

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they heal.
- Zachary Harder was hospitalized for unexplained seizures and by now, is back home. Pray for wisdom for doctors and nurses as they treat and diagnose him. Pray for peace and calmness for Zachary as he processes what is going on. Zachary is Monica Braun Harder's son, Ken and Marianne Braun's grandson.

Our Community

- Pray for MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin and MC Canada Executive Director – Willard Metzger.
- The post Gathering version of the MCM Board had their first meeting on Monday, March 19. The main focus of the meeting was to orient new board members (Gerald Gerbrandt, Bethel Mennonite and James Friesen, Pembina Mennonite Fellowship) and to get to know each other better. The mood of this meeting was very positive with everyone looking forward to how this newly minted structure will serve our congregations in sharing the Good News of Jesus. We have begun to imagine how MCM Gatherings might be adapted to better contribute to nurturing healthy congregations.

We also are looking for ways to best service the seven priorities that we discussed at our Gathering. The MCM Board continues to ask for prayer for the work ahead. Please pray for wisdom, courage, and joy. The nominating committee continues to look for one representative from the Winnipeg cluster.

Our World

- **Tom & Christine Poovong** (Witness workers – Thailand) would covet your prayers as they apply for visas for their upcoming Canadian Ministry itineration this spring. Pray especially that they might find favour among the Thai government authorities to bring with them Christine's niece Phimchanok who has been living with the family since she was 2 years old. Phimchanok is now a sweet 7 year old girl who is really considered a daughter to Tom and Christine and as a sister to younger brother Joseph. Please pray for a smooth visa process.

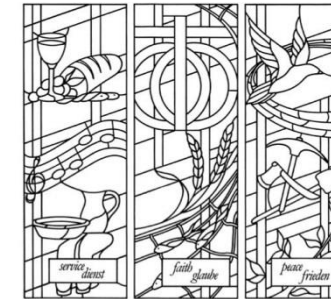
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

From the Pastor:

On a day when we wave palms welcoming King Jesus into our lives, it is fitting that we consider our inner desires, expectations and thoughts for the Lord of our lives. More often than we might even be aware we take Jesus captive, creating the Jesus we desire, creating the Son of God in our preferred image. Holding too tightly to this understanding we risk missing, or worse, rejecting the King when he comes. The following prayer is used at the beginning of each meeting of the book club to set aside preconceived notions and ideas thus opening us to a deeper understanding of faith in Jesus alone. It is also fitting on Palm Sunday for as the story goes, Jesus did not turn out to be the king the people wanted and so they abandoned him all together. Let this be our prayer as we enter Holy Week in anticipation of Easter Morn.

O God, before whose face
we are not made righteous
even by being right:
free us from the need to justify ourselves
by our own anxious striving,
that we may be abandoned
to faith in you alone
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Janet Morley, *All Desires Know* (London: SPCL, 1992), p.24.



Altona Mennonite Church

Christian Formation & Education - all ages: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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*Lent 6: Between Me & You & an Alternative View
Between Me & Your and all we lay down, God's promise and
God's love grow in surprising ways.*

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Children's Procession: STS #73 Jesus is coming

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord
has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**People: Open the gates of righteousness so that we
can enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for
God is good!

Prayer for today
Hymn HWB #238 Hosanna, loud Hosanna

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29; John 12: 12-19
Covenant Illustration

Hymn Insert Between me and you

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Sermon Experience is Deeply Ambiguous Dan Kehler

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me."

Hymn STJ #54 Longing for light

Prayers of the Congregation

Offering

Hymn STS #57 Go my friends in grace

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Marge Friesen

Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Several Scripture Readers are required for the Good Friday Service. If you would like to participate and have time to do a run through after the Maundy service on Thursday please contact Pastor Dan or Ray Hamm.

- Dave and Hildie Regehr have arrived safely in Ukraine. Follow their work at regehrsukraine.blogspot.com. Dave also mentioned that the Mennonite Centre has a Facebook page at mennonite centre ukraine or the website at www.mennonitecentre.ca

* NEW BLOG POST this week.

