

## **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 remains in hospital.

### **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**

- We join with MC Canada Witness workers **Dann and Joji Pantoja** as they continue to advocate for peace in the Philippines. On January 27, two bombings occurred at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the city of Jolo, on the island of Sulu of Mindanao. More than twenty worshippers were killed and dozens more were injured: the first blast happened inside the cathedral and the second blast was outside as armed forces arrived to investigate.

Sadly, three days later further destruction and bloodshed took place when an explosion at a mosque in Zamboanga City left two dead and four wounded. Pray for the many grieving families and loved ones affected by this violence and for the ongoing peacebuilding work of the Pantojas through PeaceBuilders Community and Coffee for Peace.

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

Speaker: Ernie Wiens from Conscious

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:**

T.S. Eliot writing in post World War I Europe would be a prophet of our time. In *The Hollow Men* he writes these words that seem to describe our early 21st century reality;

We are the hollow men  
We are the stuffed men  
Leaning together  
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!  
Our dried voices, when  
We whisper together  
Are quiet and meaningless  
As wind in dry grass  
Or rats' feet over broken glass  
In our dry cellar

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Those who have crossed  
With direct eyes, to death's other Kingdom  
Remember us—if at all—not as lost  
Violent souls, but only  
As the hollow men  
The stuffed men.

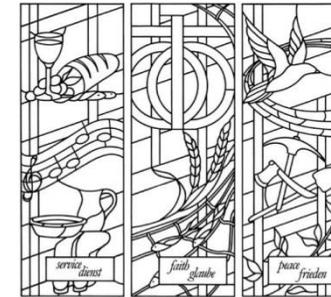
...  
This is the way the world ends  
This is the way the world ends  
Not with a bang but a whimper.

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"How can we not lose our souls when everything and everybody pulls us in different directions? How can we "keep it together" when we are constantly being torn apart?"

Jesus says, "Not a hair of your head will be lost. Your perseverance will win you your lives" (Luke 21:18-19). We can only survive our world when we trust that God knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. We can only keep it together when we believe that God holds us together. We can only win our lives when we remain faithful to the truth that every little part of us, yes, every hair, is completely safe in the divine embrace of our Lord. To say it differently: when we keep living a spiritual life, we have nothing to be afraid of."

Henri J. M. Nouwen



# Altona Mennonite Church

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

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## ***Shalom: Pathways to wholeness in a fragmented world***

Prelude

Welcome, greetings and announcements

Hymn HWB # 80 O bless the Lord, my soul

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation - Psalm 131 revisited:

**People: We gather in your sanctuary to worship and praise you o God.**

Leader: O Lord, our hearts are not lifted up, Our eyes are not raised too high;  
We do not occupy ourselves with things too great and too marvelous for us.

**People: For we know who we are as the AMC community of believers, committed to seek and to follow Jesus.**

Leader: We have calmed and quieted our souls,  
Like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child we are content.

**People: We know what our work must be, what is pleasing to you, what worship and praise look like in our everyday lives.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn HWB #493 I heard the voice of Jesus say

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Scripture Readings: Ecclesiastes 4:7-12; Matthew 23:25-28;  
1 Timothy 6:6-10

Hymn HWB #557 O God, in restless living  
Offering, with reading of Hebrews 13: 5-6

Sermon A Journey towards Wholeness  
Hymn HWB #372 O healing river  
Prayers of the People

Hymn HWB #600 O bless the Lord, my soul  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Norma Thiessen  
Song Leader: Lori Hiebert  
Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert

#### WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Feb. 14	2:30 pm	Book Study
Feb. 17	9:30 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship Service

*Scripture: Theme:* Does conscious objection to militarism have relevance for today. Guest speaker Ernie Wiens *Worship Leader:* Dave Regehr | *Song Leader:* Loren Braul  
*Accompanist(s):* Nancy Ratzlaff *Sound:* Nathan Loewen  
*Coffee:* Paul & Margruite Krahn

Feb. 24	10:00 am	AMC Retreat Day at Camp Assiniboia
Feb. 28	2:30 pm	Book Study
March 3	9:30 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship Service

#### AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THIS AFTERNOON 2 PM** – AMC's AGM here

- **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.

- Thank you for your kind and caring words and prayers. We have felt your love and support during this difficult time. Losing a sister/sister-in-law has been a hard and sad experience for us. Ken and Elaine.

- **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.

- Pastor Dan will be away February 12 & 13 at CMU's ReNew conference.

- **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 10<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 11 – Nichole Chartrand; Feb. 13 – Rosetta Braul

#### COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6pm for dinner, followed by a presentation at 7pm. Register for supper by emailing [info@mciblues.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://mccmb.ca/events). **Register by Feb. 13!**

- Feb. 28 is CMU's deadline for **Scholarships and Awards** for new students. See [cmu.ca/financialaid](http://cmu.ca/financialaid) for applications and information. CMU issued over 400 scholarships and bursaries to students last year, to approximately two thirds of the full time student body.

- **Camps with Meaning Summer Camp Registration is open.** Visit [campswithmeaning.org](http://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 **Booklets are on the lobby table.**

- **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.

- **March 8, 4:30 - 7 pm – Eden's first ever fund-raising Spaghetti Supper.** Admission is by donation and your generosity will help support the work of Eden Mental Health Centre, Segue Career Options and Eden Housing and Supports.

- **March 13, 7:00 pm – The Station, Youth for Christ Dessert & Snack Night Fundraiser** – at Seeds church. See poster for details or email [stationyfc@gmail.com](mailto:stationyfc@gmail.com) Doors open at 6:30 pm.

- **Menfolk** is an organization celebrating music and art from people associated with the Mennonite community. Our theme this year is "Re: Play" and we invite you to submit art in any medium about what it means to play. How have Mennonites past and present let loose and have fun? Email your submissions (description and photo) to [menfolkmanitoba@gmail.com](mailto:menfolkmanitoba@gmail.com) by **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. The event will take place on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the West End Cultural Centre. We invite everyone to attend.