

Check the bulletin board for more info on these...

- Newsletters / updates
- April 9 – “In Harmony for Hope” Concert for Eden Foundation
- THE ALZHEIMER JOURNEY – Gardens on 10th, next session on April 12 @ 2pm
- April 29/30 – Faith & Life Choir Concerts
- May 7 – Eastman Male Choir for MCC
- MDS Family Project information re Camp Wildwood, NB

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Many of our church family are dealing with health concerns. Keep each other in your prayers.
- Ken & Marianne Braun are adjusting to life in separate communities. Keep them in your prayers.

Our Community

- MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin
- Pray for Canada General Secretary – Willard Metzger
- Eden Health Care Services is looking for a new CEO as James Friesen has retired. Pray for this search.

Our World

- In these unsettled times, pray that the Holy Spirit will whisper truths of love and encouragement to all those belonging to the Body of Christ. May we seek paths of love and respect, finding unity in the midst of disagreement and hope in the face of despair.

- If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.

The Lenten Banner

Worship visuals help us encounter God without words - through colour, shape, and design. They are a resting place for our eyes and a way to soak in the assurance and knowledge of God's presence.

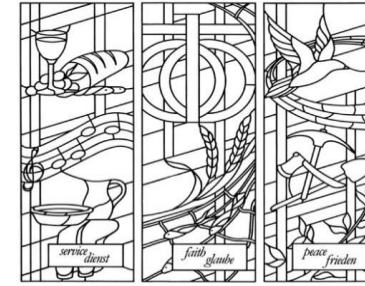
For this season of Lent, a traditional liturgical colour has been chosen to represent each Sunday's focus statement. Brown = We hunger; Purple = We wonder; Blue = We thirst; Green = We see. Gold = We breathe.

From the Pastor

This prayer is from a Fifteenth-Century French Book of Hours. We still pray it today.

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and in my departing.

Baptism with water is an indication of one's desire to identify with the life giving way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the symbol of our covenant with God and other followers of Jesus made in community signifying desired participation in the Body of Christ. If you would like to explore Baptism as an expression of your faith contact Pastor Dan.



Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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Restore us O God! We breathe.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn HWB #1 What is this place

Call to Worship

Leader: Come.

Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come.

Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come.

Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Bring all that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

Hymn HWB #298 Veni Sancte Spiritus

OT Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Prayer

Hymn STJ #35 O Breath of Life

Children's Time

NT Scripture: Romans 8:6-11; John 11:32-44

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Meditation

"Come from the Four Winds, O Breath" – Marlene Wiebe

Hymn STJ #29

Lenten Ritual

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Hymn HWB #301 Joys are flowing like a river

Benediction

Worship Leader: June Schwartz

Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

April 4 2:00 pm Book Study – Read Chapters 26 & 27

April 9 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:14-27, 21:1-11 *Lenten Theme:* Restore us, O

God! We hope. *Worship Leader:* Dave Regehr *Song Leader:*

Dave Regehr *Accompanist(s):* Hildie Regehr

Sound: Henry Rempel *Coffee:* John & Lil Gerbrandt

April 13 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion

April 14 10:30 am Good Friday Service

April 16 9:30 am EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

11:00 am Worship Service

April 18 7:00 pm Church Council meeting

April 24-26 Red River Valley Festival of the Arts - Piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pop up small group – an experiment.** Book Study group is reading *Naked Spirituality: A life with God in 12 simple words* by Brian McLaren. We meet at 2:00 PM at the church. Read Chapters 26 & 27 for Tuesday.

- We will meet for Easter Breakfast at 9:30 am on April 16.

Bring hard cooked eggs, paska and fruit (enough for you and a little extra) Set up is Group 2, clean up is Group 4.

Birthdays: April 2 – Vic Penner; April 3 – Bretlyn Loewen

Anniversaries: April 3 – Karey & Andrea Hildebrand; April 4 – Ray & Doreen Mierau

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Grow Hope with us!

