

Our World

- We pray that the peace of Christ would resonate through all Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers serving in five countries in the coming year. May each of us use the varied gifts God has given us to be "witnesses" to those we encounter in 2019.

- **Pray for the Unist'ot'en** In its *Declaration in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) affirms Indigenous rights to traditional territories and calls Mennonites to see Indigenous struggles against resource-extraction projects that lack Indigenous consent as "our struggle" (see www.commonword.ca/go/1717).

In northern British Columbia, the Unist'ot'en have peacefully protected their traditional territory from new gas pipelines over the last decade. This week state authorities, acting on a court injunction, arrested many persons to break the Unist'ot'en's land defense and to facilitate the construction of TransCanada's pipeline. Pray for the Unist'ot'en—the MWC states, "Their pain is also our pain." For more info and ways to support, see www.unistoten.camp.

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

From the Worship Committee:

The weeks following Advent/ Christmas are identified as the Season of Epiphany- the Season of Light. After the church has long awaited the coming of the Messiah it is time to celebrate the coming of the Light and its movement toward God's Shalom. The journey for AMC this year has been discerned by the Worship Committee to be God's Shalom: Pathways to Reconciliation.

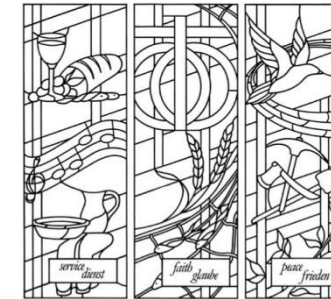
Pastor Dan will ground us biblically in understandings of God's Shalom January 13, from which we will explore Pathways of Reconciliation:
Jan 20 - with our Indigenous neighbors
Steve Heinrichs, MC Canada Indigenous/ Settler Relations

Jan 27- Shalom: Pathways to Peace within us

February 3 - with "the other"
Harry Huebner, Emeritas Professor of Interfaith Studies, CMU

February 10 – Shalom: Pathways to Wholeness

We look forward to the coming weeks with much anticipation. Further details will follow as we move through our journey.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Shalom: Pathways to Reconciliation Desires and Longings

GATHERING

Prelude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Buxtehude
Greeting the People and Announcements
Hymn HWB #12 Come, let us all unite to sing

Call to Worship and Prayer

The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever
Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Let us meditate on God's wondrous works
Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever
Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

RECEIVING THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1-3, 8-9, 13b-21 HWB #824
Hymn HWB #495 O let all who thirst
Children's Time

Prayer of Confession and Assurance:

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness,

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths.

We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others

that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways.

Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd.

Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world.

Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors.

Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.

In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

Offering *The Star Proclaims the King is Here* Flor Peeters

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55; John 10:7-10

Sermon Created for Something Better Pastor Dan Kehler

RESPONDING

Hymn HWB #553 I am weak and I need thy strength

Prayer

Benediction

Hymn HWB #427 You shall go out with joy

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen

Song Leader: Gina Enns

Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Jan. 15 7:00 pm Formation Committee Meeting

Jan. 16 Deadline for Reports for AGM

Jan. 20 Guest speaker Steve Heinrichs

9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Theme: Season of Light - Pathways to

Reconciliation – with our Indigenous Neighbours

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler Song Leader: Lori Hiebert

Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert Sound: Dale Klassen Coffee:

Ray & Doreen Mierau

Jan. 22 7:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

Jan. 27 8:45 am rehearsal for Eastview/Gardens

9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Feb. 10 AGM

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for the all the support you have shown our family since the passing of our Dad and Grandfather, Peter Dyck.

It was very much appreciated. Nancy, Kevin, Dara and Jenny

- **From the Treasurer: We can celebrate!** On Sunday \$6500 was needed to pay our expenses and fulfill obligations for 2018. Just over that amount was donated in Sunday morning and on-line donations. Thank you to all who contributed throughout the year.

- **January 16** – If you are the one responsible for a report for the AGM report book, Jan. 16 is the deadline to get it in to the office. Thanks.

- January 20, 2:30 pm - **Non-Indigenous, Canadian or Settler? Understanding ourselves, our history, in moving toward Reconciliation** - Presentation by Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada staff for Indigenous-Settler Relations, followed by discussion. The Commons Barn, Neuberghal (on PR 421, se of Altona)

Birthdays: Jan. 14 – Tim Wiebe; Jan. 15 – Sylvia Klassen; Jan. 19 – Dave Regehr, Ken Hamm

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Southern Manitoba Choral Society invites all singers to join the choir on Tuesdays for its winter/spring season. First rehearsal is January 15, 7:00-8:45 pm in the W C Miller Collegiate music room. Registration is \$35.

- **MCI Information Nights** Interested in learning more about MCI? We invite prospective students & families to join us for dinner to learn what MCI has to offer! Connect with us on **January 24th** or **February 21st** at 6pm for dinner, followed by a presentation at 7pm. Register for supper by emailing info@mciblues.net or calling (204) 327-5891.

- Legacy by Anita Kroeger and Reverence by Michael Boss opening, 7:30pm, Fri. Jan. 25, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Jan. 25-March 9.

- Prospective students (and their parents) -- consider these opportunities to explore what CMU has to offer: **Friday, Feb. 2 Campus Visit Day** (a day to explore campus, learn about CMU programs, attend a class and interact with professors) and **Saturday, Feb. 9 Discover Outatown** (CMU's unique discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.

- **Enrol in a CMU evening course** – for credit or audit. Options include: History of Indigenous Peoples in Canada; The Art of Preaching; Fundamentals of Marketing; The Detective in Fiction and Film; Principles and Paradigms of Youth Ministry... Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.

Check Bulletin Board for Posters about...

- Bible Land Israel Tour Feb.5-14/19
- classes, newsletters.

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.
- Keep Tim and Marlene Wiebe and family in your prayers as they deal with an aggressive return of Tim's cancer.

Our Community

- Pray for Ken Warkentin (MCM's Executive Minister), and all our church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (Mennonite Church Canada's Executive Minister).