

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. Tim was hospitalized on Tuesday.

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).

Our World

- Mike and Cheryl Nimz are focusing their efforts to identify those who will take on regional networking roles throughout the UK and are planning to bring these together in the New Year. Pray along with Mike and Cheryl that the right people are identified to fulfill these regional networking roles.
- Remember Jeanette Hanson as she continues to support and encourage teachers and their families in her role as Assistant Director of MPC (Mennonite Partners in China) and as MC Canada Resource Witness worker for China.
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

From the Worship Committee:

Shalom: Pathways to Reconciliation.

Feb. 10 – Shalom: Pathways to Wholeness in a fragmented world. Speaker Dan Kehler

Feb. 17 - Pathways to Peace in a violent world.

Speaker: Ernie Wiens from Conscience Canada <http://www.consciencecanada.ca/>
Does conscientious objection to militarism have relevance for today?

Feb. 24 - AMC Retreat - Shalom as Sabbath.

March 3 - Pathways to hope in the sinking sands of life.

Speaker: Dan Kehler

From the Pastor:

One of my favorite poets died recently. What I loved most about her words were how she could capture a moment in nature. Like this favorite of mine:

The place I want to get back to
is where
in the pinewoods
in the moments between
the darkness

and first light
two deer
came walking down the hill
and when they saw me

they said to each other, okay,
this one is okay,
let's see who she is
and why she is sitting

on the ground like that,
so quiet, as if
asleep, or in a dream,
but, anyway, harmless;

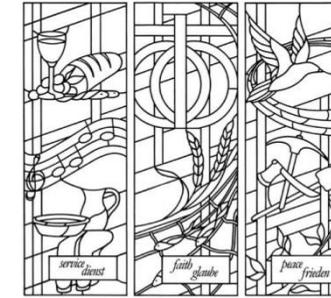
and so they came
on their slender legs
and gazed upon me
not unlike the way

I go out to the dunes and look
and look and look
into the faces of the flowers;
and then one of them leaned forward

and nuzzled my hand, and what can my life
bring to me that could exceed
that brief moment?
For twenty years

I have gone every day to the same woods,
not waiting, exactly, just lingering.
Such gifts, bestowed,
can't be repeated.

If you want to talk about this
come to visit. I live in the house
near the corner, which I have named
Gratitude.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Shalom: with "the Other"

Gathering

Welcome

Hymn HWB #371 Let there be light, Lord God

Opening Words

Hymn STJ #94 Blest are they

Listening

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:16-30; Luke 10:25-37

Children's Story

about Debbie, Mike, Alex, Lewis

Hymn STS #54 What does the Lord require of you?

Sermon The Other Harry Huebner

Response

Hymn HWB #411 I bind my heart this tide

Offering "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte/Schrader

Food Bank Collection

Prayer

Sending

Hymn HWB #322 For we are strangers no more

Benediction

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Harry Wiens
Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm
Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias

We welcome Harry Huebner to our service this morning. Dr. Huebner is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Theology at CMU.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Feb. 10 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
2:00 pm AGM

Scripture: Ecc. 4:7-12; Matt. 23:25-28; Heb. 13:5-6; 1 Tim. 6:6-10; Psalm 131 *Theme:* Shalom: Pathways to Wholeness in a fragmented world *Worship Leader:* AMC Executive Council *Song Leader:* Lori Hiebert *Accompanist(s):* Loren Hiebert *Sound:* Kevin Neufeld *Coffee:* Marge Friesen & June Schwartz

Feb. 17 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service

Feb. 24 10:00 am AMC Retreat Day at Camp Assiniboia

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***Kendrick Knight Giesbrecht was born January 17, 2019***, to Derrick and Emily Giesbrecht of Calgary, Alberta. Kendrick is a brother to Keon. Proud grandparents are Irv and Cheryll Giesbrecht. Great grandparents are Ted and Darlene Klassen.

