sustainable farming. Visit mcc.org/manitoba/growhope for more information and to donate!