

- **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](http://www.cmu.ca/renew)

- **February 9-10 -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/](http://mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting/) or call us at [1-866-261-1274](tel:1-866-261-1274).

- 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](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca) or call [1-866-493-6202](tel:1-866-493-6202).

- **February 11 - Ted & Co TheatreWorks** is coming to Winnipeg on Sunday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 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](tel:204-261-1274).

### **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**

- Hippolyto & Miriam Tshimanga (Witness workers – South Africa) give praise for: The combined inter-Mennonite effort to purchase a brick-making press in order to build solid and safe worship spaces; an entrepreneurship workshop led by Hippolyto in which 12 young adults from Grace Community Church participated, and a women's retreat on the theme of

"Caring for Body and Spirit" in which 21 women took part and was led by Miriam. The Tshimanga's prayer is that "all of these events bear fruit in the lives of the participants, and that, we as mission workers, always find ways to reach out and answer to the needs of the people with whom we work."

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

#### **From the Pastor:**

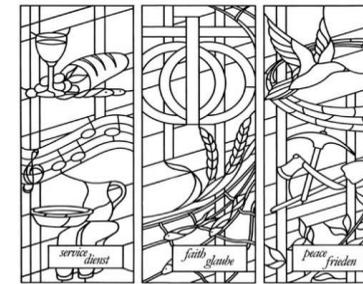
- **Thrive Learning Centre - Canadian Mental Health Association – Central Region, Eden Health Care Services and Central Station Community Centre in Winkler.**

**Understanding Depression:** This course of 4 one hour sessions, covers major depressive disorder including signs and symptoms, impacts on your body, mind and relationships as well as teaches strategies and coping skills to live well with depression. (11 am – Feb. 20, 22, 27, March 1)

**Understanding Anxiety:** This course of 5 one hour sessions covers anxiety and anxiety disorders including symptoms, risk factors, complications, common disorders and treatment options and coping skills to manage anxiety. (1 pm – Feb. 27, Mar. 1, 6, 8, 13.)

**Journey to Recovery** – This 2 one hour course helps to increase self-awareness about recovery. This course explores the recovery model and various stages of recovery. Students are encouraged to recognize their own journey in relation to recovery and to move towards their healthiest life possible. (1 pm – Feb. 20, 22)

To register contact Central Station Community Centre, 545 Industrial Drive, Box 736, Winkler, 325-0257, email [central.cmu.ca/thrive](mailto:central.cmu.ca/thrive) or Eden Health Care Services.



# Altona Mennonite Church

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 HWB #13 Blessed Jesus, at your word  
Call to Worship: (written by Joanna Harader)

Our souls wait in silence;

**our hope rests in God**

our rock

**our salvation**

our refuge.

**We will not be shaken.**

In this time of worship,

**we pour out our hearts**

**because we trust in God's steadfast love.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB #43 Christ is our cornerstone

Scripture Readings: Psalm 1; Matthew 7:24-29

Sermon: On Christ the solid rock Terrell Wiebe

Hymn HWB #343 My hope is built on nothing less

Words of Confession and Reconciling

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

### **Litany of Confession**

Happy are those who turn away from the counsel of the wicked.

But oh, that counsel can be so seductive – it draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities, obstructs our capacity to love.

**Those who hear the words of Jesus and act on them are wise.**

**But oh, how easy it is to build our house on sand.**

**We confess our weakness, our eagerness to act the fool.**

**In whatever ways we sin, we repent and seek wholeness.**

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness:

We are sorry for so much— *(brief silence)*

But you know our hearts.

Relieve us of our burdens,

Bind our hearts to you so that,

in all ways, we may live in the delight of your loving embrace.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.**

**Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness,**

**As in our walk through our days, we hear God say:**

**"You are my Beloved. I love you."**

Hymn STJ #42 Listen, God is calling

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Hymn HWB #420 Heart with loving heart united

Benediction

Worship Leader: Norma Thiessen

Song Leader: Loren Bral

Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias, Elaine Loewen

Terrell and Janna Wiebe are the Co-Pastors at the Gretna Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Along with their 3 year old son Rowan, they moved from Winnipeg to Gretna in summer of 2016 in order to serve the church in that community. Previously they were the Youth and Associate Pastors at Springfield Heights Mennonite Church in Winnipeg.

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Mennonite Church Manitoba Delegate Gathering 2018 takes place on March 2 -3 at First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. We can send up to 5 delegates. If you are interested in representing AMC please talk to Pastor Dan or Ray Hamm for more information.

- 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. 29 – Jayden Bergen; Jan. 30 – Carolyn Regehr; Feb. 1 – Marne Mierau-Friesen

**Anniversaries:** Jan. 31 – Irv & Cheryl Giesbrecht

#### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC**

Feb. 4 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank and Coins for SS Project

*Scripture:* Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39 *Theme:* Entrusted with a commission

*Worship Leader:* Elaine Loewen *Song Leader:* Marilyn Houser

*Hamm Accompanist(s):* Nancy Ratzlaff *Sound:* Kevin Neufeld

*Coffee:* Bill & Anne Loewen

Feb. 8 2:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study

Feb. 11 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

**2:00 pm – Annual General Meeting**

#### **COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Camps with Meaning online registration is open!** This is our ministry together as Mennonite Church Manitoba. Please visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) to register for summer camp. We want all families to afford camp. Note our new Campership Fund, which assists families at a much higher level than before.

- The annual Lent At-Home devotional booklet is again available to guide families from Shrove Tuesday through

Easter Sunday. Join the Lenten journey with Chris, Selah and Gloria. Free download – [www.commonword.ca/go/1430](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1430).

Visit [www.commonword.ca/go/1451](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1451) for more Lenten Resources.

- **Go to [www.canadianmennonite.org](http://www.canadianmennonite.org)** to read Mennonite church-related news. The website has some of the stories from *Canadian Mennonite* magazine, an online comments section and more news from the global church.

- **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](http://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. 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](http://cmu.ca/face2face) for details.