

- **Continue to pray for Gaza** - As Israel's war on Gaza enters its ninth month, Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network urges our continued prayer and solidarity. The PIN has updated its statement on Gaza, reflecting the strong messaging from Christian partners in the region and from the International Court of Justice that the war is genocidal in nature. As we hold our grief, perplexity, and anger before God, let us pray that we can also protest and act in ways consistent with God's vision for a just peace for all in this "holy" land. The PIN statement, along with resources for awareness, prayer, and action are available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>

From the Pastor

Greetings!

Although it's been a pretty wet summer so far, I have found my days (and evenings) brightened by seeing some of you while out and about or attending community events! I hope you are enjoying the season!

I just wanted to take a tiny bit of space to outline my summer calendar so you know when I'm around and when I won't be...

July 15-21: In the office

July 22-28: At Matheson Island (I'll have spotty cell reception)

July 29-Aug 4: In the office

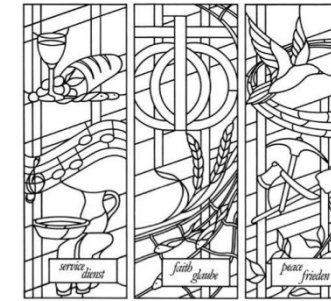
Aug 5-11: At Camp Koinonia (I'll have WiFi)

Aug 12-Sept 3: On Vacation

I also invite you to drop in for Coffee with the Pastor between 10-11am on the following Wednesdays when I'm in the office: July 17 & 31. Feel free to show up at the church for an informal visit - I'll have coffee on!

During the weeks when I'm out of the office and you need to reach someone, please contact Lori Hiebert or one of your AMC Deacons (John & Norma Thiessen, Susie Fisher, & Karen Martens).

Hope you have a lovely week!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 428 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Call to Worship – Psalm 85:8-13

Prayer of Invocation

LISTENING

Hymn VT 419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture: Amos 7:7-15

Offering Prayer and Reflection

Sermon Erika Enns Rodine

RESPONDING

Hymn VT 150 Gentle God, When We Are Driven

Sharing and Prayer

Lord for your goodness, we give thanks.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hymn VT 734 For Those with Whom Our Lives Are Bound

Benediction

Hymn VT 809 Sing a New World into Being

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert
Musician(s): Loren Hiebert, Lori Hiebert
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

Birthdays: July 16 – Michelle Doerksen; July 18 – Darlene Klassen, Gina Enns; July 20 – Sydney Hildebrand

Anniversaries: July 20 – Don & Ang Enns

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

July 21 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand *Musicians:* Edna Zacharias, Paul Krahn, Sara Krahn *Lectionary Scriptures:* Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23 *Technician:* Dale Klassen
July 28 – No service at AMC – Sunflower Festival
Aug. 4 – 11:00 am – coffee on the lawn for the long weekend
Aug. 11 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Aug. 18 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Loren & Lori Hiebert
will lead a service of hymns and readings.
Aug. 25 – 11:00 am Worship Service – guest Andrea De Avila
Sept. 1 – 11:00 am Coffee on the lawn for the long weekend

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are needing donations of home baked goods** for the upcoming Matheson Island youth trip. Who doesn't love baking when it's 35 degrees out?!

Our cook, Karl Enns, has asked AMC to provide 8 dozen buns and 12 loaves of sweet bread/breakfast loaves (such as banana or rhubarb bread, zucchini loaves, etc). He also said he would not turn away a few trays of cinnamon buns if that's anyone's specialty! These baked goods will be for our dinners and breakfasts while we're hosting camp. Karl requests that everything be packaged in large labeled containers (or ziploc freezer bags) and frozen. These items will be needed by the morning of Monday, July 22. Please contact Erika by phone/email/text if you are willing to provide any baking - she can come pick up the buns/loaves from you!

- Leadership Council are happy to welcome John and Norma Thiessen to the Spiritual Advisory Committee.

- If you are interested in being part of the "Sound Booth Group", please let Kevin Neufeld know. Summer plans have affected availability.

- 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

- YFC lunch available on Coop Parking Lot every Wednesday throughout the summer from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

- A gospel music festival is planned for the Altona park on August 17th, starting at 12 noon. 8 groups, each approximately 1 hour each. Admission is by donation. All net proceeds will again go to Youth for Christ, Altona. There will be food booths.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MCI is pleased to announce that Mrs. Londa Backlund has been appointed as the new Principal of Mennonite Collegiate Institute (MCI), effective July 15, 2024. Londa brings a wealth of experience in teaching, coaching, and church ministry. She holds degrees from Providence College, the University of Manitoba, and Grace Christian University.

- **Explore the Transforming Relationships: Indigenous Art Gallery**, featuring evocative artworks and powerful stories by Indigenous artists, including three from Manitoba. The gallery is part of MCC's ongoing work towards reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples. See the gallery online at mcc.org/indigenous-art-gallery

- **Camps with Meaning needs you these dates:**
ASSINIBOIA : July 21-26: female 18+ counsellor; July 28-Aug 02: Kitchen; August 5-9: Camp Pastor, Maintenance, Kitchen; August 11-16: Camp Pastor, Kitchen; KOINONIA : August 18-23: Maintenance, Lifeguard. Contact the office at 204-895-2267 or visit www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

- **Attention Young Adults (18-24): Tuesday 7pm July 23, 2024** meet at Folio Café – To celebrate National Sprinkle Day: Get on your snacking appetite and prepare your discerning ears to consider whether Activ8 is something you're looking for to add connection, opportunities for reflection and find others who are exploring questions just like you. Join Kim Arpin-Ricci and other peers who are exploring this option. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8

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CPT summer delegation to Grassy Narrows

Mennonite Church Canada partner Community Peacemaker Team's Turtle Island Solidarity Network is offering a Summer 2024 delegation to Grassy Narrows, ON. Through this delegation we will explore themes such as environmental racism, class oppression, police and prison abolition movements, Indigenous solidarity, and allyship. More information: <https://cpt.org/delegations/tisn>

- 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!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- We pray for our pastor and her family.
- We pray for those who are travelling. May they have a restorative, joyous, and safe time away.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Jean Tarnick who is in the Altona hospital; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Elizabeth Falk 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 and the World

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.

- **Pray for the children of Mennonite Church Canada International Witness** - Pray for the children of Mennonite Church Canada International Witness and Mennonite Mission Network as they gather, along with their parents and others, for a retreat in Thailand, July 8-12. This is an important time as they meet with other children who live as third culture kids. Pray for the resource workers who are guiding their time together.