

- **Mennonite Church Manitoba** has signs that read "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor." These signs are in three languages French, English, and Arabic. We encourage churches and individuals to post this sign in their yard. They are available from the MCM office for \$20.00 and come with a wire frame for mounting. Please contact the office at [204-896-1616](tel:204-896-1616)

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

- Newsletters / updates
- **Fund raising Bike trips, golf tournaments**
- THE ALZHEIMER JOURNEY – Gardens on 10<sup>th</sup>, last session on June 22 at 2 pm
- MDS Family Project information re Camp Wildwood, NB

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Our Church family**

- Nancy Ratzlaff's oldest brother, Randy died unexpectedly. Pray for the Graber / Ratzlaff family.

**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**

- Five young adults from the Mennonite congregation and youth hostel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso are engaging with disadvantaged children in the distant town of Sapouy. Pray for a clear understanding of what God is calling them to do in Sapouy. Pray also for Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder, Mennonite Church Canada partners through Mennonite Mission Network, as they support and encourage these young adults.  
 - From June 12-16 and 19-23 over 150 students from Canada and around the globe (including Somalia, Iraq, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Jordan, Iran, Argentina...) will be enrolled in one-week peace building courses as part of CMU's Canadian School of Peacebuilding. In our world's present political climate their commitment to peace-building is more critical than ever. Please hold them in your prayers.

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

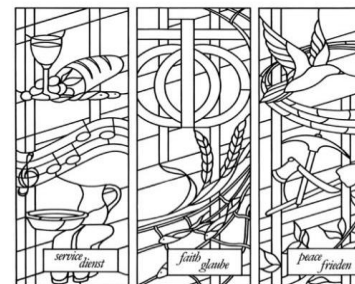
**From the Pastor:**

Anabaptists are often critiqued for not having a well-developed theology of the Spirit. We are good at articulating our discipleship as we desire to follow Jesus. We are quite versed when it comes to our understanding of God. But Anabaptists get a little uncomfortable when we talk about the Spirit.

Perhaps we are hesitant to bring the Spirit into our Anabaptist house because we know what wind and fire can do to a community. When you play with fire, you often get burnt, because wind and fire, when together, can be nigh impossible to control. So I wonder if that is what makes us so nervous about the Spirit of God among us. For when it came at Pentecost, it came as a mighty wind with what appeared to be tongues of fire resting of the heads of the disciples.

It is good for us orderly Mennonites to be reminded that it's OK for things to look a little out of control when the Spirit is present; that when the Spirit of God is at work in the community of God's people things will look rather chaotic. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12 that there are those that will be wise leaders, those that will be knowledgeable theologians. Some will have great faith; others will be able to touch the hearts of those who need a friend. Still others will know what to do when crisis arises and will be able to understand and interpret what is going on in the community and in the world around us. And while it sounds like things might be little out of control in the Corinthian fellowship, Paul assures them that all this pandemonium is ok. It is the way the Spirit works after all.

So perhaps the unsettled feelings that we have over the wider church and the uncertainties facing our local fellowship are actually the work of the Spirit's wind and fire toppling our certainties, challenging our traditions and keeping in check our institutions thereby calling us to renewed faith, inviting us into God's Kingdom of grace, hope, and love.



# Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Prelude

Welcome

Hymn HWB #46 I sing the mighty power of God

Greeting/Announcements

Call to worship - HWB #669

Invocation

Hymn HWB #26 Holy Spirit, come with power

Reader's Theatre - Acts 2:1-21

Offering / Foodbank

Scripture Joel 2:28-32a

Sermon What does this mean? Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #304 There are many gifts

Sharing

Prayer – Veni Sancte Spiritu by Sonya Dyer

Hymn STJ #73 The Lord lift you up (2x)

Benediction

Hymn STJ #73 The Lord lift you up (1x)

Worship Leader: Ang Enns

Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Gina Enns

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### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC**

June 4 **10:30 am** Sunday School Picnic at Gretna Park  
*Scripture:* Hebrews 5:13-14; 1 Peter 2:2-3 *Theme:* Growth  
*Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Song Leader:* Kevin Neufeld *Accompanist(s):* Gina Enns *Sound:* Greg Heinrichs  
*Coffee:* at the picnic

June 11 Children's Sunday School will resume in Sept.  
11:00 am Worship Service

June 12 6:00 pm Education Meeting

June 13 7:00 pm Bridal Shower for Erika Stoesz

June 18 11:00 am Worship Service – Music Sunday

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **AMC PICNIC - Sunday June 4th** will be our annual picnic at the **GRETNA PARK**. Worship service will begin at 10:30 followed by lunch and games. Please bring veggies, chips & dessert to share. Drinks & hotdogs will be provided. Also bring lawn chairs and dishes/cutlery/cups. Contact Andrea Hildebrand or Lorraine Heinrichs if you need a ride.

