

From the Pastor:

On Monday this week, I took my bike to the Pembina Valley – we took a route known as the “Holy Pembina.” It is meant to be an irreverent name given that you go down and then up the valley 5 times on an 80 km circuit. I love riding in the valley. Part of it is the trees. For me, Monday’s ride was holy because of the presence of the trees. If I could print a colour picture I would show you the valley with all its trees in various shades of green. Instead here is a poem by Mary Oliver.

When I Am Among the Trees

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

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Welcome

Cong hymn STJ #4 You've got a place
Greeting/announcements

Call to worship

Prayer

Scripture reading: Psalm 145:8-14

Cong hymn HWB #511 God who touches earth with beauty

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Cong hymn HWB #493 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Message Rest for my Soul Crystal Kehler

Cong hymn SS #45

Calm me, Lord

Sharing & Praying

Offering

Benediction

Cong hymn SJ #77

The Peace of Earth be with you

Worship Leader: Ang Enns

Song Leader: Dave Regehr

Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

July 16 10:30 am Worship Service

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *Theme:* A sower went out to sow *Worship Leader:* Peggy Martens *Song Leader:* Loren Braul *Accompanist(s):* Gina Enns *Sound:* Greg Heinrichs *Coffee:* will resume in fall

July 23 10:30 am Worship Service

July 30 Sunflower Festival Service in the park

August 6 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 handshakes or other contact. And if you are not feeling 100% yourself a friendly wave from a distance is appreciated.

- There are no assigned ushers for the months of July and August, so we will depend on volunteers for this period. If you are available please accept this responsibility. Thank you!

- 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.

- Volunteers are needed (4-6 people) for the **Sunflower Festival Worship Service** on July 30. They will assist in the service as prayer flags will be created and mounted. Persons are needed to be at a table, hand markers and triangular flag for writing prayers, and then staple the flags to a rope line which will be mounted. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Houser Hamm at mhouserhamm@gmail.com

Birthdays: July 10 – Rachel Bergen; July 12 – Harry Klassen, Chris Regehr

Anniversaries: July 11 – Ken & Marianne Braun

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- **Eden Foundation 15th Annual Head for the Hills event**, Saturday, September 9, 2017. Ride your bike 36 kms of the Pembina Escarpment in support of mental health recovery and celebrating Eden Health Care Services 50th Anniversary. \$25 registration includes full ride support, t-shirt, BBQ lunch, prizes. Register on-line at www.edenhealthcare.ca or at the office, 309 Main Street, Winkler.

- Nurturing and Sustaining Safe Communities – Eden Health Care Services, 2017 Lecture Series – October 3, 2017 – see poster for more details.

- CMU, in collaboration with Eastern Mennonite University (Virginia), Goshen College (Indiana) and Bluffton College (Ohio), is the Canadian partner in offering an MBA - a degree program focused on using business as a tool for creative and sustainable change. Wezi Ngwenya (Wesley) graduated from CMU with his MBA in April of 2017. His experiences on the streets of his native

Zambia have been released as an Amazon e-book, part of his final project for his MBA from CMU. He says, "The people who take this MBA are drivers of social change. We need those people in business." Wezi was recently appointed to a management position in a Manitoba credit union. To read more about Wesley's story, visit cmu.ca/whycmu.

- **Camps with Meaning** still has a number of volunteer needs for this summer. If you can help in the kitchen, on maintenance, or as a health officer for a week please email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or call (204) 895-2267.

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

- Newsletters / updates
- **Fund raising Bike trips, golf tournaments**
- MDS Family Project information re Camp Wildwood, NB
- Caspian Ensemble Concert @ CMU, July 14, 7:30 pm
- Friesen Family Band @ Blumenort Menn. Church, July 15, 7 pm

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for Madelyn Mierau-Friesen as she works at camp this summer. Pray for safety and a joyous experience for all.
- Keep the Wiebe family in your prayers. Tim is in St. Boniface hospital receiving treatments for Encephalitis. Marlene is in Winnipeg with Tim. Steve is at home on his own in Gretna.
- Ken Braun had surgery on Thursday and is remaining at BTHC. Please keep Ken and Marianne in your prayers.

Our Community

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

Our World

- In June, Jeanette Hanson, Mennonite Church Canada worker and Assistant Director of Mennonite Partners in China (MPC), helped facilitate a 4-day visit to Winnipeg from eastern China for Pastor Paul (pseudonym), his wife, and son. After visiting Mennonite congregations, a nursing home, Canadian Mennonite University, and a Mennonite camp, he noted "It is so helpful to me to see how you Mennonites live out your faith. This experience is helpful for my ministry in China." Pray that Pastor Paul's experience will be a blessing upon his ministry in China.

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