

PRAYER AND PRAISE

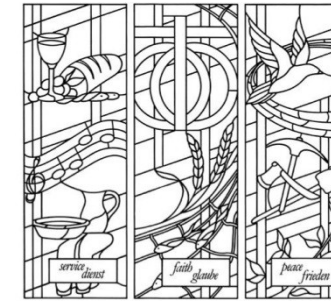
- We pray for the students and teachers as they begin another school year. May they have a wonderful year!
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:
Jean Tarnick and Hilda Elias who are in the Gardens Manor;
Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; 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.

Prayers for Our Community and the World

- **Praise God for 70 years of faithful service by the Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan (FOMCIT).** - Tobia and George Veith, former Witness workers, have been invited to represent Mennonite Church Canada at these celebrations and visits at several places in Taiwan, as well as Hong Kong and Macau. Pray for joy in renewed connections and encouragement for the congregations that they visit.

Photo: Veiths with Jeremiah Choi who is a pastor in the Conference of Mennonite Churches in Hong Kong (CMCHK) and Mennonite World Conference representative for Northeast Asia

- **Pray for Nhien Pham and Garry Janzen as they travel in Vietnam** - Pray for Nhien Pham and Garry Janzen as they travel in Vietnam and serve the Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam (EMCV) with training courses based on Palmer Becker's Anabaptist Essentials. EMCV has been requesting more basic level Anabaptist training for church leaders. Garry and Nhien developed this training course and piloted it in the Sherbrooke Mennonite Church community. Pray for safety in travel, and life-changing response to the training. You can sponsor a Vietnamese pastor at these training courses. We are looking for 60 sponsors to donate \$50 each to help pay for travel and meals for these pastors and lay church leaders. Mark your donation "Vietnam pastor training" or donate online here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/vietnam>



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 10 Here in This Place

Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Child Blessing and Dedication VT 970

Margot Bernadette Fisher,
daughter of Susie Fisher & Shaun Dyck
Hymn VT 512 Let the Children Come to Me

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading & Reflection

Hymn VT 442 From the Waters I Will Rise

Baptism Celebration

Words of Introduction & Prayer

Hymn VT 455 Make Us One

Professions of Faith

Words of Blessing – Baptismal Sponsors

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Baptisms of Kaylee Franz & Nolan Franz by immersion
Welcome into Membership
Prayer for the Baptized

Leader: Faithful God, we give thanks for those who have committed their lives to you.
We ask for your guidance as they journey in faith.
We pray that they may be a blessing in our community and in our world.
We join our hearts and voices in praise:

**People: For your unending grace,
for your example and sacrifice,
for your sustaining presence,
and for the gift of the newly baptized -
we give you thanks, faithful God!**

Communion Celebration
Invitation & Prayer

Leader: As John baptized Jesus in the Jordan,
the Holy Spirit baptized the body of Christ.
God now gathers us at this table as the body of Christ to hear the voice of heaven,
spoken over the waters of baptism,
saying "You are my beloved."

**People: Water, bread, and fruit of the vine,
the gifts of the earth,
the gifts of the church,
reveal that we belong
with God and one another.**

Leader: Come with your hunger.
Come with your thirst.

**ALL: This is Christ's table.
This is our feast.
Come, Holy Spirit!**

Words of Institution
Sharing of the elements
Prayer

Benediction
Hymn – Go My Children (printed in bulletin)

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine
Musician(s): Gina Enns, Edna Zacharias
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

October 6 - 9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group
11:00 am Worship Service – Greg Costen
World Communion Sunday

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine *Musician(s):* Mary Costen, Marilyn Houser Hamm *Scriptures:* *Technician:* Nathan Loewen

AMC Thanksgiving Lunch following service – see announcement

October 13 - 9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group
11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

October 20 - 9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group
11:00 am Worship Service – Dorothy Fontaine
Camps with Meaning

October 27 – 9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group
11:00 am Worship Service – Will Braun
Canadian Mennonite

Birthdays: September 29 – Jenny Neufeld, Leo Dyck; October 3 – Julia Thiessen

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!

- **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.

AND please share some Fall / Thanksgiving items to be used as visuals at the front of the church sanctuary. We welcome garden bounty, and items we are particularly grateful for in this Thanksgiving season.

- **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.

There will also be a **community food drive** on Wednesday, October 2 - Youth will be canvassing your area from 6:30 PM TILL 9 PM Please check best-before dates on items

Cash donations are appreciated. Receipts will be issued for cash donations.

- 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

- Pre-release screening of "Where the Cottonwoods Grow" – Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm, at the Krahn Barn in Neubergthal or Oct. 6 at 2:30 pm, at the Neubergthal commons
Call Paul or Margrute Krahn to reserve a ticket. Admission by donation. See poster on bulletin board.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **"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.

- **75 Years of Song: Camps with Meaning Celebration Banquets.** Join Paul Dueck and other camp staff in singing the songs of 1949 - 2024, enjoying a delicious supper, celebrating summer 2024, and supporting kids in coming to camp. Contact the camp office, or go online to register your free seat. Nov 2 - Winkler; Nov 3 - Winnipeg. www.campswithmeaning.org/events