

- **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).

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

- Newsletters / updates

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 MC Canada Executive Director – Willard Metzger.

Our World

The Korea Anabaptist Center will hold an Anabaptist Peace Conference on January 20. Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung (Witness worker – South Korea) will host visitors from January 12 to 24 to learn about Korean CO issues. Bock Ki will be very busy planning, scheduling and traveling with these visitors. Please pray for conference attendees that important relationships will be established and deeper understanding through this significant gathering.

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

Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

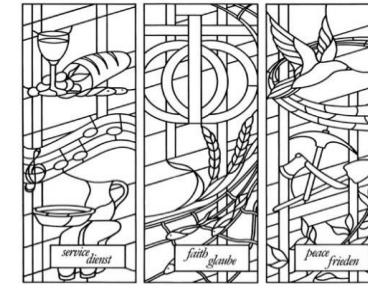
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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.



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

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Epiphany: Season of Light

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. John 1:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn SJ #32 If you believe and I believe

Call to worship

Hymn HWB #397 God loves all his many people

Opening prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

Sermon I A time to change your mind Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #229 Lord you have come to the lakeshore

Prayer

Sermon II Into an uncertain future

Hymn SS #39 Will you come and follow me

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Litany of call

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

Call us into Your way of life, O God

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

Lead us into Your vision of life, O God

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God

Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Hymn SS #34 You are holy

Worship Leader: June Schwartz

Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to several end of year on line donations, plus the Dec. 31 worship service donations, we received enough to meet all our expenses and obligations. Thanks to all who gave generously in 2017

- Would you come to a **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper** on Feb 13? Would there be interest? Contact Andrea or indicate on the form on the table in the foyer.

- **Plastics bags:** youth class would like your plastics bags. Please leave in the box in the foyer.

- **AMC's directory** will be updated in the next few weeks. If you need to add or change any info, let the office know.

Birthdays: Jan. 23 – Mac Batchelor; Jan. 25 – Murray Sawatzky

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Jan. 25 3:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study

Jan. 28 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Deut. 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark

1:21-28 *Theme:* Give thanks to the Lord *Worship Leader:*

Norma Thiessen *Song Leader:* Loren Braul *Accompanist(s):*

Edna Zacharias, Elaine Loewen *Sound:* Henry Rempel *Coffee:*

Karey & Andrea Hildebrand

Feb. 4 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Feb. 11 Afternoon – Annual General Meeting

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Full-time CHAPLAIN for Eastview Personal Care Home and The Apartments @ The Gardens on Tenth in Altona, MB. Qualifications: education and/or experience in religious guidance, ministry, chaplaincy, needs of the elderly. Ministering in a predominantly Anabaptist faith community. Apply by Feb 1, 2018 by sending resume and cover letter to: Box 900, Altona, MB, R0G0B0 or admin@gardensontenth.ca. For job description and more details: www.gardensontenth.ca (including RHA – Eastview on our website).

- **January 26, 7:30 pm** *Reconciliation Through the Arts* OPENING MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd.](http://600-Shaftesbury-Blvd) Art by amateur and professional artists, First Nations and Settlers, drumming, dancing, readings by CBC's Rosanna Deerchild.

- **January 29, 2 pm - Altona MCC Thrift and Gift Shop** is having their Annual Meeting at the **Altona EMM Church**. Darryl Loewen, executive Director of MCC Manitoba will be the Guest Speaker. Soup and Pie to follow the meeting. Everyone welcome

- **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.

- **January 31 from 7:00-8:30pm - Will you let me be your servant? A Public Lecture on Mennonite responses to Money.** Mennonites have gained a popular image as those who can do 'more with less' and have developed a taste for simplicity. However, Mennonites have also forged large and successful businesses with personal and financial ethics flowing from them. Dr. Janis Thiessen will offer snapshots of Mennonite engagements in business, economics, and ethics from which we can discuss what Mennonite faith and life has and can say about wealth today. **Janis Thiessen** is Associate Professor of History at the University of Winnipeg. She has specialized in the area of Mennonite labour practices and economics reflected in her publications, *Manufacturing Mennonites: Work and Religion in Post-War Manitoba* (2013), *Not Talking Union: An Oral History of North*

American Mennonites and Labour (2016). The lecture will take place in the multi-purpose Room (3rd floor) of **First Mennonite Church** (922 Notre Dame Ave)

- **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

- **Mennonite Disaster Service** would like to invite you to their All-Unit Meeting in Winkler, MB on Feb 9-10. This event is a time of sharing and celebration of the work of MDS the past year. For more information or to register please visit our website, mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting/ or call us at **1-866-261-1274**.

- **Ted & Co TheatreWorks** is coming to Winnipeg on Sunday, Feb 11th at 6:30 pm at Douglas Mennonite to present "**Boots, Buckets & Barrows**". This is Dessert night and Fundraiser put on by Mennonite Disaster Service. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling the MDS Office at **204 261 1274**.

- **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**.