

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

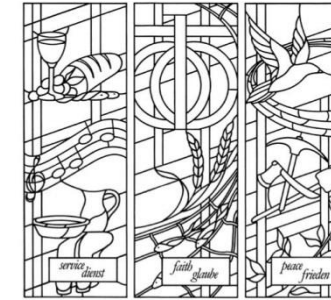
- Pray for Tim Wiebe and family as they heal.
- Pray for Marlene Wiebe as she prepares for her new role as chaplain.
- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.

Our Community

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

Our World

- We invite continued prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. On March 2nd as many as 30 people were reportedly killed and an additional 80 injured as the French Embassy was attacked in the capital of Ouagadougou. We are so very thankful that the Frey/Yoder family (Mennonite Mission Network workers) was spared any violence as Ouagadougou is their residence; and the **Nicolson** family (Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers) was also safe from harm as they reside several hours away. Those who are bereaved or injured as a result of this violence also need your prayers.
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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*Easter: Nothing between Us
God's promise and God's love have broken the barriers;
there is nothing between us!*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn HWB #280 Christ the Lord is risen today

Call to Worship

Leader: To all who weep, and to all who smile, whether with joy or sorrow, welcome. Welcome home to this house of God. Welcome in the embrace of Christ. Hear and believe the good news, for he is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!

People: Yes, praise the Lord! We will worship God together.

Prayer (based on selected verses of Psalm 118)

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Hymn HWB #263 The strife is o'er

Confession

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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 center of our faith.

We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered 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.

Words of Assurance

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Hymn - Between Me & You - insert

Hymn HWB #273 Low in the grave he lay

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

Hymn HWB #277 I know that my Redeemer lives

Sermon Unpredictable Easter Pastor Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #278 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!

Prayers of the People

Offering

Benediction

Hymn Every Morning is Easter Morning - insert

Postlude

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert

Song Leader: Lori Hiebert

Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to Marlene Wiebe who has been hired as the new chaplain for Eastview and The Gardens.

- Dave and Hildie Regehr have arrived safely in Ukraine. Follow their work at regehrsukraine.blogspot.com. * NEW BLOG POST this week.

Birthdays: April 2 – Vic Penner; April 3 – Bretlyn Loewen

Anniversaries: April 3 – Karey & Andrea Hildebrand; April 4 – Ray & Doreen Mierau

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

April 4 10:00 am Men's Coffee

April 8 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education

11:00 am Worship Service led by our

guests, the Faith and Life Women's Chorus

Lunch together after the service.

Scripture: Psalm 23 *Theme:* God's Leading and Guidance

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler *Sound:* Perry Batchelor *Coffee:*

have some at breakfast and later at lunch

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

April 22 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education

11:00 am Worship Service

April 26 2:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Spiritual Care Advisory Committee for The Gardens on Tenth is pleased to announce that we have hired Marlene Wiebe as the new chaplain for Eastview Personal Care Home and The Apartments at The Gardens on Tenth. We had some excellent applicants and feel confident that we hired the right person for the position. Marlene is completing a Masters of Theology (specializing in chaplaincy) and did her practicum at both locations so she already knows the residents and staff. Peter Bartel is retiring in May 2018 after 18 years of service. We will be celebrating at a Retirement Tea on Friday, May 4 (The Gardens MPR) at 10 AM.

- **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.

- **April 5, from 3 pm – 7 pm.** Canadian Blood Services Community Blood Donor Clinics in Altona at the Rhineland Pioneer Center.

- 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 12 – 7 pm** - We invite you to our Dessert Fundraiser for Pembina Counselling Centre featuring Tyler Pelke. As a teenager from Altona, Tyler was left for dead in a burning house, but God had different plans. The event is being hosted at the Winkler Mennonite Church (Hwy 32). Tickets are \$25. For information call the PCC office at 822-6622.

- **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 17th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m** - Annual Palliative Care Soup & Pie Fundraiser will take place on Tuesday,. Altona Bergthaler Church. Bring a friend. All are welcome! All proceeds go towards Palliative Care.

- **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](tel: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