

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

- Newsletters / updates
- THE ALZHEIMER JOURNEY – Gardens on 10th, next session on May 25 @ 2pm
- Fundraiser for Pembina Counselling Center – April 27
- 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.
- Keep our university students in your prayers as they write final exams and make plans for the summer and fall.

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

- Delegates will be gathering at The Meeting House in Oakville, ON for MCEC's Annual Church Gathering on April 28-29. The theme is "The Great ReCommission." Delegates will be offering feedback on the Future Directions proposal for being a national church as well as participating in worship sessions and a variety of workshops. Please pray for a re-energizing of our commitment to each other as together we explore the new realities of being church in a secular neighbourhood, a deepening of our willingness to be shaped and formed by the movement of the Spirit among us, and wisdom and vision as we respond to the Future Directions proposal.

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

Call to Worship

Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed.

God is alive...
New birth is given.

Hope is alive...
A new age is dawning.

Joy is alive...
Redemption is here.

Love is alive...
Death cannot harm us.

We are alive...
New life is within us.

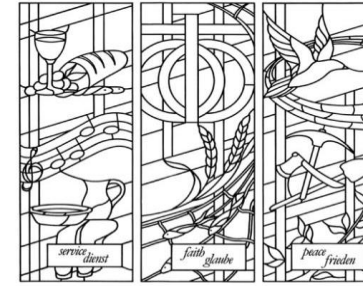
The church is alive...
God's spirit is within us.

God of life,
we worship you.

God of creation,
we praise you.

God of revelation,
we learn from you.

God of resurrection,
we come to celebrate you.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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April 23, 2017

**Easter Celebration
Not Seeing yet Believing Still**

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn HWB #278 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!
Welcome (Announcements)
Call to worship (see back of bulletin)
Prayer

Praising

Hymn of Praise: STS #91 Star of the morning
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Offering

Reflecting

Scripture: John 20:19-31
Children's Story
Hymn: STS #101 The risen Christ
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Meditation: Not Seeing and Yet Believing Randy Hildebrand

Responding

Confessing our Unbelief
Silence
Words Assurance
Hymn of Joy renewed:
HWB # 274 O sons and daughters, let us sing

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Sharing
Prayer

Blessing

Hymn HWB #570 We walk by faith vs. 1-3

Sending:

Hymn vs. 4 & 5

Postlude

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler
Song Leader: Dave Regehr
Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

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

April 30 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *Theme:*

Were not our hearts burning within us? *Worship Leader:*

Norma Thiessen *Song Leader:* Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm *Sound:* Dale Klassen

Coffee: Kevin & Nancy Neufeld

May 3 7:00 pm Coffee at Hilda & Cornie Elias's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

- Thank you to Steve Penner for designing the vision statement for our lobby.

- Hilda & Cornie Elias will host another AMC coffee event at the lounge in their apartment building (#110 The Poplars) on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Birthdays: April 23 – Harry Wiens; April 24 – Steven Wiebe; April 28 – Marlene Plett

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? Find out more at <http://mccmb.ca/growhope> or by calling (204)261-6381.

Annual Palliative Care Soup & Pie Fundraiser will be held **Tuesday, April 25th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Altona Bergthaler Church**. Funds raised will go towards equipment and projects for Eastview PCH and Altona Hospital. All are welcome! See sign-up sheet to help bring food or serve.

- **Gardens on Tenth** Spring Fundraising Soup & Pie, Thursday, April 27, 5 – 7 pm. See poster.

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

- **MHC Gallery:** "160 Acres: the Geography of Home," a multimedia exhibition by Darlene Derksen. **Opening May 5 at 7:30 pm.** Runs May 5 to June 17. 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Wpg.

- **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 and ask for Kathy Giesbrecht. Registration is \$50.00. Location - Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg.

- **Laughter is Sacred Space; The Human Faces Tour is coming to Winnipeg!** Saturday May 13th 7:00pm at the Douglas Mennonite Church. Free admission with offering taken for Eden Mental Health. Hosted by MCM Youth Groups and Leadership Ministries this Ted&Co production tells the true story about the joy and pain of a life full of paradoxes as Ted walks us through his journey working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder; and after Lee's death, performing Biblical stories while experiencing the profound absence of God. Evening includes; Performance, Q&A with Ted and Youth Group Hosted Snack Tables.

- **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 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. Join us in building our vision for Camp.

- **Spring Fest at MCC Manitoba** – May 26, 27 at Ten Thousand Villages on 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg. See poster.

- **Cycle Clear Lake** - Calling all cyclists! Come out to Riding Mountain National Park for a beautiful trail ride in support of MCC's education work in Haiti on Saturday, July 1. Registration deadline is June 13. For more information and to register online visit <http://mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake> or phone Reinhold at 204-729-8335. – Poster on bulletin board

- **MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament - July 12, 2017, 10 River Road, Starbuck** Join us at Bridges Golf Course for our 15th annual golf tournament in support of MCC's local work with vulnerable youth. For more information and to register, visit <http://mccmb.ca/golf> or call 204-261-6381. Register by June 12 to meet our early bird deadline. – Poster on bulletin board