

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

- Newsletters / updates / Concerts
- **xplore KEEP THINKING-** CMU 6 week enrichment programs.
- Oct. 29 – Salem Home Faspa, fellowship & song
- Nov. 9 - Eden Health Care 50th Anniversary Gala with guest speaker Margaret Trudeau
- Nov. 12 – Canzona concert

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they heal.
- Pray for strength and calm for those with parents in transition.
- Condolences to Sarah Sawatzky on the passing of her sister Wilma Sawatzky. The funeral was yesterday.
- Cornie Elias is home from the hospital. Pray for returning strength as he and Hilda settle in their new home.

Our Community

- Pray for MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin and Canada General Secretary – Willard Metzger.
- Pray for the newly restructured MC Canada. On October 14, with an affirmation of 94% of the vote, delegates from across the country approved a proposal to restructure. The newly reconfigured MC Canada will have an increased focus on supporting congregations for missional activity in their own neighbourhoods as well as connecting them to Witness opportunities around the world.

The new structure means that staffing and program will change at the nationwide level with Regional Churches picking up some of the former roles of nationwide staff. Last week, MC Canada released a number of staff as the first step in implementing the new structure. Staff that have been released are being generously supported through severance packages. In addition, we all have an opportunity to support these staff by expressing our gratitude for their work on our behalf in the past and by assuring them of our prayers during this time of transition.

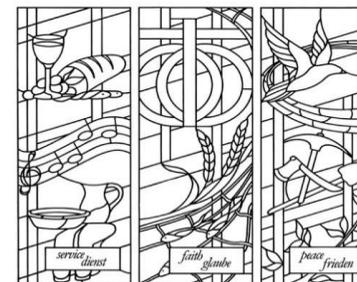
Please take time this Sunday for your congregation to pray for the staff that are in transition, for the staff that continue in their roles, and the church leaders who will begin to shape and implement the new structure. To learn more about the new structure, visit www.futuredirectionsmc.ca.

Our World

- Abel and Sonya Zabaleta and their three sons (of Hope Mennonite Fellowship, North Battleford, Sask.) have travelled to Burkina Faso to assist Norm and Lillian Nicolson in their ministry as Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers. They will provide tutoring for the Nicolson children (and their own!) and will serve elsewhere as they are able. Please pray that these two families will find energy and joy in their new relationship and be inspired with new visions for service.

- Bill C-262 goes before Parliament for its second reading in November. If passed, this Bill will see that the laws of Canada are harmonized with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. To find out how Mennonite Church Canada is supporting Bill-C-262 and how you can help, see <http://pfir.ca/>. Please pray for healing and the promise of reconciliation between settlers and Indigenous people in this land.

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



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Welcome to all worshipping with us
Today's Theme: Who Is My Neighbour
Part V- Neighbours from Other Countries

GATHERING IN CHRIST

- Prelude
- Welcome/Announcements
- Time of Centering – SJ #59 Come and fill our hearts
- Call to worship
- Invocation

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

- Children's Time
- Song: Jesu, Jesu - insert #1.

Part I. A Story of Divine Welcome

- Scripture Reading: Genesis 18: 2-7
- Our own experience – Norma Thiessen
- Prayer for open hearts of Welcome
- Song: Let us build a house - Insert #2

Part II. A Story of Divine Refuge

- Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 12-21
- Our own experience – Elfie Krahn
- SS #26 Helpless and hungry
- Prayer for those seeking Refuge

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Part III. A Call for Divine Justice

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 22:3

Our own experience – Peggy Martens

Other stories of Welcome/Refuge/Justice

Song: SS #33 Let justice flow like a river

Prayer for those denied Justice

RESPONDING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Offering

Affirmation of Faith

Cong. Hymn #411 I bind my heart this tide

SENDING

Benediction

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Scripture: Psalm 188; Lamentations 3:1-33; 1 Kings 19:1-18;

John 16:29-33 *Theme:* Neighbours struggling with Mental

Health issues *Speaker:* Dan Kehler *Worship Leader:* Peggy

Martens *Song Leader:* Loren Braul *Accompanist(s):* Gina Enns

Sound: Perry Batchelor *Coffee:* Greg & Lorraine Heinrichs

Nov. 2 2:00 pm Worship Meeting

Nov. 5 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank Donations and Coins for SS project

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the treasurer: 3 snapshots of our financial picture:

1. With just over 2 months left in 2017, we have received 63% of our budgeted revenue, and paid out 72% of our budgeted expenses.

