

## Our World

- Dann and Joji Pantoja are Mennonite Church Canada workers who serve through PeaceBuilders Community Inc. in Philippines, where violence is on the rise. Pray for the Pantojas and their ministry as they bring Christians, Muslims, and Indigenous peoples together for peace and reconciliation work. May God grace these diverse teams of peacebuilders with compassion and cultural sensitivity. Pray that the necessary funding will be provided – not only to meet expenses, but as a show of support from the global community.

-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:

I am grateful to be able to take four consecutive weeks of holidays. Many have asked what I plan to do with a whole month off. Well for two weeks I will be at Albert Beach. The more detailed plan is not in place. I plan to *be* there at the beach with no agenda, deadlines or commitments. It will include times of quiet, riding bike, playing games, swimming... beach stuff. But I hope it will also include rest. That makes me nervous.

What is it about rest that makes us uncomfortable? I think part of the answer is that we confuse rest with boredom. A while back I heard an interview with documentary film director Albert Nerenberg about his film *Boredom*. It explores what he calls the worldwide epidemic of boredom. He claims that the biggest threat to our world is boredom; even linking boredom to depression, heart disease and suicide. I wonder if our aversion to rest isn't more an aversion to boredom.

While I have no agenda for my holidays, I don't plan on being bored – that would be silly. I will simply be open to whatever comes my way as I spend time with family and friends and receive it as a gift of the moment. An extended conversation over breakfast, an evening game of cards, an afternoon floating on the lake, lingering with a good book; these are the things that will accompany me as I rest this weekend.

Just after the disciples return from their mission of preaching and healing, Jesus calls them to a place of rest. "*Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'*" (Mark 6:31) I don't think they were bored as they rested while sharing the experiences of the past week with each other.

In a culture that never takes time to rest, even glorifying those who push themselves to exhaustion, Jesus offers rest as a gift that comes with being the people of God. So take some time this summer to get some rest.

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Prelude

Hymn SJ #28 We worship God the Rock  
Announcements

### Call to Worship - based on Isaiah 44

One: Come and worship,

all you who love and serve the Lord:

**Many: There is no one like our God!**

One: The First and Last – the only One:

**Many: There is no one like our God!**

One: Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and King:

**Many: There is no one like our God!**

One: The Rock in whom we place our trust:

**Many: There is no one like our God!**

**All: Let's worship God together.**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture: Psalm 86:11-17

Hymn HWB #126 How wondrous great

Children's Time

Offering

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Prayer SS #150

Sermon "Leave the weeding to the angels" Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #305 Where charity and love prevail

Prayers of the People

Hymn SS #117 How can I say

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert  
Song Leader: Lori Hiebert  
Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert

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

July 26 2:00 pm Worship Committee meeting  
**July 30 Sunflower Festival Service in the park**  
August 6 10:30 am Worship Service  
Food Bank Sunday

*Scripture: Theme: Worship Leader: Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm  
Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias, Elaine Loewen Sound: Perry Batchelor  
Coffee: will resume in fall*

August 13 10:30 am Worship Service  
August 16 7:00 pm Education Committee  
August 29 7:00 pm Church Council

#### **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 23 – Kim Batchelor; July 28 – Sandra Klassen; August 1 – Matthew Molnar, Simon Braul; August 3 – Lorrie Wiebe; August 4 – Judge Wood

**Anniversaries:** July 25 – Mick & Marne Mierau-Friesen; July 28 – John & Lil Gerbrandt; August 1 – Mark & Nancy Ratzlaff, Dave & Hildie Regehr

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

- **Manitoba Sunflower Festival Worship Service.** Is having a community choir anyone interested is invited to attend the two rehearsals, Saturday evening July 29 6:30-7:30 pm Altona EMMC and Sunday Morning July 30 8:45 am Altona Park Pavilion.

- **Eden Foundation 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Head for the Hills event**, Saturday, September 9, 2017. Register on-line at [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca)

- **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>

- **Camp Moose Lake** has been sold. Visit the MCM website at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) for the news release. A celebration is being planned at the camp on September 24, 2017. More details will follow.

- **Camps with Meaning** is seeking kitchen volunteers for Aug. 7-12 and Aug. 20-25 at Camp Moose Lake. Please email [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca) or call (204) 895-2267 if you are interested.

- **Mennonite Church Manitoba** is accepting applications for the position of Associate Program Director of Camping Ministries (APD). The APD oversees all aspects of our summer and winter programs and provides on-going support and training to all summer program staff and volunteers. This is a 1.0 fte position. The application deadline is September 21, 2017. For more information please visit our "News" page at [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org).

- **CMU** was privileged to have nearly 80 International students from 25 different countries enrolled in degree programs this past year. The majority of these students come from countries in Africa, SE Asia, Latin and South America and Eastern Europe. Valeriia Alipova, from Zaporozhe in east Ukraine, is one of these students whose experience at CMU and in Canada has been profound. Read more about her story at [mycmulife.cmu.ca](http://mycmulife.cmu.ca).

#### **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 as they await the results of the biopsy.

- 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