Spring is on the way—will you sign up today to help end hunger by sponsoring an acre on the Grow Hope field? Last year, Grow Hope sponsors raised over \$450,000 for MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Thanks to government matching, every gift will grow and turn into even more food for people facing food insecurity, drought and displacement. Find out more at <http://mccmb.ca/growhope> or by calling (204)261-6381.

- **Spring at CMU**— You're warmly invited to the 2017 annual fundraising evening in support of CMU. Wednesday April 5, 7:00 PM, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. RSVP by March 29th to Joyce Friesen, jfriesen@cmu.ca or [204-594-0517](tel:204-594-0517).

MCI Celebrates 50 Years of Musicals! Join us for our Fundraising Gala Concert and Reception, featuring musicals from the past 50 years, on April 8th at 7:30pm in Buhler Hall, Gretna, MB. To reserve a seat for the show, call MCI at [204-327-5891](tel:204-327-5891). Opportunity for donations will be available at the concert.

- **Community Blood Donor Clinic** will be held at Altona - Rhineland Pioneer Center on Thursday, April 13th, 2017 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- The First Mennonite Church choir with orchestra, under the direction of Yuri Klaz present **Mozart's Requiem on Good Friday** at 7 pm at the church, 922 Notre Dame Ave. Soloists are, Karis Wiebe, Anne Marie Dueck, James Magnus-Johnston and Howard Rempel.

- **The annual Manitoba MDS Awareness & Fundraising Event** Come hear MDS stories from 2016 projects and plans for 2017 - especially, Fort McMurray. The Altona area supper will be at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre on APRIL 22nd. See the posters for details. Reserve your complimentary attendance by calling **MDS at 1-866-261-1274.**

- **Faith & Life Choirs Spring Concerts** – Saturday, April 29, 7 pm @ Sargent Mennonite Church, Wpg. and Sunday, April 30, 3 pm @ Morden Mennonite Church, Morden

- **Mennonite Family History Workshop** – Saturday, May 6, 2 pm at Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies, 1310 Taylor Ave. Wpg. with Dr. Glenn Penner and Archivist Conrad Stoesz.

Book your spot online at office@tourmagination.com or call 204-669-6575

- **Women Encountering Jesus** Saturday April 29th 9:00-4:30pm You are invited by Mennonite Women Manitoba to come spend a day together exploring stories of women's encounters with Jesus then and now. See the poster. Resource Person is Spiritual Director Laura Funk. Register online at: www.mennochurch.mb.ca or call [204-896-1616](tel:204-896-1616) and ask for Kathy Giesbrecht. Registration is \$50.00. Location; Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg.

- If you, or someone you know, is a university student looking for accommodation in Winnipeg for the summer or for the 2017/18 academic year, take a look at **Emmaus House!** Find more info at emmaushousewinnipeg.ca

- **Camps with Meaning** is seeking volunteers as health officer, kitchen help, or maintenance help for a week this summer. Please email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or call [\(204\) 895-2267](tel:204-895-2267) if you are interested.

- **Camp Assiniboia** is looking for people to join our Volunteer Maintenance Crew. If you would like to help us with woodworking projects, carpentry projects, repairs, grounds keeping, or gardening (vegetable and flower) then please contact David Hogue [204 864 2159 ext 100](tel:204-864-2159). Join us in building our vision for Camp.

- Mennonite Church Manitoba is accepting applications for the position of **Resident Manager at Camp Moose Lake**. This is a 4 month term position (1.0 fte) from May 1 – Aug 31. The Manager is directly responsible for the management of Camp Moose Lake, overseeing all aspects of its operation including facilities and the guest group rental program. Please send inquiries to Dorothy Fontaine [204-896-1616](tel:204-896-1616) ext 256 or dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca. A detailed job description can be found at www.campswithmeaning.org, News.

- The General Board of Mennonite Church Canada will meet for a final review of Future Directions proposals to re-organize national and area church bodies. Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man.