

-Continue to pray for those affected by the wild fires in BC and United States.
MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274.


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

From the Pastor:

The following is an excerpt from the new book; Lifting Hearts Off the Ground: Declaring Indigenous Rights in Poetry; by Lyla Johnston. Written in response to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Article 43 from an Indigenous perspective.

Article 43: The rights recognized herein constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity, and well-being of the Indigenous peoples of the world.

Please do not call this land America.
If you listen you will hear
her true name as the nighthawks
dive at twilight.
As the wolves howl at moonlight.
As the waterfalls rage, cascading.
As the avalanches fracture, breaking.
She will tell you her true name
with earthquakes that split states and break
fences to remind you she does not belong to you.
We cannot write your rights on a paper
and you cannot write ours either.
They are written into the bark of trees.
They are written
in the silence between you and me.
Still we try like fumbling humans
and, no matter its shortcomings,
there is the honour we seek.
The honour we need to breathe.
– Lyla June Johnston

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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Hymn HWB# 226 You are the salt of the earth

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 65)

Leader: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

People: let's praise God together!

Leader: For listening when we call,
answering our prayers,
forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:

People: let's praise God together!

Leader: Come and worship,
everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,

People: let's praise God together!

Prayer

Hymn STS 116 I saw a tree by the riverside

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Isaiah 10-13

Sermon: Proliferate Sewing and an Implausible Harvest

Dan Kehler

WE RESPOND

Hymn HWB 454 Seed, Scattered and Sown

Prayers of the People

Offering

Closing Hymn HWB 427 You shall go out with joy

Sending prayer

Worship Leader: Peggy Martens
Song Leader: Loren Brault
Accompanist(s): Gina Enns

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

July 23 10:30 am Worship Service
Scripture: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *Theme:* Weeds among the Wheat *Worship Leader:* Lori Hiebert
Song Leader: Lori Hiebert *Accompanist(s):* Loren Hiebert *Sound:* Dale Klassen *Coffee:* will resume in fall
July 30 Sunflower Festival Service in the park
August 6 10:30 am Worship Service
August 13 10:30 am Worship Service
August 16 7:00 pm Education Committee

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.

-Sunflower Festival Worship Service Volunteers are needed (4-6 people) for the service on July 30th to help with distribution of prayer flags that will be used in the service. Please contact Marilyn Houser Hamm.

Birthdays: July 18 – Darlene Klassen, Gina Enns; July 20 – Sydney Hildebrand; July 22 – June Schwartz

Anniversaries: July 19 – Rudy & Elsie Krahn, Albert & Marilyn Bergen; July 20 Don & Ang Enns; July 22 – Perry & Kim Batchelor

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Eden Foundation 15th Annual Head for the Hills event**, Saturday, September 9, 2017. Register on-line at www.edenhealthcare.ca

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

-Manitoba Sunflower Festival Worship Service. Is having a community choir anyone interested is invited to attend the two rehearsals.

Saturday Evening July 29 6:30-7:30pm Altona EMMC

Sunday Morning July 30 8:45am Altona Park Pavilion

-Assembly Registration is open! You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: <http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>

- **MCM** Update-Shawn Klassen-Koop will finish his time as Associate Program Director for Camps with Meaning in November. He will be greatly missed.

-Camps With Meaning is looking for an Associate Program Director. Go to www.campswithmeaning.org for job description.

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
- Nurturing and -Sustaining Safe Communities – Eden Health Care Services, 2017 Lecture Series – October 3, 2017

PRAYER AND PRAISE

-Pray for Tim Wiebe and family. He underwent surgery for a biopsy of the brain to determine the exact nature of the tumor that has been detected. Steve is at home in Gretna.

- Pray for Madelyn Mierau-Friesen as she works at camp this summer. Pray for safety and a joyous experience for all.

Our Community

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

Our World -The North American Vietnamese Mennonite Fellowship (NAVMF) held its biannual conference in Calgary June 30 to July 2, 2017. Pray that relationships nurtured and connections be enhanced between the Vietnamese Mennonite churches in Canada and the US, inspiring new opportunities to support Vietnamese Mennonite Churches in Vietnam.