

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they travel to Wpg. daily for treatment.
- Pray for students and teachers as they have returned to school for another year of learning.
- Congratulations to Nathan and Erika Klassen who were married on September 1. Blessings on your journey together!

Our Community

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

Our World

- Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the severe flooding on the Texas Gulf Coast. MDS is accepting donations.
- We give thanks for the many students and young adults who served and grew in their leadership development through camps this summer across the five area churches of Mennonite Church Canada. We are also grateful for learning and growth of students returning to school from internships and summer jobs. Remember to encourage and support them as they dive back into full time study schedules, assignments, and deadlines.

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

From the Pastor:

After a summer of travels and adventures, it is good to be back together again. As God's people we are a part of God's ongoing story of grace and redemption as God continues to work in the world. The story of God's redeeming work is beautifully modeled in the fall season. Fall is the season of endings. It shows so well that life is cyclical, there are time of newness, of birth and growth, but there are also times of finishing, of wrapping up, of dying. There is wisdom to attend to the season in which we live. Every ending brings a loss that must be acknowledged. And every loss is a small dying that calls us to enter the accompanying sadness. But if we open ourselves to the teaching of creation; if we have faith in its wisdom, we find that it is the losses of fall that allow the fertile soils of spring to burst forth with new life. It is not an easy teaching that creation offers, for it is this same cycle of seasons that is responsible for the devastating storms that has the continent on edge.

In our text today and throughout all of Matthew the message of God's abiding presence is made known. From the birth of Emmanuel – God with us – to this morning's promise of Jesus' presence with those gathered in his name to the final verse of the gospel "I am with you always, to the end of age" God's presence through the Spirit of Jesus is promised no matter the season of the year, and of life, that we may find ourselves in. This is God's assurance, even as we learn the trying lessons of fall.

Words for Reflection during the offering

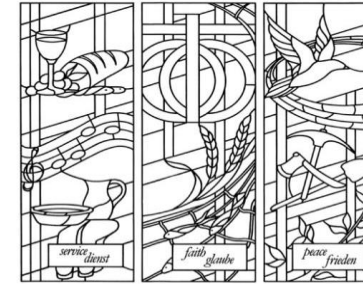
O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God if there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

For he whom Jesus loved hath truly spoken;
The holier worship which He deigns to bless
Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
And feeds the widow and the fatherless!

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good:
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangor
Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace. Amen.

- John Greenleaf Whittier, 1847



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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September 10, 2017

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Scripture Reading Psalm 119:33-40
Prayer
Hymn HWB #41 Come, thou Almighty King

LEARNING & GROWING IN FAITH

Sunday School Teachers Dedication
Presentation of Bibles to Grade 9 students
Hymn HWB #489 O little children, gather, vs. 1,2,4,5
Children's Feature "Who is our neighbour" Romans 13:8-10
Offering see words for reflection on back of bulletin

LISTENING

Scripture reading Matthew 18:15-20
Message God is with us Dan Kehler
Hymn SJ #58 Who has known the mind of Jesus?

PRAYING

Prayer of Confession & Commitment
(based on Psalm 119: 33-40)
Prayers of the Church

SENDING

Benediction/Grace
Hymn "#606" – HWB #118 Praise God from whom

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WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Sept. 12 7:00 pm **Information Meeting re restructuring**

Sept. 13 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting

September 17 9:30 am Sunday School

Adult SS guest Delmar Epp from CMU

11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Theme: Love (All) Your Neighbours Speaker:

Delmar Epp *Worship Leader:* Elaine Loewen *Song Leader:*

Marilyn Houser Hamm *Accompanist(s):* Nancy Ratzlaff *Sound:*

Perry Batchelor *Coffee:* Kevin & Nancy Neufeld

September 21 7:00 pm Education Committee meeting

September 24 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

September 26 7:00 pm Leadership Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Gina Enns has set up a Meal Train for the Wiebe family to help with meals while they make the daily trips to Winnipeg. You can either call Gina at 327-6666 or use this web address to sign up to help. <https://mealtrain.com/vq0dky>

- 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.

