

## **Prayers for Our Community and the World**

- **Join with Mennonite World Conference in praying for violence to end in Burkina Faso.** With 2 million people displaced and news of violent attacks every week, Siaka Traore, MWC regional representative, asks us to pray for God's healing. Read more: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers>

- **An update from Bible Missionary Church Mennonite, Myanmar.** They have asked us to join them in prayer for a resolution to the civil war and for praise to God for communities of faith responding to the crises in their local areas. "Our country is in a deep economic downturn, suffering from inflation and job shortages. About 25 million people are facing food shortages due to skyrocketing commodity prices without daily increases. The civil war is becoming more intense and spreading further. As a result of the civil war, more than 2 million people have left their homes and are now displaced."

- **Fifteen Asian church leaders are gathering in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on September 14-18...**together with representatives from MC Canada Witness, Mennonite Mission Network and AMBS to share and dream about Asia-based Anabaptist biblical and theological training for pastors and lay leaders. Pray for God's wisdom as they plan for ways to answer the calls for more locally based Anabaptist teaching.

## **From the Pastor:**

Greetings!

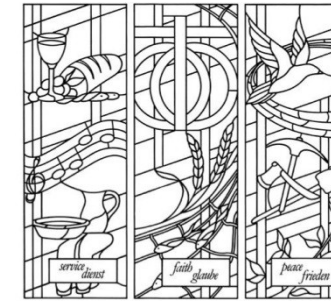
It's rather unbelievable that we're halfway through September already, yikes! I am out of town today with a vehicle full of AMC kids attending the MCC event "We Are All Treaty People". It should be a very interesting and meaningful experience for everyone. There will be Indigenous song and dance performances, storytelling, hands-on activities, food to taste, and plenty of other means for us to engage with what it means to be in Treaty relationship with one another in good and respectful ways.

There is also some very exciting news to share with our congregation! I have received a couple of requests over the past months - for baptism and child dedication, and so I am delighted to ask you all to mark your calendars for September 29! On that day we will celebrate and affirm our commitment to Margot's nurturing and care (Susie & Shaun). And we will joyfully welcome into membership Kaylee and Nolan Franz, children of Chris and Lori, as they receive the waters of baptism. It will be an occasion for rejoicing, and we will then also be sharing in the Lord's Supper that morning to reaffirm our commitment to God, and one another.

As schedules become more full and our lives become busier with harvest, canning, community involvement, extracurricular activities, kids, grandkids, aging parents, care-giving, work loads -- all that is both life-giving and draining of our energy (heart/mind/body), I pray that you find ways of taking care of yourself and experiencing daily moments of wonder and peace.

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord! - Psalm 4

Erika



# Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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## ***Song for the Journey***

### **Gathering**

Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory* by Manz  
Hymn - VT#38 Life-Giver, Maker, God of All, st. 1&2  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call To Worship - VT#851

### **Centering**

SJ#115- Yonder come day  
VT#495 - Morning Has Broken  
Scripture Reading - John 15: 5; 9-11  
VT#605 - My Life Flows On  
VT#437 - The Lord is my light  
Reading - VT#886 - I praise you, God

### **Seeking/Finding**

VT#161 - I Sought the Lord  
VT#601 - Lead Me, Guide Me  
VT# 549 - Be Thou my vision  
Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:1-12  
VT#532 Be at Rest

### **Nurturing**

Reflection - Mentors in our song  
VT#760 - Take My Life, That I May Be

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

## Offering

Prayer  
VT#732 - Open My Eyes st.1-3

## Praying

## Releasing/Sending

VT#42 - Could it be that God is singing  
VT#849 - We, your people, sing Your praises  
Benediction  
VT#849 - We, your people, sing Your praises

Worship Leader: Ang Enns

Musician(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm, Nancy Ratzlaff  
Paul Krahn

