

- **NAIITS** is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older, pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year's symposium on "White Supremacy and Indigeneity," June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). *Sponsorships will help cover the cost of registration and food.* If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they heal.

Our Community

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

Our World

- Jeanette Hanson (Witness Resource worker - China) asks that you remember in prayer Chinese church pastors and volunteers who spend days surrounding Christmas with many special services and events to accommodate the crowds of curious that come to the churches to see what Christmas means. May they have the wisdom to meet these people at the place of their needs and share God's love in real ways with those who attend.

Praise:

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

**Altona Mennonite Church
Vision**

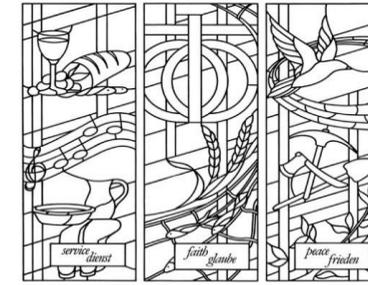
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Purpose

We seek to know God through Jesus, the centre of our faith.

We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centred point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.

We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Yes! Let it be declared

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Announcements

PRAISING

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Hymn SS #30 Arise, your light is come!

Call to worship

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

**All: *It is the star of the East;
it is the morning sun.***

Leader: It is as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

All: *Praise the Lord!*

Leader: You, O God, have caused
the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens,
and your glory reaches the earth.

**All: *May we, like the magi,
seek you until we find you.
May we offer our gifts in your presence,
no matter where you are found.***

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Lighting of Advent candles
Prayer
Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
Hymn HWB #218 As with gladness men of old

PRAYER, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Offering
Congregational sharing & prayer
Confession
Words of Assurance
Hymn HWB #16 God is here among us

MEDITATION

Hymn HWB #220 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

SENDING

Benediction
Hymn HWB #401 This little light of mine

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

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A sincere thank you for the caring messages, prayers, and cards we received. Thanks also to those who attended my mom's funeral service. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, Marilyn and Albert Bergen

- Reminder that if you wish to donate to AMC online from the Credit Union, go to Payments – Add Payee – Altona Mennonite Church. Your home phone number is your account number.

Birthdays: Jan. 7 – Ryan Ratzlaff, Nathan Klassen, Devan Gerbrandt; Jan. 10 – Karen Martens

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Jan. 8 7:00 pm Take down Christmas decorations
Jan. 9 2:00 pm AMC Book Study Organizational Meeting
7:00 pm Church Leadership Council Meeting
Jan. 11 2:00 pm Worship meeting
Jan. 14 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51 *Theme:* You know all about me *Worship Leader:* Margruite Krahn *Song Leader:* Gina Enns *Accompanist(s):* Sylvia Klassen *Sound:* Dale Klassen *Coffee:* Ken & Elaine Loewen
Jan. 21 9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Feb. 11 Afternoon – Annual General Meeting

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Go to the MCC Manitoba website and read their picks for the top stories of 2017. MCC does good work!

- **Camps with Meaning Summer Leadership** applications are due January 19, 2018. Applications and job descriptions are on the website for you or a young adult you think should apply. Please visit www.campswithmeaning.org to learn more about this unique summer ministry owned by your church.

- **Camp Assiniboia** is in need of a volunteer nurse for the upcoming ADV Winter Retreat, February 21-23, 2018. Please contact the Camps with Meaning office at [204-895-2267](tel:204-895-2267) or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca

- **January 12, 11:00 am** - Come learn about the **history of the Peguis students** who live and study at CMU. A 1-hour lecture on **'The Illegal Surrender and Relocation of the St Peter's Band'** will be presented by Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair (Anishinaabe; St. Peter's / Little Peguis; Assistant Professor in Native Studies at UM), followed by conversation, bannock, schnetje, jam, and tea.

- **January 30, 7 pm** - The public is invited to **'Science as a Way of Knowing: the Pursuit of Truth in a Post-Truth World'** with Dr. Rick Lindroth in Marpeck Commons (2299 Grant Ave.). Dr. Lindroth, Professor of Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the 2018 CMU Scientist in

Residence. For more information, including other addresses by Dr. Lindroth, see cmu.ca/sir.

- **February 5, 7 pm** CMU's **Face2Face** Community in Conversation Series continues in Marpeck Commons. **'The Bible Tells Me so...Doesn't It? A Conversation with Young Adults on the Tensions of Taking Scripture Seriously'**. Join five CMU Undergraduate students from diverse Christian traditions in a conversation about the Bible and how we approach and discern its significance in our lives. See cmu.ca/face2face for details.

- **February 6-7 - ReNew 2018** - Delighting in Scripture, *Sola Scriptura* at 500 Years @ Canadian Mennonite University. Schedule on bulletin board. To register: www.cmu.ca/renew

- **February 10, 2018** - Recovery of Hope Counselling, together with the Neufeld Institute – Manitoba Chapter, is proud to announce that **Dr Gordon Neufeld, author of "Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers,"** is coming to Morden on Saturday, **Feb 10, 2018** to deliver a new full-day workshop called **"Keeping Children Safe in a Wounding World."** Parents, educators, youth workers and caregivers will be interested to learn from Dr. Neufeld, one of Canada's leading developmental psychologists, as he uncovers the keys to helping children thrive while living in a wounding world. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.edenhealthcare.ca or call [1-866-493-6202](tel:1-866-493-6202).

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