- If you are interested in purchasing items for hygiene kits to be donated to the Refugee Reception Centre in Gretna, the items currently needed are Travel size deodorant and shampoo, wash cloths and bath towels (approx. size 24 x 40 inches) Other items are in good supply. Contact Marge Friesen for details [204 327 5400](tel:2043275400)

- September 12, 7 pm – Information will be given regarding how we implement the committee restructuring decided at AGM. All are welcome and current committee members should attend.

- **Good News / Bad News from the Treasurer** – The good news is that at the end of July, we were in the same financial place as last July in terms of revenue and expenses. The bad

news is that we again need more than 50% of our budgeted revenue in the next 5 months.

- **FALL WORSHIP SERVICE THEME:** The worship committee has selected the theme for worship for fall of, "**Who is My Neighbour?**"

On **October 22**, a joint worship service is planned with the Altona United Church at the United Church, 45 3rd Ave SE, at 11:00 am followed by a potluck lunch. The theme:

Who is our neighbour will explore United / Mennonite commonalities as well as uniqueness and celebrate our friendships. Stay tuned for details and opportunities to participate in the service as well as details about the lunch.

November 5 will be a Sunday focusing on **Mental Health**. With 1 in 3 people expected to encounter mental health issues at some point in their lives we will look at how we support our neighbours facing these challenges as well as how we as a church can support good mental health and care for ourselves.

November 12 - Peace Sunday- Harry Huebner will be our guest addressing peace from a global perspective.

Birthdays: Sept. 11 – Ray Mierau; Sept. 12 – Rudy Krahn; Sept. 14 – Patrick Falk; Sept. 16 – Breanne Heinrichs

Anniversaries:

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Southern Manitoba Choral Society** invites all singers to join the choir on Tuesdays for a season of singing! First rehearsal is September 12, 6:30-8:15 pm in the WC Miller Collegiate music room. Fall registration is \$35.00.

- **We Are All Treaty People Celebration - September 17, 2017, 1 pm, The Forks, Winnipeg, MB** Come out to the Forks, near the Provencher Bridge, for food, music, games and more to build and celebrate relationships, raising awareness for Treaty 1.

- **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> Cut off date for registration is September 17.

- **Walk the Talk on Saturday, Sept. 23**

Come join your voice in the call for the federal government to Walk the Talk of reconciliation! Events begin with a walk at 1PM and will conclude at 6:30 PM at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (177 Dysart Rd) where the **main**

gathering with stories and music will take place at 6:30 PM. Learn more at www.adoptandimplement.com (Events section).

- **Camp Moose Lake:** Come celebrate the ministry, come say good-bye. September 24, 2017 at Camp Moose Lake. Worship and reminiscing start at 2:30 pm, BBQ supper, stay as late as you need. No RSVP necessary. More info at www.mennochurch.mb.ca.

- **Camp Assiniboia** Square Dance and Pie Spectacular Fundraiser. September 30, 6:30-9:00 pm in the barn at Camp Assiniboia. No dancing skills required. Bring your family and extra toonies for the pie walk... We will need pies. campswithmeaning.org, News for more info.

- Colourful Faith an experiential exhibition of Yoruba art, culture and Christian faith by 'Segun Olude and Gibril Bangura opens Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2:30. Sept. 24 – Nov. 18. MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd](http://600ShaftesburyBlvd).

- **ANNUAL MHC GALLERY FUNDRAISER**, Fri., Sept. 29, 7:30 PM. Always fast-paced and informative, also delectable desserts. **RSVP** to cwiebe@cmu.ca or [204 487 3300, ext 344](tel:2044873300). MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd](http://600ShaftesburyBlvd).

- **The Eastview Place Fall Bazaar** will be held Thursday, Oct 5, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee and dainties, the best bake sale in Altona, and enter the raffle for wonderful prizes. All proceeds go to improving the quality of life for the residents of Eastview.

We are encouraged to donate 8 items for the bake sale, and 4 pans of dainties for the Silver Tea. Any finished craft items, plants, preserves and jams may be donated as well, drop off the morning of the Bazaar.

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

- Newsletters / updates
- **Fund raising Bike trips, golf tournaments**
- Nurturing and -Sustaining Safe Communities – Eden Health Care Services, 2017 Lecture Series – October 3, 2017
- **xplore KEEP THINKING-** CMU 6 week enrichment programs.
- Prairie Boy's Life concert at the Krahn Barn, Sept 17, 3:00 pm
- Bible study on Job at SPMB Church