

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

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Let us pray for our graduates: Madelyn Mierau-Friesen and Taylor Wiebe who are graduating from MCI; and Lauren Martens who is graduating from Medicine at Univ of Manitoba.

Our Community

- MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin
- Pray for Canada General Secretary – Willard Metzger

Our World

- Norm and Lillian Nicolson are Mennonite Church Canada workers serving in communication, trades-teaching and translation ministry in Burkina Faso. Pray for wisdom in determining next steps for treatment, while managing any logistics involved for their young children, Nadine and Kenneth. May God's healing power keep Norm's energy and health stable, and may the whole family feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as they journey through this difficult time.

- Please pray for peace in the midst of a growing culture of fear in Philippines. President Duterte declared martial law in Mindanao to address growing violence, but many fear this will exacerbate the situation. May the church shine the light of Christ into this growing darkness, and may people use social media to share hope rather than fear. Mennonite Church Canada workers Dann and Joji Pantoja and Darnell and Christina Barkman serve in Philippines.

- 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.

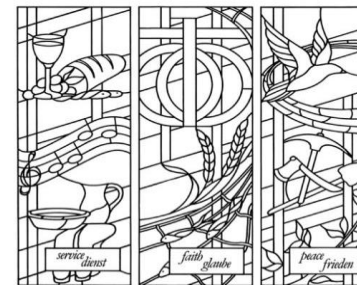
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

From the Pastor Patience is Popcorn

The fruit of the spirit is ... patience. Galatians 5:22

When my kids were toddlers, we had a stovetop popcorn maker that we used frequently. At some point, I must have used the experience of waiting for the oil to heat the kernels till they would begin to pop to teach about patience. The phrase "Patience is Popcorn" was coined by Sam when he was two years old. We have used it often since then. Anytime a wait was involved, we would say "Patience is Popcorn" and he knew that we were in a time similar to the anticipation of having a popcorn snack.

Recently, I have had to remind myself that "Patience is Popcorn." My May long weekend excursion to Cuyuna Lakes for a time of mountain biking included a mishap that involved my ribs violently coming in contact with the ground. Ribs take a long time to heal. Every sneeze, cough and twist reminds me of this fact. Waiting is never easy. Yet it is a space where we might learn something about life and faith, about what is important and what can slide, about what to hold on to and what can be let go. That is what makes waiting difficult. It invites us into the deeper questions of being that we might not otherwise attend to. But if we are willing to wait a while, the joy of patience can be found. "Patience is Popcorn."



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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GATHERING

Prelude
Hymn
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 8)

One: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,
inspired by the Holy Spirit,
and blessed by God,

Many: we come to worship one, holy God.

O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.
**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

Prayer of Invocation

LISTENING

Liturgy of Creation (based on Genesis 1)
Hymn
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
Children's Time

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Hymn
Meditation God as Relationship Dan Kehler

RESPONDING

Hymn
Offering
Sharing and Prayer time

SENDING

Benediction
Hymn
Postlude

Worship Leader: June Schwartz
Song Leader: Loren Braul
Accompanist(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

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
Scripture: Theme: Reformation and our Anabaptist roots, celebrated in song
Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm
Song Leader: Dave Regehr
Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr
Sound: Perry Batchelor
Coffee: Loren Braul & Lori Dueck
June 22 7:00 pm Church Council
June 25 11:00 am Worship Service
July 2 10:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Henry Rempel has an important request. Due to his leukemia and the treatments involved, his immune system is compromised. When you greet him in church, please refrain from hand shakes or other contact. And if you are not feeling 100% yourself a friendly wave from a distance is appreciated.

- Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and care as I continue to grieve the death of my brother.
Nancy Ratzlaff and family

- **Calling all Singers!** - AMC is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the beginning of our Anabaptist roots in song **on Sunday June 18**. If you would like to be part of the choir for that morning, the rehearsals are

Wednesday, June 14 @ 7 pm, Saturday, June 17 @ 7 pm. and Sunday, June 18 @ 9:30 am. – Marilyn H & Dave R

- 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.

- At our recent garden center outing, the members of Auxiliary who were present agreed by consensus to close the Auxiliary bank account. Remaining funds (\$91.60) were donated to the Altona and Area Family Resource Centre.

Birthdays: June 11 – Paige Mierau-Friesen; June 12 – Peter Pailie, Ted Klassen; June 14 – Anne Loewen

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Altona Health Care Auxiliary is celebrating their 70th Anniversary with a **"Come and Go" Appreciation Tea on Wednesday, June 14 at the Rhineland Car Showroom, 2-3:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome with a special invitation to former members.

- **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 **16th 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

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute** in Gretna invites you to join us for our annual Saengerfest celebration concert @ 2:00 pm this afternoon featuring all of MCI's choral groups in Buhler Hall. Hope to see you there!

- **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.

- Celebrating 150? Join us for a pre-party event **"146: Pathways to Treaty Relations"** on June 25th at Lower Fort Garry. Treaty 1, which was signed 146 years ago at Lower Fort Garry, is an invitation to share the land for the benefit of all living things. Come learn about how this sacred commitment can breathe new life into our relationships with one another and the world around us. Workshops from 1-4 pm at Lower Fort Garry and a bagged picnic lunch from 4-6 pm at Little Britain United Church (just a short walk down the road). For more information go to www.treatypathways.com or call Dorothy Fontaine [\(204\) 896-1616](tel:204-896-1616).

- **MHC Gallery Exhibitions** by Sharon Loepky; Angela Lillico and Genevieve Henderson open Friday, June 23, 7:30pm, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. June 23-September 16.

- **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)