

- 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.](#)

- **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](tel:2044873300), ext 344. MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd.](#)

- **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
- 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 the book of Job at SPMB Church

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they travel to Winnipeg daily for treatment.

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 Hurricane Irma and other significant disasters of late.. Please donate to MDS and MCC as you are led.

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

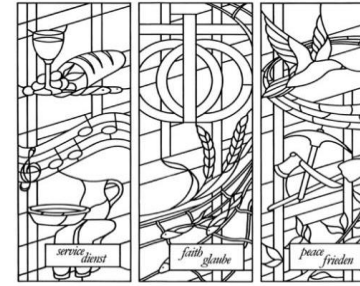
From the Pastor:

What does it take for nations to work towards reconciliation after generations of conflict? This theme is explored in a new book of poetry on the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* entitled **Lifting Hearts Off the Ground.**

Senator Murray Sinclair, former Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada says this of the Declaration. "Canada waged war against the Indigenous peoples through law, and many of today's laws reflect that intent.... The full adaptation and implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* will not undo the War of Law, but it will begin to address that war's legacy."

As the declaration is a legal text, it is often difficult to read. **Lifting Hearts Off the Ground** offers poetry in response to each article in the Declaration to help understand it's significance and impact on Indigenous Settler relations. Article 26 of the Declaration is about indigenous rights to land and natural resources. This is Joy De Vito's response.

Blustering, terrified, angry, protective.
We extract resources and promise with reckless abandon;
believing oil, trees, potash, and salmon
affirm our sovereignty, our only hope.
But, if we stop,
the silence might speak.
If we listen,
we may learn:
"Do not fear."



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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September 17, 2017

Who is My Neighbour?

Prelude

Opening Hymn: HWB #34 When the morning stars together

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 8)

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

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 Enabler
Let your gratitude and joy be made known.

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

Hymn of Praise STJ #14 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song
Scripture Luke 10:25-37

Introduction of Fall Theme – Who Is My Neighbour?

Hymn STJ #69 When the poor ones

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Message **Who Is My Neighbour?** Delmar Epp

Response and Prayers
Offering our tithes and gifts

Closing Hymn STS #115 Beauty for brokenness
Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler
Song Leader: Dave Regehr
Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr

We welcome Delmar Epp to our service today. Delmar is the Associate Professor of Psychology at CMU.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

September 21 7:00 pm Formation Council (Education) mtg
September 24 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Scripture: Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16
Theme: The Poor among Us. *Speaker:* Dan Kehler
Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen *Song Leader:* Marilyn Houser Hamm
Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff *Sound:* Henry Rempel *Coffee:* Nathan & Kareena Loewen
September 26 7:00 pm Leadership Council
October 1 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service with communion
Food Bank & SS Coin Collection for our Neighbours followed by Thanksgiving Lunch together
October 22 – Service with Altona United Church in their sanctuary, followed by potluck lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW! Large Print Hymnal Worship Book, Sing the Story and Sing the Journey are available at back of church. Please return to the back after the service.**

- 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

- **AMC Thanksgiving lunch** Please join us for soup and pie lunch on Sunday October 1. Set up is Group 4 and Clean up is Group 2. We are asking for volunteers to bring 8 dutch ovens of soup. Contact June Schwartz juneschw@mymts.net if you can bring soup Those not bringing soup are asked to bring dessert and buns.

- **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. 17 – Kerry Enns; Sept. 18 – Bill Loewen; Sept. 22 – Barb Wiebe

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.

- **Minds in Motion** is an 8-week program which combines physical activity, socialization and mental stimulation for people living with early to moderate symptoms of dementia, and their caregiver/family/friend. Come to the Minds in Motion

Open House on Thursday morning, September 28th (9 AM to Noon) at The Gardens on Tenth to learn more. Sessions run one morning per week Oct. 12th – Nov. 30th (Thursdays). Call Grace @ Gardens at 204-324-8945 to register.

- **CMU friends and alumni** – Join us on Friday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in the Laudamus Auditorium for an evening of stories, choral music, and a blessing for the academic year. Celebrate the alumni stories of Ken Esau (MBBC '83), John Longhurst (MBBC '79), Joanne Thiessen Martens (CMBC '96), and Henry Neufeld (CMBC '52). A reception will follow. Class Reunions, Menno Cross Cycle-cross races for all ages, Farmer's Market, BBQ lunch, and MPK Folk Festival all take place on Saturday. See cmu.ca/fallatcmu for full details.

- The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights has just organized a **Fast for Indigenous Human Rights** that will begin September 13 and roll on for 46 days (1 day for each article of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*). Would you consider joining for a day or more? The fast calls for public, political action, so if you can't go without food, there are other vital ways to show support for Indigenous rights and Bill C-262. You can learn more and sign up at the following link: <http://pfir.ca/fast-for-indigenous-human-rights>.

- 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 from Stephen Juba Park @ the Aqueduct Monument (south of 333 Waterfront Dr.) 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.