

- You're invited to a wonderful evening of celebration and support for CMU! Held on Thursday, Apr. 4 at 7:00 pm, **Spring at CMU** will feature music and stories, the presentation of the 2019 CMU PAX Award to Dr. Rudy Wiebe, along with recognition of the Redekop family from Abbotsford for the significance of their vision and support of CMU's business program. Please contact Julie Derksen at j.derksen@cmu.ca to reserve a seat.

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).

- **Please pray for Bethel Mennonite Church** as they live into the inclusive welcome of Jesus and serve those in the extended community around them. From their website: Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty No. 1 land and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. Regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation, all are invited. Imitating the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.

Our World

- As a short-term Ministry Volunteer with Mennonite Church Canada, **Palmer Becker** is serving in a volunteer teaching role in Tanzania and Ethiopia from February 4 to March 4. At the invitation of both Meserete Kristos Church & College of Ethiopia and the Mennonite Church of Tanzania, Palmer will offer his gifts in teaching from his materials, Begin Anew and Anabaptist Essentials. Please pray for strength and

health for Palmer as he travels and teaches Ethiopian and Tanzanian church leaders these next several weeks.

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

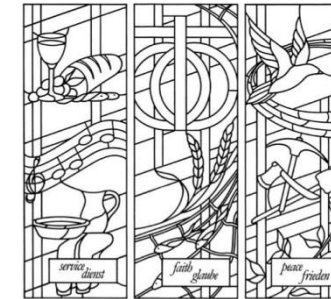
From the Worship Committee:

Shalom: Pathways to Reconciliation.

Feb. 24 - AMC Retreat - Shalom as Sabbath.

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

Speaker: Dan Kehler



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Shalom: Pathways to Peace in a violent world

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Walther
Welcome, greetings and announcements
Hymn of praise HWB #407 We are people of God's peace

Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-4; 10-11

(a paraphrase by Jim Taylor)

God says, "Stop it!"

**Wars and rumors of wars swirl around us;
Corporate conflicts engulf us.**

Only God stands firm in these shifting sands.

God is our shelter from strife;

God gives us strength for the stresses of each day.

We have nothing to fear.

**Though the social order is shaken,
Though our leaders come crashing down,
Though time-honored standards fly at half-mast
And the values we inherited are scorned –**

Even then, we have nothing to fear.

The comforting presence of God pours over us

Like cool water on a burning beach;

It makes us glad.

God is with us.

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.

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

This is God's word to the warring: "Be still!"
Be still, and know that I – and only I – am God!"

**In the tumult of the nations,
In the torment of the earth,
God is with us.**

God is our sanctuary.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB #409 What does the Lord require

Scripture readings:

A vision for peace: Micah 4:2-4 (HWB #833)

Creative peacemaking: Matthew 5:39-44

Foundation for peace: Ephesians 2:13-18

Sermon: "Does conscientious objection have relevance for today?" Ernie Wiens

Hymn of response: SJ #68 O hear, my people

Offering *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Manz

Prayers of the People

Sending Hymn SJ #66 If the war goes on

Benediction

Worship Leader: Dave Regehr

Song Leader: Loren Brault

Accompanist: Nancy Ratzlaff

Welcome to Ernie & Charlotte Wiens. Ernie is a farmer in the Glenlea/LaSalle area, a former pastor of the Glenlea Mennonite Church, current board member of MCC Manitoba and calls himself a pacifist. Ernie & Charlotte live in LaSalle.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

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

Feb. 25 7:00 pm AMC Women's evening

Feb. 28 2:30 pm Book Study

March 3 9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank and Siloam Coin Collection

Scripture: Theme: Shalom: Pathways to hope in the sinking

sands of life *Worship Leader:* Norma Thiessen *Song Leader:*

Dave Regehr *Accompanist(s):* Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Nathan

Loewen Greg Heinrichs *Coffee:* Ron & Karen Martens

March 10 9:30 am Christian Education

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kristin and Tim Gadsby are the proud parents to Connor Maverick, born on Friday, February 8th. Gavin and Everett are happy to welcome the little brother! Harv and Kathy Heinrichs are proud and thankful for the safe arrival of another grandchild..

- **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.

Birthdays: Feb. 22 – Elaine Loewen, Bev Barton

Anniversaries: Feb. 18 – Chris & Carolyn Regehr

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

- **Feb. 28** is CMU's deadline for **Scholarships and Awards** for new students. See 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 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 3, 3 pm** - Everyone is invited to the Altona Bergthaler Church for a time of fellowship with Sara Wenger Shenk, president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This is an opportunity to hear how AMBS is serving the church in Canada, the United States, and around the world.

- **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 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 by **March 8th**. The event will take place on **March 23rd** at the West End Cultural Centre. We invite everyone to attend.