

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

- **Global Companion of the Month: South Africa** - As we embrace a posture of companionship in the global church, an Anabaptist group called Iziko Lamaqabane in South Africa is stepping up to that commitment and offering to walk with us. In addition to their ministry of working with urban peace and justice practitioners in South Africa to “heal colonial wounds, disrupt systemic violence and cultivate faith formed by and expressed in liberative praxis”, the Iziko leaders are gifted in facilitating pilgrimage learning experiences. Mennonite Church Canada is working in partnership with Iziko Lamaqabane to explore the long history and legacy of colonialism and apartheid in South Africa through one of these pilgrimages. For more information:

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage>

- **Scholarships and prayers for Palestine.** - MC Canada’s Palestine/Israel Network thanks all who donated to its Advent giving project for scholarships at Bethlehem Bible College. Donations are still being accepted through March 31; for more information, please visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/adventgiving2025>. The PIN also urges prayer for our siblings in faith as they maintain a gospel message in Gaza, West Bank, and East Jerusalem with the added complexity and threat from the US/Israel conflict with Iran.

From the (former) Pastor g morn

I hope the week is going well.

Among many other things, in the last weeks, I have let my mind wander around 'leaving home, going home,' like anyone who is moving. Many layers of meaning in that.

Came across these lyrics

lyrics by Fisher, music by Dvorak

*Goin' home. Goin' home. I'm a-goin' home.
Quiet-like some still day, I'm just goin' home.
It's not far, just close by, through an open door.
Work all done, cares laid by, goin' to roam no more;
Mother's there 'xpecting me, father's waiting, too,
Lots of folks gathered there, all the friends I knew.*

*Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done.
Shadows gone, break of day, real life just begun.
There's no break, there's no end, just a-living on;
Wide awake, with a smile, going on and on.
Going home. Going home, I'm just going home.
It's not far, just close by, through an open door.*

*could be another farewell song from us to AMC
Spotify has some good versions*

Brief notes about the last few days

*Matt, with 30 ft trailer full,
Ian with Fit, full
drove on Sat
All empty by early afternoon on Sun
Matt headed back immediately, pressures at work
We left Sun afternoon and arrived here Mon afternoon
Kirsten n family brought supper,
Bed was set up and ready to go*

*we are approaching breathing room
Incredible help from our family*

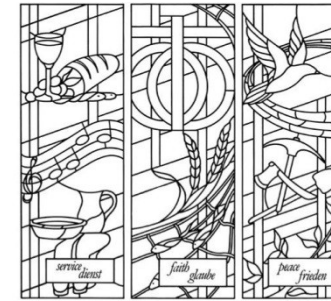
*Ron n Karen were over the top, coffee, food, wanted to be
there when we drove off the yard*

*Many empty boxes in the basement
and more to empty
kitchen is functional,
bookshelves are filling
planning for spaces and convenience*

Already had great fun with our little people

*We were leaving home
we have arrived home*

Ray & Marilyn Hamm



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Lent 3 – Standing Up and Standing Back Dwelling in Dissonance

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

One: Welcome Lent

All: Welcome mystery.

One: Welcome failure?

All: Welcome fear?!

One: Welcome lessons of regret.

All: Welcome grace – ever near.

One: Welcome questions we're avoiding.

All: Welcome notes of dissonance.

One: Welcome truth. Welcome courage.

All: Welcome Jesus' steadfastness.

Hymn VT 159 Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand

Monologue (based on John 18:12-27) Peter's Story

Time for the Young at Heart

Hymn VT 344 Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing

Confession Poem

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Sermon Erika Enns Rodine
Hymn VT 558 Lord, I Want to be a Christian
Musical Reflection
Sharing and Prayers of the People
Benediction
Hymn VT 743 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Worship Leader: Norma Thiessen
Musician(s): Lori & Loren Hiebert
Reader: Loren Hiebert
Technician: Nathan Loewen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

March 10 – 4:30 pm Worship Committee meeting
March 11 – 6:30 pm Leadership Council meeting
March 15 – 10:00 am Breakfast in the basement
11:00 am Worship Service (in the basement)
Lent 4 – Erika Enns Rodine *Theme: Submission and Power*
Scripture: John 18:28-40 *Worship Leader: Musician(s):*
Technician:
March 22 – 9:45 am – Adult Study reconvenes
11:00 am Worship Service – Lent 5 – Erika Enns Rodine
March 29 – Worship Service – Palm Sunday, AMC at Eastview
and Gardens – Erika Enns Rodine
April 2 – 7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion service
April 3 – Good Friday service with Altona United Church
details to come
April 5 – Easter Morning – details to come

Birthdays: March 10 – Irv Giesbrecht; March 12 – Bryson Loewen, LeahAnn Rodine

Anniversaries: March 10 – Albert & Sylvia Klassen

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!

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:
• Lenten Bible Study "Journey Through Lent" – Tuesdays – March 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.

- **Altona Blood Donor Clinic Tuesday, March 17** at the Altona Rhineland Pioneer Centre - Main Floor Hall – 227 – 10 Ave NW Contact blood.ca or call 1-888-2Donate (236-6283)
The mobile donor centre hours are: 1:00 – 7:00 pm

- **Gardens on Tenth Spring Soup & Pie Fundraiser** is coming up quickly! Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 5-7pm. See poster on bulletin board.

- **The Southern MB Choral Society** will be performing their spring concert on Sunday, March 29th, 2026, 3:00 p.m. at the Altona Bergthaler Church. Admission by donation.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Monday, March 9, 7:30-8:30pm** – Interview with Jonathan Neufeld, MC Canada Indigenous Relations Coordinator. Bring your questions for Jonathan as we seek to understand how we are organizing across our regions. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for the the Zoom link.

- **Join Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity** as we learn more about the impact of residential school denialism. Hear from speakers Niigaan Sinclair and Sean Carlton as well as the work of the National Indigenous Residential School Museum. March 10, 7-9pm at Charleswood Mennonite Church.

- Face2Face at CMU: Being Peacemakers for a World of Surging Polarization

We are delighted to welcome Chris Rice to Manitoba in March. Chris Rice is an MCC alumnus, co-founding director of Duke Divinity School Centre for Reconciliation, writer, and global

networker. Join us at these events to hear him share about "Reconciling All Things".

- *Being Peacemakers for a World of Surging Polarization*
Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m CMU Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave., Winnipeg

- *Stories of Hope for Justice and Healing*
Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m., MCC Manitoba, 140 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg

- *Building the Beloved Community in a Time of Division*
Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m., Neuberghal Commons Barn, Neuberghal

For more information go to mcc.org/manitoba and scroll down to events.

- **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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Condolences to Murry Sawatzky on the passing of his brother Mark Sawatzky on Feb. 20 in Airdrie, Alberta. Pray also for Mark's friends.

- 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.