2. We need almost \$59,000 in revenue to meet our budget.

3. As of October 25, after all cheques are cashed and designated revenue (including Sabbatical fund) is distributed, we will be almost \$12,000 into our line of credit.

- **We wish to extend thanks** to AMC who have shown us care and love over the past few months. Our journey continues and we look forward to walking this road with you. Tim, Marlene and family.

- 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 sized 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

- Last Sunday's "Loose Offering" at the service with the United Church came to \$120. This will be donated to the Canadian Food Grains Bank - a project that is supported by Mennonite Central Committee and the United Church of Canada

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

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: Oct. 30 – Layton Heinrichs; Nov. 3 – Don Wiebe, Rebekah Krahn

Anniversaries:

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES in ALTONA**, is currently seeking a volunteer manager. Send applications to Altona@Villages.ca

- **October 29, 3:30 pm** – Salem Foundation presents an afternoon of "Faspa, Fellowship and Song" at the Winkler Bergthaler Church. The concert features the Blue Collar Harmony Boys and the string ensemble, JAM'N. Faspa follows the concert. Freewill offering.

- **Oct. 30-31** This year CMU's **J.J. Thiessen / Friesen Lectures** (Oct. 30-31, 2017) will feature Dr. C. Arnold Snyder reflecting on the theme *Faith and Toleration: A Reformation*

Debate Revisited as this is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. For more information see cmu.ca/jjt.

- **November 2, 2 – 7 pm. Blood Donor Clinic** at the Pioneer Center. Donors are needed!

- **November 2** - The **Mennonite Church Manitoba Fall Delegate Gathering** takes place at Elim Mennonite Church, Grunthal. Pray for leadership and delegates, as the significant changes that result from the recent Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly decisions are discussed.

- **November 3**, Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna, invites you to the annual Soup & Pie (5:00pm), followed by the Annual General Meeting (6:30pm) and Fall Concert in Buhler Hall at 7:00pm.

- **November 4, 5:30 pm** - Mennonite Church Manitoba Camps with Meaning will be hosting the annual Fundraising Celebration Banquets at Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler; and Sunday, November 5th, 5:30 p.m. at Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. **We invite you to attend as a participant, host or sponsor of a table.** For reservations email camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or call the camp office at (204) 895-2267. Participants will be invited to share in a free will offering.

- **November 6 – 4:30 – 7:00 pm** CARE HandiVan Soup and Pie at the Altona Senior Centre.

- **November 8, 7 pm BOOK LAUNCH:** Ray Dirks' *Along the Road to Freedom: Mennonite women of courage and faith*, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Information on the book: cwiebe@cmu.ca

- **November 9 – Eden Health Care Services is presenting a 50th Anniversary Gala Evening.** Special guest speaker is Margaret Trudeau, music presented by Phillip Ens, Meagan Larios and Laura Friesen. Doors open at 5 pm.

Go to edenhealthcare.ca for more information and to purchase your tickets.

- **November 16th** 5:00 – 7:00 The Gardens on Tenth Fall Soup & Pie Supper in The Gardens dining room at 140 10th Avenue NE. Admission is by donation. Donations for a new Century Tub for The Apartments. All are invited to attend. To arrange a tour following supper please call Julie at 204-324-8945.

- **November 18, 7 pm – Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine** are sponsoring a Music and Dessert Fund Raising Evening featuring the Faith and Life Male Choir. You will hear some great singing and reports by Alvin and Mary Suderman, recently returned from Ukraine. McIvor Mennonite Brethren Church, 200 McIvor Ave, Winnipeg.