

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with care.
- Anne Loewen has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Your concern is appreciated and prayers are welcomed.
- Glen Pappel of Emerson passed away Thursday, Nov. 22. Glen is the nephew of Darlene Klassen. We would ask that you pray for Glen's wife Sandra, and the rest of the Pappel family.

Our Community

- Pray for Ken Warkentin (MCM's Executive Minister), and all our church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Mennonite Church Canada is pleased to announce that Doug Klassen has accepted the call to the position of Executive Minister.

Our World

- Pray for continued strength and perseverance for Werner & Joanne DeJong who are halfway through their assignment and as they share their gifts at Meserete Kristos College and are being blessed by so many wonderful relationships with students and staff.
- Pray for more women students to come to Meserete Kristos College to study. There are currently 35 women studying and the Women's Dorm has capacity for 200.
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

Being 'One Another'

Artist Statement:

When I first heard about the Being One Another theme and the invitation to create something, this unity image came to mind.

I like the way the figures lean into each other in love and support of each other, even in their diversity. The space between them allows for growth and for others to enter to be encircled.

Some of the fabric for this banner was first used for the 2017 Lenten season. And if you have a chance to see it up close, quilted into the banner are many of the "one another" words.
Lori Kliewer Hiebert

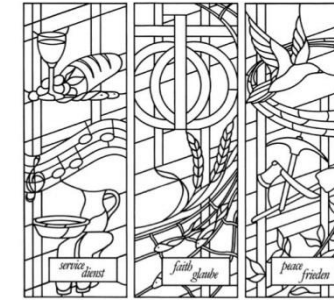


Altona Mennonite Church Vision

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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'Being 'One Another' Love One Another

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Prelude

Hymn HWB #334 Christ is the World's True Light

Call to Worship - Ephesians 2:13-22

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

People: For he is our peace.

North: In his flesh he has made both groups into one

South: and has broken down the dividing wall,

ALL: that is, the hostility between us.

Leader: He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,

North: that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

South: and might reconcile both groups to God in one body, through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

Leader: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father, So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints, and also members of the household of God,

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

People: built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Leader: In him,

ALL: The whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Hymn HWB #43 Christ is our cornerstone

Invocation SS #190

Welcoming One Another

RECEIVING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn SS #55 Love the Lord your God

Offering/Offering Prayer SJ #148

Scriptures I John 4:7-21

Message Divine Love Real and Visible Pastor Dan Kehler

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Gather

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

L: In extravagant compassion, Jesus has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as those who are loved, renewed and thankful. Receive this grace, and share it.

P: We are grateful; we will go and live differently because of what, Jesus, has done for us.

The Lord's Prayer

The Meal is shared

Commitment to live compassionately

L: Thank you, God, for this meal, and for the way it feeds our souls, changes our hearts, and unites us with one another and with you in love.

P: We go now to live as followers of Christ, as people of compassion, as those who seek to serve and heal the world through the love you have first shown us.

All: Amen

Hymn SJ #88 Hallelujah! We sing your praises

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

Hymn HWB #475 Become to us the living bread

Benediction SJ #174

Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Song Leader: Dave Regehr

Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Nov. 26 7:30 pm Decorating for Advent/Christmas

Nov. 27 7:30 pm Leadership Council

Dec. 2 First Advent!

9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank Sunday, Coin Collection

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36 *Theme:* Watching and Waiting *Worship*

Leader: Ang Enns *Song Leader:* Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias *Sound:* Kevin Neufeld

Coffee: Albert & Marilyn Bergen

Dec. 9 9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This afternoon at 1 pm, Loren Hiebert will receive a "Teacher of Distinction" award from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Anna Schwartz (who has played piano here and has been a sometime student of Loren's) and one other student nominated him. The ceremony takes place at the WAG.

- **November 26, 7:30 pm** - Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas - Please bring Christmas baking to share after the decorating is done.

Birthdays: Nov. 26 – Karey Hildebrand; Nov. 29 – Andrea Hildebrand; Nov. 30 – Peggy Martens, Cayden Wood

- **From the treasurer:** As of November 7, we have a positive balance, approximately \$3,000, which is a better picture than we've had for awhile, but we achieved this by sending in only 1/2 of our 3rd Quarter donations to MC Manitoba, MCI, MCC and Eden Health Care. Local projects The Gardens and Youth for Christ were given the full 3rd Quarter donation. So far,

\$5,100 has been donated toward our Furnace Fund; only \$12,900 to go!

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Canadian Mennonite is hiring an Online Media Manager**, a full-time position that can be worked remotely. Multi-media journalists with a passion for the Mennonite church are welcome to apply. For more information go to canadianmennonite.org/employment.

- Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna MB, invites applications for the position of Principal commencing August, 2019. For more information or to submit a resume, please email searchteam@mciblues.net. More information can be found at www.mciblues.net.

- **Nov. 25, 3 pm** - Douglas Kuhl School of Music invites the community to an intergenerational concert at Winkler EMM Church (600 Southview Dr.) The concert features DKSM string orchestras and Homeschool Harmony Choir as well as Winkler Senior Choir in joint orchestra/choir selections. An offering will be taken in support of DKSM programs. Please join us!

- **Nov. 30 or December 1 – 7 pm Southern Manitoba Choral Society** under the direction of Madeleine Friesen will present Christmas concerts at 7:00 pm on Friday, **Nov 30** at Winkler Emmanuel Mennonite Church and on Saturday, **Dec 1** at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. An offering will be received.

- **Dec. 15 or 16 - Faith and Life Male Choir and Women's Chorus Christmas Concerts.** December 15, 7:00 PM Springfield Heights Mennonite Church, Winnipeg; December 16, 3:00 PM, Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church, Altona. A freewill offering to support the choir ministry will be taken.

Check Bulletin Board for Posters about...

- **Nov. 30/Dec.1** Southern Manitoba Choral Society concert
- Bible Land Israel Tour Feb.5-14/19
- other concerts, classes, newsletters.