

## **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**

- Continued prayers are invited for Darnell, Christina and their children. “Last weekend, Peace Church Philippines & Theo Sa Kanto prayed for the **Barkman family** as we send them off back to Canada as witnesses from our community here in the Philippines. In a month’s time, Darnell, Christina, Cody, Makai, Teyah and Jericho will all be heading back to their families in Canada. Parting ways maybe a painful idea, but we are comforted by the truth that we are brothers & sisters in Christ despite our race and geographical location. We are all in the same family of God. Join our community in praying for this transition.”

First posted on the Peace Church Philippines Facebook page by Kathleen Limayo

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

### **From the Pastor:**

The following poem by British priest and poet, Malcolm Guite captures the essence of Easter. It is offered in hopes that it will bring a turning of your night to day. Thanks to Tim Wiebe who shared it.

### **Easter Dawn**

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love’s  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question ‘Why,  
Why are you weeping?’, or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply  
‘They took my love away, my day is night’  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2012/04/08/easter-dawn/>

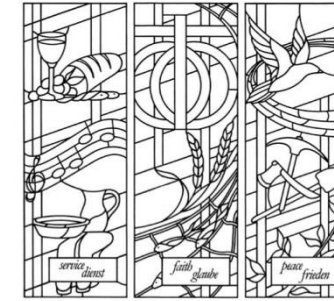
### **Altona Mennonite Church Vision**

*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.*



# Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Prelude

Choral Invocation – *Holy Manna* (William Moore)

Welcome/announcements and opening prayer – Dan Kehler

Hymns HWB #44 When in our music God is glorified

STS #93 Alleluia! Give the glory

Choir *Down in the River to Pray* (arr. Cheryl Lynn Helm)

*Crossing the Bar* (Gwyneth Walker)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 – Marie Rempel

Choir *Der 23 Psalm* (Schubert)

Children’s Feature – Linda Dueck

Choir *Take Me to the Water* (Rollo Dilworth)

Offering Prayer - Dan Kehler

Offertory

Hymn HWB #570 We walk by faith

Scripture Reading: John 20: 19-31 – Marie Rempel

Meditation: Lisa Enns

Hymn HWB #398 I love to tell the story

Pastoral Closing – Dan Kehler

Choral Benediction – *Irish Blessing* (Susan Toman)

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler  
Conductor: Janet Brenneman  
Accompanist(s): Rebecca Klassen-Wiebe

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Dave and Hildie Regehr are at the Mennonite Center in Ukraine. Follow their work at [regehrsukraine.blogspot.com](http://regehrsukraine.blogspot.com).\*  
NEW BLOG POST this week.

- **Sunday, April 15** - A New Hymnal is coming! A service of singing with the first preview of the 2020 new Mennonite Hymnal led by Marilyn Houser Hamm and AMC musicians.

**Birthdays:** April 10 – Hilda Elias  
**Anniversaries:**

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

April 12 2:30 pm Sin of Certainty Book Study  
April 15 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education  
11:00 am Worship Service

*Scripture: Theme: "A New Hymnal is coming!"* *Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm* *Sound: Henry Rempel* *Coffee: Wayne & Tracy Bergen*

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  
April 29 9:30 am Christian Formation & Education  
11:00 am Worship Service

### **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.

- **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 15, 7 pm - *Seven Whole Days* book signing event with Faye Hall and Malcolm Guite**, attending from Cambridge, England. MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd.](http://600ShaftesburyBlvd.com)

- **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. SIGN UP sheet (for bringing soup, etc or serving) is in the lobby.

- **April 17, 7 pm** - The Station YFC is having their annual dessert night. Doors open at 6:30 with the program to start at 7, Marty and Sheridan will be sharing at the evening. If you would like tickets or to fill a table or want to donate desserts please contact us at the office at 204-324-5659 or email us at [stationyfc@gmail.com](mailto:stationyfc@gmail.com) tickets are free. Thank you.

- **April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm** Homemade chicken noodle soup, borscht, and broccoli cheese soup, fresh buns and pies!! Join us for The Gardens on Tenth Spring Soup & Pie Supper in The Gardens dining room at 140 10<sup>th</sup>Avenue NE. Admission is by donation. Donations will be used for a new Century Tub for The Apartments. All are invited to attend! To also arrange for a tour please call 204-324-8945.

- **Artist talk, Mennonite and Catholic perspectives on art**, featuring Anthony Chiarella and Ray Dirks. Thurs, April 19, 7pm, MHC Gallery, [600 Shaftesbury Blvd.](http://600ShaftesburyBlvd.com)

- **Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm - Special Event: The Bible, justice, and the Palestine-Israel conflict** *2299 Grant Ave, Winnipeg* Join Canadian Friends of Sabeel and Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek at Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University for the Manitoba launch of Rev. Ateek's most recent book addressing theology of land in Palestine and Israel from a non-violent and reconciliatory perspective.

- **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](mailto: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](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca)