

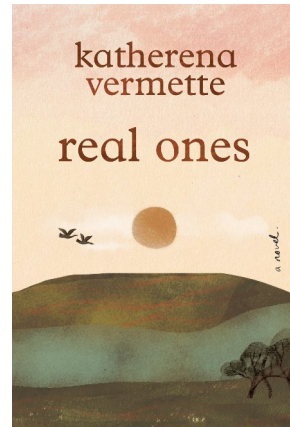
PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Condolences to Norma and John Thiessen and family. Norma's mother Susan Gerbrandt passed away last Sunday. The service commemorating her life will happen on Saturday, October 26 at Bethel Church.
- 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

- **African Mennonites Gather** - Tany Warkentin, Mennonite Church Canada Liaison worker for ministry in Africa, will be meeting with global companions in South Africa, Burkina Faso, and Togo from Oct. 15 - Nov. 3. This will include the annual meetings for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Pray for the church leaders of D.R. Congo, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Sierra Leone and Angola as they gather to share, pray and plan together. Some will travel to this gathering through areas that risk violence, so pray for safety in travel, wisdom in discernment and joy as they come together as siblings in faith. Photo: AIMM annual meeting 2023
- **Witness workers end assignment in Ethiopia** - As Werner and Joanne De Jong, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Ethiopia, finish the last month of their assignment at the Meserete Kristos Seminary, pray that the deep relationships that they have cultivated with students will continue to have impact on their lives. Pray for peace, joy, and energy to finish the semester classes and work on transition. Watch announcements in Mennonite Church Alberta for a chance to see them in person in late November.

New and Notable in the AMC Library



LONGLISTED FOR THE 2024 GILLER PRIZE

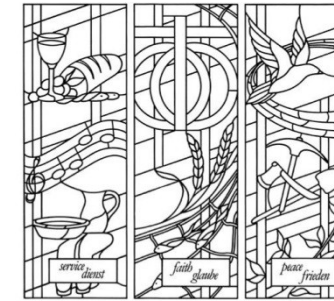
From the author of the nationally bestselling Strangers saga comes a heartrending story of two Michif sisters who must face their past trauma when their mother is called out for false claims to Indigenous identity. June and her sister, Lyn, are NDNs—real ones.

Lyn has her pottery artwork, her precocious kid, Willow, and the uncertain terrain of her midlife to keep her mind, heart and hands busy. June, a Métis Studies professor, yearns to uproot from Vancouver and move. With her loving partner, Sigh, and their faithful pup, June decides to buy a house in the last place on earth she imagined she'd end up: back home in Winnipeg with her family.

But then into Lyn and June's busy lives a bomb drops: their estranged and very white mother, Renee, is called out as a "pretendian." Under the name (get this) Raven Bearclaw, Renee had topped the charts in the Canadian art world for winning awards and recognition for her Indigenous-style work.

The news is quickly picked up by the media and sparks an enraged online backlash. As the sisters are pulled into the painful tangle of lies their mother has told and the hurt she has caused, searing memories from their unresolved childhood trauma, which still manages to spill into their well curated adult worlds, come rippling to the surface.

In prose so powerful it could strike a match, *real ones* is written with the same signature wit and heart on display in *The Break*, *The Strangers* and *The Circle*. An energetic, probing and ultimately hopeful story, *real ones* pays homage to the long-fought, hard-won battles of Michif (Métis) people to regain ownership of their identity and the right to say who is and isn't Métis.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Camps With Meaning

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Manz
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn VT 42 *Could It Be That God Is Singing*
Call to Worship / Prayer of Invocation

Hymn STS 114 *God has chosen me*
Time for the Young and the Young at Heart
Offering Prayer / Time of Reflection
Camps With Meaning Capital Campaign information

Scripture Romans 12:1-10
Hymn VT 386 *One Is the Body*
Sermon Gifts Dorothy Fontaine
HWB 362 *Help Us To Help Each Other*
Sharing / Prayer

Hymn VT 839 *Go, My Friends, in Peace*
Benediction
Postlude

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine
Musician(s): Gina Enns, Nancy Ratzlaff
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

We welcome Dorothy Fontaine to AMC this morning. Dorothy is Director of Camps With Meaning with Mennonite Church Manitoba.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

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 *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Musician(s):* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Sylvia Klassen *Scriptures:* TBA
Technician: Dale Klassen

Followed by lunch provided by Friendship Manor.

November 3 9:30 am – AMC Book Study Group

11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

November 6 7:00 pm - AMC Ladies evening

Birthdays: October 21 – Jesse Wiebe; October 22 – Lloyd Wiebe; October 24 – Norma 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!

- **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.

- **MINGLE, MUNCH and MEMORIES – November 6, 7 pm**

AMC ladies (and any ladies they'd like to bring) are invited to an informal gathering in the AMC basement, featuring great snacks, special music and food for thought by Mary Costen, along with a few surprises. Come prepared to learn five things about Pastor Erika you had no idea about. Oh yes and bring your relaxation vibration. Feel free to linger afterwards. If you need a ride, contact Mary Costen at 431 733 4122.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Gardens on Tenth Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, **October 24th at 7:00 PM** in The Gardens MPR.

- **Tuesday November 5** Altona Health Care Auxiliary Annual Meeting at 2 p.m. at the Altona Memorial Health Centre Multi Purpose Room. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be service. New members are welcome.

- **Saturday, October 26** – Community Meal, see poster

- **MCI wishes to announce that Mr. Chris Harms has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer**, effective November 18, 2024. Chris brings with him 17 years of leadership experience in business and ministry, including roles as Executive Director of Pembina Valley Bible Camp and Family Life Pastor at Harvest Christian Fellowship. Chris is passionate about faith-based community building and is excited to contribute to MCI's mission.

- **YFC Altona is looking for either individuals or small groups to help with their Thursday supper program.** We host around 30-40 youth each week for supper and would love for you to be a part of it. You are welcome to use our facility and cook (there are 2 ovens and a bbq you can use) or you can simply make a meal at home and have it brought to YFC.

We also share a devotion with the youth before we serve the meal and you are welcome to be a part of that as well.

Sign up for a Thursday with Meal Train at www.yfcaltona.com or contact Kendra at kendra.fehr@yfc.ca with any questions.

- **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 for more info.

- **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

- **November 8th - MCI's Soup & Pie and Fall Concert!** Come for soup, buns and pie from 5:30-7:00 in the gymnasium, and stay for our fall concert at 7:30 in Buhler Hall with performances by MCI's ensembles and choirs. Meal is by donation. We look forward to seeing you there!

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign up for a MCM Visioning Focus Group. Join other MCM'ers in sharing in this important reflective work we're calling Hope and Courage. More info and sign-up form at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/hopeandcourage.

- **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.

- **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

- **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

- **Seeking songs from pre-1965 Camps with Meaning.** We would like to sing a number of the old favourites at the camp banquets. Please contact the camp office at 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca with your suggestions.

- **CommonWord Book Launch: The Secret Treaty: A Lost Story of Ojibwe and Mennonite Neighbours** – On November 7 at 7:00 PM, Jonathan Dyck and Elder Dave Scott discuss how we can forge a different way of sharing the land. The authors share stories of the West Reserve before Mennonite settlement and first encounters between Ojibwe and latecomers. Join in person at Marpeck Commons or watch the livestream at commonword.ca/go/3972.