Technician: Loren Brault

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

Sept. 22 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine  
*Worship Leader: Musician(s):* Gina Enns *Scriptures:* James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld  
2:00 pm – church rental for rehearsal  
Sept. 29 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine  
Baptism, Baby Dedication, Communion  
October 6 – 11:00 am Worship Service, Greg Costen speaking  
World Communion Sunday  
AMC Thanksgiving Lunch following service

**Birthdays:** September 17 – Kerry Enns; September 18 – Bill Loewen

## **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!

### **- From the Treasurer (Marné Mierau Friesen)**

Please note that there are donation updates in your mailboxes. This is not a receipt, but rather a record of what you have given in donations to AMC up to Aug 31. If there are any discrepancies with your own records, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

And as always, thank you for your gifts of money. Our congregation has a responsibility to our church employees, to our church programs, to our community in southern Manitoba, and to our community across the world. Our donations make a difference in a world that needs that difference.

## **WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Children's choir ages 8-15. Every Wednesday at 4:30-5:45 pm at the Altona Pioneer Centre. Starts September 25 th and ends November 27 th. Cost \$115. Register online on the Altona Recreation Centre programming website. Leaders: Mary Costen and Nancy Ratzlaff.

- The Southern Manitoba Choral Society (SMSC) began their season on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm**. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, in WC Miller's Choral room. There is still time to join. Conductor is Ben Kroeker, accompanist is Loren Hiebert. \$35 for the fall season. No auditions required, just a love of singing.

- **Support Eden's Recovery of Hope cycling event** and help make counselling services accessible and affordable for Manitobans. Event on Saturday, September 28, 2024, leaving from Ft. Garry MB Church, Winnipeg, 1771 Pembina Hwy. At 9 am. See poster for details.

Register or donate online at [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca)

## **CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Fall at CMU** – CMU's annual alumni and community gathering takes place **Saturday, September 21 from 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM**. Highlights include 30+ craft and food vendors, activities and entertainment for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit [cmu.ca/fall](http://cmu.ca/fall) for more information.

- **CMU Song Feast** – Enjoy a feast of choral songs led by a choir of CMU alumni and students on **Saturday, September 21 at 7:00 PM**. Alumni are invited to rehearse with the CMU Singers at 3:00 PM before the Song Feast. Visit [cmu.ca/fall/song-feast](http://cmu.ca/fall/song-feast) for information and registration.

- **Secret Treaty Book Lunch #3. September 22, 6:30pm-9:00pm**. Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach. 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? Info and registration at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcis](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcis).

- **MCC Manitoba's Annual General Meeting** on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Sam's Place, 100-140 Bannatyne Ave. in Winnipeg. If you're an accredited voting delegate, please ensure you register in advance to participate in the voting process. Member congregations are welcome to appoint one delegate per 50 members, but all are encouraged to join us. Spots are limited, so please RSVP or call Joni at 204-261-6381 before Tuesday, Sept. 24. We look forward to seeing you there.

- **"Subjects, Settlers, Citizens: The 1870s Mennonites in Historical Context,"** a conference hosted by the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg, Oct. 4-5, Convocation Hall (and livestreamed). Free admission. Visit [ctms.uwinnipeg.ca](http://ctms.uwinnipeg.ca) for program and registration. Poster on bulletin board.

- **Growing a Generous Church Free Webinar**. Join author, speaker, and stewardship coach Lori Guenther Reesor for a free 90-minute webinar on "Growing a Generous Church," October 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm CT. This webinar is recommended for church leaders, and anyone else who wants to learn how to encourage generous living and generous giving in our congregations. Bring your questions for this interactive session. Visit [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events) to learn more and register.

- **CMU's Xplore** extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! "Lord teach us to pray", "The Great Oratorios" and "Coming to terms with Christian Anti-Semitism" are some of the fall courses offered through CMU's Xplore extended education program. Courses begin October 1; for course information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore). Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- We pray for the students and teachers as they begin another school year. May they have a wonderful year!

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:

Jean Tarnick and Hilda Elias who are in the Gardens Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, and others who are not named.

- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns: Jim Dyck recovering at home, Bev Barton at home, those awaiting surgery and others 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.