

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!

Last weekend was a full one for the kids of AMC! We kicked off the year together with an afternoon and evening in Altbergthal at the Dueck Braul farm. We played "Annie, Annie, over!" (my first time ever) in the hot afternoon sun for a while, and then moved to waterfront activities on the Buffalo Creek. Margruite initiated a kayak water polo game, but this proved a bit tricky. We also couldn't find a beach ball, so we tried to make do with a frisbee. Conclusion: it is very hard to catch and throw whilst holding paddles!

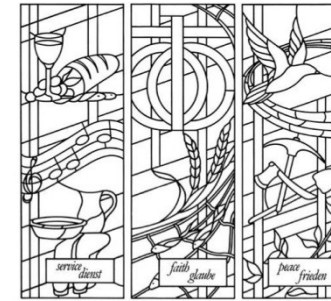
We ditched the game and went for a lovely paddle down the creek, through some narrows that felt 'jungle-esque', and ended up in a clearing that looked like a big swimming hole. So, of course, Leo jumped out of the canoe he and I were in to cool off and have a swim...(I was terrified it would overturn and I did NOT want to be in that water) Turns out the water

was quite shallow, so he waded for a bit, and then we all paddled back up the creek because we were getting hungry!

We enjoyed a creekside wiener roast where far too much Mountain Dew was consumed by certain teenagers! The adults made some pie irons (I experimented with blueberry pie filling and sweetened cream cheese - delicious!) and the kids set up for a game of Capture the Flag. We ran and snuck around trying to find the opposing team's flag until the sun had set and eventually the dark got too dark and we had to call the game. Elliot made an epic dive through the tall grass trying to catch me, and then I started laughing so hard that Leo made an easy tag. Fredric forgot where our flag was hidden. And then as we were making s'mores over the fire, Loren came and asked if we had all given up. We had forgotten to tell him that we ended the game, and he had continued playing all on his own! It was a beautiful evening of fun, fellowship, food, and friends.

The next morning, Sunday, we all met back at church to caravan to the Forks to attend We Are All Treaty People. The Water & Pipe ceremony began at noon, which was a very neat experience to be a part of. We listened to the Elders share about the Four Directions, we smelled the medicines burning as thanks was offered to Creator for people young and old gathered, we watched the smoke drift up and swirl about us in prayer, we felt the rhythm of the drum as a songs were sung, we touched the wood of the pipe as it came to rest on each of our shoulders, and we tasted the water that sustains and gives life to all of Creation.

Over the course of the next few hours, the kids visited the various tents and made Treaty People buttons, sampled bannock, selected pottery items, ate a pizza lunch, listened to the live performances, and made their own Kookum dolls out of wood, clay, and fabric. It was a wonderful celebration of Treaty partners coming together in acknowledgement of what and how we are meant to share with one another so that all can live well. My heart was full. What a way to start the week!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Call to Worship: Psalm 1

Prayer

LISTENING

Hymn VT98 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Scripture Reading: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7,8a

Hymn VT144 God, Give Me Time

Message Erika Enns Rodine

RESPONDING

Hymn VT789 Be a Sower

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

SENDING

Hymn STS 57 Go, my friends, in grace (v. 1-3)

Benediction/Sending Prayer

Hymn STS 57 Go, my friends, in grace (v. 4)

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen
Musician(s): Gina Enns
Technician: Dale Klassen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Sept. 22 – 2:00 pm – church rental for rehearsal
Sept. 29 – 9:30 am – AMC Kids
 9:30 am – AMC Book Study Group
 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
 Baptism, Baby Dedication, Communion
Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine *Musician(s):* Gina Enns,
Edna Zacharias *Scriptures:* *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld
October 6 – 11:00 am Worship Service, Greg Costen speaking
 World Communion Sunday
 AMC Thanksgiving Lunch following service – see
announcement

Birthdays: September 25 – Tim Doerksen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AMC kids** will start meeting on Sunday Sept 29 9:30 am

- **AMC book study group** will also start on Sunday Sept 29 9:30 am.

- 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 Thanksgiving Lunch** will happen on October 6 after the service. Please bring casseroles, salad or veggies and dessert, buns enough for your family and a little extra. Group 3 will set up and Group 4 will clean up.

- **AMC will be collecting donations for the Rhineland Area Food Bank this fall.** We invite you to bring non-perishable food items (or \$) along to church on October 6 & 13 as we celebrate the season of Thankfulness.

- Some of you may have noticed the very comfortable cloth "new to us" chairs in the basement. That means the very "old to everyone" wooden splintery chairs are available for anyone who wants them. Help yourselves! Make a donation!

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.

- **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

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 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 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. 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: 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.