- The Rejoice! Devotional books are in the mailboxes of those who have subscribed.

- **NEEDED** – willing people to serve on the Formation committee (talk to Andrea Hildebrand for more info), the Trustee committee (talk to Greg Heinrichs for more info) and Vice Moderator (talk to Loren Braul for more info). Let Loren Braul know if you are willing to serve AMC in these ways.

- **The 2019 AMC Directory** will be out in a few weeks – Please let the office know if there are any changes of address or phone numbers asap.

- **February 24 - AMC Retreat at Camp Assiniboia**, Sunday, from 10 am – 4:00 pm. *Retreat costs are free for*

children and school age children (18 and under), \$30 for those over 18. Make cheques payable to Altona Mennonite Church, with Retreat in the memo area. Come out and join us for the day, starting with coffee and muffins at 10am, worship at 10:30am, then lunch and outdoor (and indoor) activities for the afternoon. **Sign up on the poster in the church entrance by February 10th.** If you require a ride to the camp or can offer a ride to someone, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Hope to see you there!!

Birthdays: Feb. 4 – Kate Sawatzky; Feb. 5 – Ryan Geirnaert; Feb. 8 – Brittany Klassen

Anniversaries: Feb. 9 – Bill & Anne Loewen (62 years!)

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Minds in Motion for people living with early to mid-stage dementias:** This program combines physical activity, socialization and mental stimulation for those with dementia to enjoy with a family or community care partner. This program is for the COMMUNITY AT LARGE hosted at The Gardens on Tenth. \$65 per couple for 8 weeks: Tuesdays 10 am – 12 pm. Come join us at NO COST on Tuesday, Feb 5. For more information call Grace at 204-324-8945 or grace@gardensontenth.ca.

- Join us for a **free public lecture** entitled "***Fearfully and Wonderfully made? Adam, Eve, and Evolution***" offered by CMU Scientist in Residence, Dr. Dennis Venema (Professor of Biology at Trinity Western University). Christians hold that God is the Creator, and that God brought the world and life into being as an intentional act of design. Modern genomics strongly supports the hypothesis that random mutation and natural selection are a key part of evolution, including for humans. Are these claims at odds with each other? Is it possible to view evolution as a form of design? **Wednesday, Feb. 6, 7:00 PM**, Marpeck Commons. This is a **live-streamed** event. See cmu.ca/events/sir.

- Prospective students (and their parents) -- consider this opportunity to explore what CMU has to offer - **Saturday, Feb. 9 Discover Outtatown** (CMU's unique discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.

- **February 11** - CMU presents **Face2Face: Let's Talk About Death...It Won't Kill You** at 7:00 PM, Marpeck Commons. Explore our fear of conversations about death *and* our culture's sometimes ghoulish obsessions involving death. Panel members include a casket maker, spiritual health practitioner, death café participant, and expert in culture and film studies. See cmu.ca/face2face.

- **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 **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.

- **February 23, 7:00 pm** - Douglas Kuhl School of Music invites you to an Orchestra Concert at Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church, Winkler. All levels of intergenerational string orchestras will be performing, including the Post Road Full Orchestra. No admission charge - an offering will be taken. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening of music! www.douglaskuhlschoolofmusic.com

February 27 - Learning Tour: Indigenous Initiatives Winnipeg You are invited on a one-day learning tour of local Indigenous-led initiatives, ministries and organizations in Winnipeg. For more information contact Kerry Saner-Harvey at 204-925-1911 or visit mccmb.ca/events.

- **Camps with Meaning Summer Camp Registration is open.** Visit campswithmeaning.org to sign your children or grandchildren up for a great week at Camp Koinonia or Camp Assiniboia. You can also call the office for more info. 204-895-2267

- **March 2, 2019 - MCM Annual Gathering reminder** - The MCM Annual Gathering takes place on March 2 at Steinbach Mennonite Church. We are allowed 5 delegates.

- **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.