

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

- **Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park** invite prayer for peace during the Winter Olympics which are taking place in Pyeongchang, South Korea (an hour's drive from their home). Their prayer is "to see peace and reconciliation in the relations between North and South Korea, as well as for all nations, through a spirit of sportsmanship during and beyond the game."

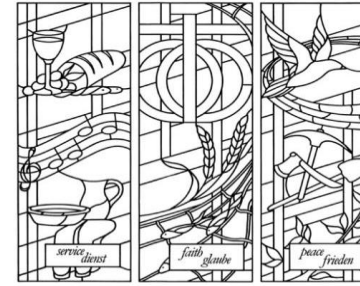
- Pray for **Mike and Cheryl Nimz** (Witness partners – United Kingdom) as they continue to connect young adults to the UK Anabaptist Network who are interested in following Christ. Pray also for ongoing relationships Mike and Cheryl are nurturing through weekly gatherings with individuals and families from different faith journeys.

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

From the Pastor:

We have entered the liturgical season of Lent. The name comes from old English word meaning 'lengthen' as Lent is observed in spring when the days begin to get longer. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for 40 days before Easter. Traditionally the 40 days of Lent symbolize Jesus 40 day wilderness experience after his baptism in preparation for ministry. For Anabaptists, Lent has become a season of reflection and preparation as we approach the darkness of the cross on Good Friday and anticipate the celebration of Easter resurrection.

The theme that will guide our worship in Lent is **Between Me and You**. It highlights God's covenant with all of God's creation. It refers to the relationship between us and God and includes our relationship with others and also our relationship with creation. Through the Old Testament stories of covenant making and New Testament stories of God's promises fulfilled we will explore how God's love is manifest in the past and how it is experienced today. The covenants that God makes with the people of God provide hints at the nature of the relationship intended between God and creation, as well as guidelines for how we are to relate to God and to one another. We start the Lenten journey discovering how vastly inclusive God's covenant is and that it is extended from generation to generation. As humans, though, we struggle with barriers getting in the way and are in need of constant reminders of God's covenant love for all God's creation. As we approach Holy Week, we are invited to lay down the barrier of our preconceived understandings and expectations, and to realize the good news that in Jesus' death and resurrection there is no longer anything in between us and God. May this Lenten season be for you a time of reflection and transformation as together we enter our theme: **Between Me and You**.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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*Lenten Theme: Between Me & You
Lent 1: Between Me & You and all the creatures,
God's promise and God's love grow wider.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come, the kingdom of God draws near.
Repent and believe the good news.

People: We have come.

We are here.

We worship God together.

Hymn HWB #46 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Welcome & Announcements

LISTENING - GOD'S SALVATION, Part I.

The Great Covenant
Creation Song STJ #24 Creation is a song

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Between Me & You enactment

Theme Song by Bryan Moyer Suderman

- Between Me and You

Words of Confession

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LISTENING - GOD'S SALVATION, Part II.

The New Covenant in Jesus

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Message Back into Harmony Dan Kehler

Time of Silence

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymn HWB #395 Here I am, Lord

Praying

Offering

Hymn of Sending SJ #77 The peace of the earth be with you
Benediction

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Song Leader: Gina Enns

Accompanist(s): Sylvia Klassen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congratulations** to Patrick Falk who graduated from Red River College on Tuesday, February 6th, 2018. He received a diploma with honours in Business Information Technology.

- **AMC Retreat Day Feb 25** at Winkler Bible Camp (on Hwy 3) in the chapel. Indoor and outdoor activities. Toboggans and inner tubes available on site. Please bring indoor games, outdoor toys and snack for the afternoon, lunch is included. The suggested donation is \$15 (for ages 4+) A few rides will be needed, please contact Andrea Hildebrand if needing a ride or available to give a ride.

- **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.

- **The Food Bank sent a card of thanks** for our continued support in providing essential food items.

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

Birthdays: Feb. 23 – Elaine Loewen, Bev Barton

Anniversaries: Chris & Carolyn Regehr

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Feb. 21 7:00 pm Formation Meeting

Feb. 22 2:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study

Feb. 25 10:30 am AMC Retreat at Winkler Bible Camp

2:00 pm MCC Special Event: Wintertreffen

Feb. 27 7:00 pm Leadership Council Meeting

March 4 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank and Coin Collection Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John

2:13-22 *Theme:* Me & You & Working It Through *Worship*

Leader: Norma Thiessen *Song Leader:* Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Gina Enns *Sound:* Perry Batchelor *Coffee:*

Ron & Karen Martens

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Camps with Meaning online registration is open!** This is our ministry together as Mennonite Church Manitoba. Please visit 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. Brochures are on the lobby table.

- **February 20 - Interested in Learning more about Mennonite Collegiate Institute?** We invite prospective students and families to join us at MCI in Gretna, MB, February 20th at 6 pm for dinner, followed by an MCI Information Night at 7 pm. Information will focus on Faith-based learning, Music program, Athletics, Finances, and Discipleship. Please register for dinner by emailing kaylagiesbrecht@mciblues.net or calling the school at (204)327-5891, or feel free to come at 7pm for the Information Night.

- **February 23, 7:15 am, Work as Worship Retreat Simulcast** at Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler. See bulletin board for more details.

- **February 25, 2 pm Special Event: Wintertreffen** 287 8th Ave NE, Altona. Join us at Altona Mennonite Church for an afternoon of music and sharing about refugee resettlement—in English and opp Plautdietsch—followed by a potluck faspal! For more information visit mccmb.ca/wintertreffen

- **March 4, 7 pm** - The Pax Cantata Chorus, a CMU Alumni choir, presents 'My Heart is Inditing', including Handel Coronation Anthem No. 4 and more, with chamber orchestra accompaniment, and featuring soloist Adam Sperry. Sunday March 4, 7pm at Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10.00 from choristers or at the door.

- **March 5, 7 pm** - CMU is honoured to host **Senator Murray Sinclair** as he shares stories and insights of Canadian communities, churches, and educational institutions responding to the TRC 94 Calls to Action. Senator Sinclair will speak on 'The TRC, Calls to Action, and the Mountain before Us: Stories of Hope and Challenge'. Join us in **Marpeck Commons**. An in-person and live-streamed event.

- **March 11, 7:00 pm -Southern Manitoba Choral Society and W.C.Miller Chamber Choir** will present a spring concert in the Altona Bergthaler Church. All are welcome. Freewill offering.

- **March 17** - CMU presents "**Journeying Together: Accompanying the Aging**", a one-day workshop for deacons, caregiving teams, pastors, and Christians working in health care or other caregiving roles. Join John H. Neufeld, Heather Campbell-Enns, Kathleen Rempel Boschman, Charlene Epp, and more as we explore what it means for Christians to journey together with the aging. Mar. 17th, 2018. For more information, and to register, please go to cmu.ca/pastorsworkshops.