- **GRADUATES** - we would like to celebrate your accomplishments on June 4th. Please contact Andrea Hildebrand if you are graduating or have graduated this year from an academic program.

- AMC Council has asked Ray Hamm to be the AMC moderator until the next annual meeting, since Kerry Enns resigned earlier this month. Ray has accepted. The position of assistant moderator is now vacant. Council would welcome a volunteer for this.

- If you are interested in purchasing items for hygiene kits to be donated to the Refugee Reception Centre in Gretna, please contact Marge Friesen for details.

- You are invited to a **Bridal Shower in honour of Erika Stoesz, Nathan Klassen's fiancé** on Tuesday June 13th at 7:00 pm in the AMC basement. They are registered with Bed, Bath and Beyond. Cash donations for a group gift will be collected by Lorraine until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Birthdays:** May 28 – Jim Dyck; May 29 – Margruite Krahn, Sara Krahn; May 31 – Hartley Gerbrandt; June 1 – Carol Penner

**Anniversaries:** May 28 – Myron Dyck & Julia Thiessen; June 2 – Ken & Carol Penner

### **COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On May 30th from 4:30 - 6:30 the tenants at Friendship Manor together with Manitoba Housing rep., will be serving soup and salad. Admission is by donation. Any extra money will go towards the communal garden which is being tended by two of the tenants.

#### **- Community Event: *Forced to Flee: A Migration Simulation*. Facilitated by MCC Manitoba**

In small groups participants work together in a decision-making simulation to preserve health, money and food resources on a flight from violence to safety. Decisions are difficult. Outcomes are unpredictable. Participants gain a sense of the incredible uncertainty experienced every day by displaced persons. May 30. 7-8:30 pm. Free. Gretna Prairie Centre, 597 Hespeler Ave, Gretna Manitoba For more information call MCC Manitoba 1.204.261.6381

- **MCC Manitoba Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday, June 8, 7 pm at Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler. Join us to hear about developments in our program work and plans as well as a keynote address focused on experiences of trauma and resilience in migration. Member congregations may appoint one voting delegate per every 50 members but anyone is invited to attend. For more information and to register delegates, visit <http://mccmb.ca/agm> or contact Nikki Hamm at 204-261-6381 or [nikkihamm@mccmb.ca](mailto:nikkihamm@mccmb.ca). Please register delegates by June 2.

- **IronMan Golf Tournament** – June 19, 2017 at the Winkler Centennial Golf Course in support of Eden Foundation. Register on-line at <http://edenhealthcare.ca>

- You are invited to join us for the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual CMU Golf Classic**, Tuesday, June 20 at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club in La Salle, MB. Reservations are limited so rsvp early by calling Joyce Friesen [204-594-0517](tel:204-594-0517).

- **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

- **Dinner with Ted 4**, featuring Ted's famous chicken fingers and fries, for all **CMU alumni!** Friday, June 2, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Gluten-free chicken fingers and vegetarian options available. Admission by paying it forward to the CMU Alumni Bursary Fund (donations matched by a Manitoba government student bursary initiative). RSVP on the Facebook event page or email Aaron Epp ([aep@cmu.ca](mailto:aep@cmu.ca)).

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute** in Gretna invites you to join us for our annual Saengerfest celebration on June 11. The Worship service begins at 10:30am, followed by lunch (by donation), and a 2:00 pm Concert featuring all of MCI's choral groups in Buhler Hall. Hope to see you there!

- **MCI invites applications for Director of Student Life beginning August 2017.** Responsibilities include oversight of (1) school residence programs (2) non-curricular Christian Life programs (3) student recruitment. Please direct inquires and/or resumes to [principal@mciblues.net](mailto:principal@mciblues.net) by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** is now accepting registrations. The event takes place on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Oakview Golf Club in Gretna, for more information or to register contact MCI at [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net).

- **Shi'a Muslim-Mennonite Christian Dialogue 7** – The 7th in an international series of events where Mennonite and Shi'a Muslim scholars and youth give presentations and engage in meaningful dialogue will take place June 27-30 at CMU. The opening program will take place June 27 at 7:30 PM. The entire event is open to the public. For more information see [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca).

- **Camps with Meaning is in significant need of health officer (RN, LPN, EMR/EMT, MD) volunteers** for this summer! Please call [\(204\) 895-2267](tel:204-895-2267) or contact the camp office at [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca) if you or someone you know may be able to help!