

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).
- The **Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona** traces its beginnings to the 1870's. It's history and stately looking building still takes a prominent place within the community. The southern Manitoba congregation has three (3) full-time Pastoral positions as well as a part time Children's Ministry coordinator. The ABC congregation strives to engage the community in a variety of service ministries including the MCC Thrift Store and Community Food Bank. Pray that the congregation will continue to shine Christ's light of love as they nurture strong relationships within the community.

Our World

-Tom and Christine Poovong (Witness workers in Thailand) are grieving the loss of Christine's father who unfortunately succumbed to his ailments and old age. Christine's father passed away peacefully nearly two weeks ago. Tom and Christine expressed much sadness at her father's death, but also great hope because he committed his life to Christ a few years before. Pray for God's peace and comfort to surround the Poovong family.

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

From the Pastor:

This Lenten Season, we will be exploring C.S. Lewis' world of Narnia. Dr. Roan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury commends those who would enter Narnia during Lent. He says that C.S. Lewis does a wonderful job of helping us look at the images of God - both the familiar, and the uncomfortable ones - in his stories of Narnia. He says that when Lewis was a young man, he gave up believing that God existed at all and at the same time was angry at God for not existing. Lewis would later come to realize that the God he no longer believed in was the God of his making and not the God of the cosmos.

Each week, we will enter Narnia through Lewis' *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The themes we explore are taken from the story so if you want the fullest experience of Lewis in Lent, I encourage you to read or reread the book. And for those who prefer the movie. It will be shown on Tuesday March 5 at AMC.

Next Sunday, we will enter Narnia where "It is always winter and Christmas never comes."

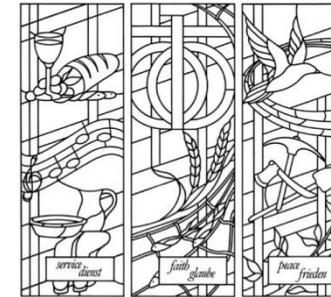
Altona Mennonite Church

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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Shalom: Pathways to Hope in the sinking sands of life

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome, greetings and announcements

Call to Worship: HWB #711

Hymn of Praise HWB #343 My hope is built on nothing less
Prayer

VISIONS OF HOPE

Hymn HWB #323 Beyond a dying sun

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:6-9

Scripture reading: Revelation 21:1-4

Hymn HWB #299 New earth, heavens new

HOPE IN UNION WITH GOD

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

John 17:20-23

Sermon Rays of Hope Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #592 Love divine, all loves excelling

Offering

Prayers of the people

Hymn SJ #108 Give thanks for life

Benediction: Psalm 25:1-6

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Song Leader: Dave Regehr
Accompanist: Hildie Regehr

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

March 5 5:30 pm Pancake Tuesday supper at AMC
7:00 pm The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
March 10 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11, James 1:12-18, Psalm 27
Theme: Narnia: Always winter and Christmas never comes
Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand *Song Leader:* Gina Enns
Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias *Sound:* Dale Klassen *Coffee:* Rob & Peggy Martens
March 14 2:30 pm Book Study
March 17 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
March 19 7:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **March 5, 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.** Come join with your church community in ushering in the Lenten Season with a delightful pancake meal. **Following the meal at 7:00 PM** there will be a screening of *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. C.S. Lewis' world of Narnia will be the setting for our time in Lent.

- 2019 Directories are in your mailboxes. If you didn't get one, there are a few extras on the counter in the office. AND already there is a correction... Marlene Dyck's email address has changed to potterybymarlene@gmail.com

Birthdays: March 6 – Madelyn Mierau-Friesen; March 8 – Nicole Wood, Ryan Schwartz; March 9 – Paul Hiebert, Felicity Mullet

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 5 - Day away at Assiniboia +55.** Enjoy lunch, skiing, hiking, fireplace conversations, "Knipsbrat" and more. \$20. Call Linda at camp at 204-864-2159 ext 104, or Jesse at the office at 204-895-2267 to reserve a spot.

- **March 7, 8 and 9** - Mennonite Collegiate Institute Musical Production of "Tuck Everlasting" will be presented from March 7, 8, and 9th at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm in Buhler Hall, Gretna.

- Prospective students in Grade 5-11 are invited to join us 1 hour before each performance for an MCI Open House and are eligible to receive a free musical ticket! Please call MCI (204)327-5891 to book your free Open House ticket. For all other ticket purchases, visit us online at www.mciblues.net.

- **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.

- **MHC Gallery exhibition openings** for Sandra Campbell and Melissa Coyle, Fri. March 15, 7:30pm, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. March 15-April 27. More info: www.cmu.ca/gallery/

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

- 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.

- Please join Mennonite Disaster Service for an Awareness and Fundraising Evening on **Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church (340 2nd Street, Steinbach, Manitoba). Come fellowship over dinner and hear stories from volunteers as they talk about experiences with the Williams Lake, BC Wildfire rebuilding, Puerto Rico Hurricane repairs and more. Musical entertainment will be by Travis and Kenton Bergman. Call the MDS office (866-261-1274) before March 22 to reserve your seats.