

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

- **Wendy Kroeker and Gordon Zerbe teaching in Indonesia** - Pray for Wendy Kroeker and Gordon Zerbe as they contribute to courses and workshops related to New Testament, Peace Theology, and Peace Education. There are working at Duta Wacana Christian University (UKDW), Yogyakarta, Indonesia interacting with over 350 students in the faculty of theology made of 12 Protestant denominations. Your donations toward International Resource Workers <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resource-workers> help to pay expenses to respond to the requests from global companions to share resources in particular areas of need.

- **Japanese and Chinese Mennonite Leaders to meet** - Pray for God's peace and love to dominate the meeting of several Japanese and Chinese Mennonite leaders (names withheld) that will be meeting this month to deepen relationships and for mutual support. Praise God that political differences can be overcome as we together sit at the feet of Jesus! Celebrate the Lunar New Year (Feb. 17) by breaking down walls that divide us. (Photo credits: Bev Epp)

From the Pastor

from King Lear

"This fool's words aren't totally foolish, my lord. - Kent, paraphrase (Act 1, Scene 4)

"Jesters do oft prove prophets." - Regan (Act 5, Scene 3)

from As You Like It

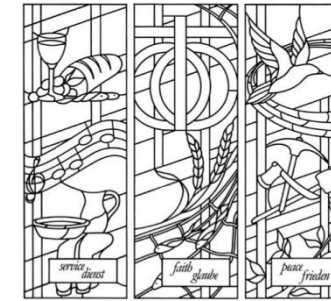
"The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool." - Touchstone (Act 5, Scene 1)

from Twelfth Night

Clown: Wit, an't be thy will, put me into good fooling! Those wits, that think they have thee, do very oft prove fools; and I, that am sure I lack thee, may pass for a wise man: for what says Quinapalus? 'Better a witty fool, than a foolish wit.'
(Act 1, Scene 5)

Viola: This fellow is wise enough to play the Fool, and to do that well craves a kind of wit. He must observe their mood on whom he jests, the quality of persons, and the time, and, like the haggard, check at every feather that comes before his eye. This is a practice as full of labor as a wise man's art: for folly that he wisely shows is fit; but wise men, folly-fall'n, quite taint their wit.
(Act 3, Scene 1)

"At AMC, we welcome all persons into fellowship, membership, and leadership. We do so inclusive of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other identities that have experience discrimination and marginalization. We seek reconciliation with those who have not historically experience such welcome in the church. As a congregation, we embrace God's way of welcome, love and justice for all."



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candles

Hymn VT 197 God's Glory Fills the Heavens

Call to Worship – VT 851 / Prayer of Invocation

Time with Ray and Marilyn Houser Hamm

Blessing and Farewell VT 962

Hymn VT 440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Time for the Young at Heart

Reflecting in Gratitude

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18-29

Hymn VT 758 Who Will Speak a Word of Warning

Sermon Erika Enns Rodine

Music Paul Krahn

Sharing and Prayers of the People

Hymn VT 201 Hear the Turmoil of the Nations

Benediction

Hymn VT 809 Sing a New World Into Being

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert
Musician(s): Lori Hiebert, Loren Hiebert
Technician: Nathan Loewen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

February 15 – 11:00 am Worship Service – guest speaker
Marta Bunnert-Wiebe *Theme:*
Scripture: Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine *Musician(s):*
Edna Zacharias *Technician:* Dale Klassen
February 21 – RRVFA Scholarship Event
February 22 – Worship Service -Lent 1 – Dan Kehler
March 1 – Worship Service – Lent 2 - Erika Enns Rodine
5:00 pm Progressive Supper
March 8 – Worship Service – Lent 3 – Erika Enns Rodine
March 13 – 15 – AMC Retreat at Camp Koinonia
March 15 – 11:00 am – Coffee in basement
March 22 – Worship Service – Lent 5 – Erika Enns Rodine
March 29 – Worship Service – Palm Sunday, AMC at Eastview
and Gardens – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: February 8 – Kaylee Franz; February 13 – Rosetta Braul

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Erika is at the Renew pastor's retreat at CMU on Monday and Tuesday.

- **Save the Date! - March 1**, 5 pm – Progressive Supper. There is a sign up sheet on the lobby table – add your name and whether you want to host or travel!

- **Save the Date!** AMC Church retreat at Camp Koinonia, March 13 to 15th.

- 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:

- Ways to Give at Altona Mennonite Church:
 - cash or cheque in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
 - online bill payments through Access Credit Union
 - etransfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com

Thank you for your donations as we continue to be church together!

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Altona United Church** (45 3rd Ave SE) invites us to join them for their Lenten services:

- Ash Wednesday Service, February 18, 7 pm
- Lenten Bible Study "Journey Through Lent" – Tuesdays – Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- An Evening of Prayer "From Ashes to Grace" – Wed. April 1 @ 7 pm

We will be worshipping together on Good Friday.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Monday - February 9, 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom.**

The story of God's people: Archiving congregational records. Conrad Stoesz will talk about the creation and care of congregational records and the relationship between congregations and the Mennonite Heritage Archives. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for the the Zoom link.

- **Date changed for No More Loopholes phone zap! Please join Mennonite Action Canada on a phone zap February 17 at 7 pm Central time.** We are participating in a national Day of Action. In this half hour, you will be equipped and enabled to call your MP: urge them to vote yes to Bill C-233 to prevent Canadian-made products from being used in genocide. Your voice is needed. Email: MennoniteActionCanada@pm.me for the zoom link.

- **MCM Annual Gathering will be held March 6-7** at Bethel Mennonite Church. The theme is "See, I Am Doing a New Thing!" **We are allowed 4 delegates for the meeting. Please let Erika Enns Rodine or Lori Hiebert know if you wish to be part of the discussion on a new Vision and Mission statement for MCM.** Delegates need to be registered by February 13.

- **First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg is 100 years old!** Our celebrations will officially kick off in September, 2026. To help us commemorate adequately, we are holding a fundraising social, Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. at Trans Canada Brewing, 1290 Kenaston Blvd. Tickets are \$45 in advance, or \$50 at the door. Space is limited! Included in the ticket price is TCBS delicious pizza! To purchase tickets, or for more information, email office@firstmennonitechurch.ca.

- **CMU Discover Day** – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of Friday, February 27 to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

- **CMU Open House** – Prospective undergraduate students of all ages are invited to drop in on Thursday, February 19, 5:00-8:00 PM to experience CMU's academic programs, student supports, and community life at their own pace. Visit cmu.ca/openhouse for more information.

- **Camps with Meaning summer staff** application portal is open. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

- **Summer camp registration** is open for kids Gr 1 to Gr 12. www.campswithmeaning.org

- **Canadian Mennonite is seeking a contract-based advertising sales representative** to connect values-aligned advertisers, organizations, and ministries with our readership. This remote, commission-based role offers flexible hours and opportunities to build relationships across our wider church community. Full job description and application details: <https://canadianmennonite.org/about-cm/jobs/> Open until the position is filled.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Jean Tarnick is at Eastview Place. She is finding the days long as she can't move independently. She welcomes visitors.

- Bev Barton is back at home. There are still tests to be done. Pray for calm.

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Marianne Braun at Eastview; Bill Loewen and 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.

- We pray for those who are grieving, for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle, for those in transition, for those who have moved to or are waiting to move to a new home. We pray for the family care-givers.