- Please join us for Easter Sunday breakfast at AMC on April 1 at 9:30 A. M. Coffee and juice will be provided. Each family is requested to bring fruit, paska or hot cross buns, and hard boiled eggs enough for themselves plus a little extra to share. Set up is Group 1. Clean up is Group 3.

- **April 8** - Please join us for lunch after the worship service with Faith and Life Women's Chorus. We will be serving soup, open face sandwiches and dessert. Please bring sandwiches and dessert enough for yourself and extra to share. If you are able to make a Dutch oven of soup please contact June or Norma. Set up will be Group 2 and Clean up will be Group 4.

Birthdays: March 30 – Susan Klassen

Anniversaries: March 25 – Greg & Lorraine Heinrichs; March 28 – Lori Dueck & Loren Braul

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

March 29 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

March 30 10:30 am Good Friday Service

Worship Leader: Ray Hamm *Song Leader:* Marilyn Houser Hamm *Accompanist(s):* Edna Zacharias *Sound:* Greg Heinrichs

April 1 9:30 am Easter Morning Breakfast

11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 *Theme:* Nothing between us *Worship*

Leader: Lori Hiebert *Song Leader:* Lori Hiebert

Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert *Sound:* Dale Klassen *Coffee:* have some at breakfast!

April 4 10:00 am Men's Coffee

April 8 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Guests: Faith and Life Women's Chorus

Lunch together after the service.

April 12 2:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study

April 15 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education

11:00 am Worship Service

April 16-18 Red River Valley Festival of the Arts - Piano

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Altona TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES is looking for a part-time manager.** This is a paid position with 6-8 hours per week. Duties to include purchasing and unpacking products, organizing and supervising volunteers as needed and some bookkeeping. Computer skills are an asset. Apply, with resume, to Corny Fehr at the Altona MCC Gift and Thrift Shop.

- **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.

- **March 27** - Prospective students and their parents are invited to **CMU Open House**. Meet faculty, student council, athletics staff, student life staff, and current students. Attend a class or chapel, enjoy free gelato, and learn about the printing press with students from Spy Tower Press. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.

March 28, 2 pm – 7 pm Canadian Blood Services Community Blood Donor Clinics in Altona at the Rhineland Pioneer Center. A second clinic will take place on April 5, from 3 pm – 7 pm.

- **March 30** - First Mennonite church choir, with orchestra under direction of Yuri Klaz present Mendelssohn's Lobgesang on Good Friday, March 30th at 7 pm at the church 922 Notre Dame Ave. Admission is free; an offering will be taken.

- On **Thursday, Apr. 5, 7:00 PM**, plan to attend "**Spring at CMU**," an evening of celebration in support of CMU. Featured: CMU PAX Award to Steve Bell; music by Steve Bell and CMU Singers; short reflections from faculty, alumni, and students. Contact Joyce Friesen at jfriesen@cmu.ca to reserve a seat or cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information.

- **April 15, 3:30 pm** - Salem Foundation invites you to enjoy an afternoon of "Faspa, Fellowship and Song" at the Winkler Bergthaler Church. Music by Winkler Community Male Choir. Faspa follows the concert at 4:30 pm. Proceeds from the freewill offering are for Salem Home Resident Room Blinds – All Care Areas.

- **April 28 – and April 29 - Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concert: "Send Forth Thy Spirit"** on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg and on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Steinbach Mennonite Church in Steinbach, Manitoba.

- **April 28 - Mennonite Women Manitoba** invite you to Resilience Road: struggles, steps and strategies, a day for women. April 28, 9:30-3:00 at the Charleswood Mennonite Church. Resource person; Dr. Moira Somers Ph.D Clinical Neuropsychologist. To register email or call Kathy Giesbrecht kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca or call 204-896-1616 ext; 268 by April 20th. Registration fee; \$50.00 (which includes lunch). For more information see the event at www.mennochurch.mb.ca