

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

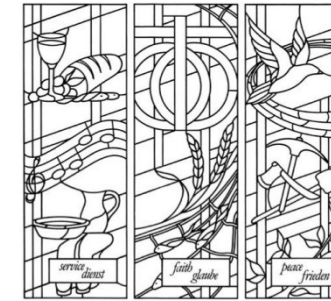
- We pray for the students and teachers during this year of learning.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Jean Tarnick and Hilda Elias who are in the Gardens Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden 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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## ***World Communion Sunday***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 478 I Come With Joy

Call to Worship / Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT 390 In Christ There Is No East or West

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Offering prayer / Time of Reflection

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Hymn VT 217 Hark! the Glad Sound!

Scripture: Leviticus 25:8-13; Luke 4:16-21

Sermon The Door of Great Pardon Greg Costen

Communion Celebration

Hymn VT 474 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Preparation for Communion VT 937

Words of Institution and Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn VT 461 Come to the Table of Grace

Prayer

### **AMC Contact information:**

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Benediction and Table Grace  
Hymn VT 812 Sent Forth by God's Blessing  
Postlude

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

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

October 9 4:00 pm – 8 Pm Rental  
6:30 pm Formation committee meeting  
October 13 -9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group  
11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine  
*Worship Leader:* Margruite Krahn *Musician(s):* Paul Krahn &  
Friends *Scriptures:* Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; Matthew 6:25-33  
*Technician:* Loren Braul  
October 18 1:00 pm Worship Committee meeting  
October 20 - 9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group  
11:00 am Worship Service – Dorothy Fontaine  
Camps with Meaning  
October 22 – 4:45 pm - Leadership Council meeting  
October 27 – 9:30 am – AMC Kids, AMC Book Study Group  
11:00 am Worship Service – Will Braun  
Canadian Mennonite

**Birthdays:** October 6 – Sam Kehler; October 9 – Ray Hamm;  
October 12 – Marge Friesen

**Anniversaries:** October 11 – Ray & Marilyn Houser Hamm

### **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 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.

- Canadian Mennonite is an Anabaptist publication and media presence with news and viewpoints of the people and churches of Mennonite Church Canada. It is published monthly. Many of you receive the magazine in print and / or digitally. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church and our congregation.

If you haven't yet subscribed and are interested, or want to change your subscription in any way, please notify Lori Hiebert asap. Will Braun, current editor will be a guest speaker at the end of October.

### **WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **October 29th (5pm-8pm) YFC Altona Taco Night Fundraiser.** Entry is by donation. The entire meal is gluten free and includes: beef tacos, taco salad/nachos, beverages, and ice cream for dessert. All donations support YFC programs, and support the youth of our community. Bring your family and friends! visit [www.yfcaltona.com](http://www.yfcaltona.com) for more info.

- **YFC Altona - Youth Unlimited is looking to add new board members in 2024/2025.** We are looking for volunteer board members who want to assist YFC Altona in reaching the youth in our area for Jesus Christ. It is YFC's mission to see every young person living fully in Christ and would love for you to play a role in what God is doing through YFC. If this opportunity is of interest to you and would like more information please contact us, we would love to talk with you.

- **BLUE SKY OPPORTUNITIES INC. ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER** This will be a catered event with entertainment by comedian Big Daddy Tazz (Family Friendly) and raffle ticket prizes Thursday, November 7th @ 6:00 pm at Rhineland Pioneer Centre, 227-10th Ave NW Ticket Information: Tickets are \$40 per person available in person at Blue Sky Opportunities or call/email 204.324.5401 or [admin@blueskyopp.com](mailto:admin@blueskyopp.com)

### **CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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.

- **J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series: CMU** invites you to hear Dr. Bruce Hindmarsh from Regent College, on October 22-23 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on both days in the CMU Chapel. The first lectures will focus on the spiritual life of early evangelicals (1700s) and its relevance today. The second day will include a presentation (with film excerpts) and discussion on "Amazing Grace" with its author, John Newton. All events are free and open to all. More information and recordings available at [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt).

- **Join us for Singin' in the Grain**, a live choral concert supporting the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank and MCC. Enjoy an evening of inspiring music on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, or Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. at Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Learn more at [foodgrainsbank.ca/events/singin-in-the-grain-2024](http://foodgrainsbank.ca/events/singin-in-the-grain-2024)

- **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](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/events)