

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).
- **Carman Mennonite Church.** We are a Christian Church within the Anabaptist Tradition, seeking to be a community of healing and hope both within the church as well as within the community. We are growing in our understanding of this through times of vibrant worship, study and the discernment of scripture as well as through modeling Jesus' life. We welcomed Rachel Siemens as our new Pastor recently and we are finding new and beautiful ways of growing in our relationships with one another and within our community. Pray that we will continue to deepen our walk with God.

Our World

- Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park invite prayer for a national peace event on April 27 that they trust will bring peace to the Korean peninsula. April 27 will be the first anniversary of the meeting between the two Korean leaders last year. Bock Ki says: "We hope ... for 500,000 people [to gather in the] De-Militarized Zone on April 27. My heart is beating vigorously as I meet people these days. [...] Because I taught and talked about peace theology for the last five years, I naturally move toward this peace event."
- *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.

March 17 – "Retreat Sunday"

March 24 – We will look at Edmond who is seduced by the lies of the Queen/Witch and fails to see the danger he is in by siding with her.

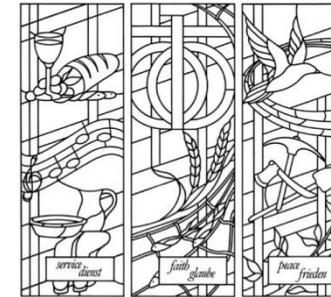
Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Lent: Narnia – Always Winter and Never Christmas

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Hymn STJ #1 We sing to you O God
Call to Worship Psalm 27
Hymn HWB #16 God is here among us
Prayer of Invocation

LISTENING

Introduction to Lent Theme
Scripture Readings: Matthew 4:1-11 James 1:12-18
Message – The Winter of Our Discontent – Dan Kehler

RESPONDING

Hymn STJ #102 When from the darkness
Offering
Congregational Sharing
Prayer of Intercession

SENDING

Hymn STS #115 Beauty for brokenness v. 1-4
Closing Prayer
Hymn STS #115 Beauty for brokenness v.5

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Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand
Song Leader: Gina Enns
Accompanist: Edna Zacharias

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

March 14 2:30 pm Book Study
March 17 Retreat Sunday at AMC
9:30 am Potluck Breakfast!, followed by a relaxed worship service
Theme: Pathways to Shalom. Lead by the worship committee. *Sound:* Dale Klassen *Coffee:* at breakfast
March 19 7:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting
March 24 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Because we missed our retreat day at Camp Assiniboia, we will have an in-house retreat on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 9:30 am with a Potluck breakfast! Please bring a breakfast item to share. (I.e. fruit plate, breakfast casserole, toaster & bread etc.) Worship Service will follow.**

- Congratulations to Rebekah Krahn and Travis Hare on their engagement. The wedding is planned for August 17, 2019 in Wolfeville, Nova Scotia.

- 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

- Build a Village is sponsoring another family coming to Altona from Egypt. It is a family of four adults. AMC is being asked to support this family by providing some household and personal items. The list will be in the foyer. Please sign what you would like to supply. There is another list of larger items. If you have any of them and would be willing to offer them for this family, please let me know. Thanks for your generosity. Elaine Loewen

Birthdays: March 10 – Irv Giesbrecht; March 12 – Bryson Loewen; March 13 – Finnick Wood; March 15 – Marlene Wiebe
Anniversaries: March 10 – Albert & Sylvia Klassen

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

- **Next Thursday March 14th**, is Manitoba Human Trafficking Awareness Day. We are encouraged to pray from 7:30 - 8:30 am, for the over 5000 missing Manitobans in Rural, Urban and Northern Manitoba.

- **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/

- **March 21, 1:30 – 3:30 pm – Friendship Manor Coffee House** – Come join us for our first monthly coffee house where you can buy coffee and homemade desserts.

- **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.

- **March 26 - CMU's Open House** - Drop in anytime between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. Check out Information Booths or join tours, classes, concerts and chapel. Connect with faculty and staff and learn about many opportunities offered at CMU. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.

- **March 26, 7 pm - Bill C-262 event** - Come to Markpeck Commons on March 26th at 7 pm for **Manitobans for Bill C-262; Supporting Indigenous Human Rights**. Bill C-262 ensures that Canada's laws are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This bill has passed three readings in the House of Commons and is now before the Senate.

- 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.