

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 Marlene Wiebe and family in your prayers.

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).
- **Douglas Mennonite Church** was founded in the late 1970s by the rapidly growing Springfield Heights Mennonite Church. For a time, Springfield and Douglas were one congregation with one church council, but meeting in two locations. Douglas became an independent congregation only after 200 people committed to membership. Today Douglas is a middle-sized congregation with a healthy mixture of children, youth, middle aged people and seniors. Pray for Douglas as it prepares once again to host a large summer program for Syrian youth living in North Kildonan.

Our World

- **Pray for Ukraine's presidential elections scheduled for Mar. 31.** With 39 candidates running for president there are no guarantees as to the outcome, although it is expected that there will be a run-off election on April 21.
- **The National Assembly of the Mennonite Christian Church of Colombia (IMCOL)** will be held this weekend, March 22 to 25. Pray for this assembly of our brothers and sisters in Colombia as they worship, pray and discuss their strategic plan for the next five years of ministry.
- We pray for **Dann and Joji Pantoja** (Witness workers in the Philippines) and her siblings as they grieve the passing of Joji's father, Armando Bautista Sr. May God continue to provide comfort and peace to the Pantoja and Bautista families as they share memories of their father and grandfather.
- *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.

April 7 – Peter – Faith, refined by fire. Peter must go through a number of trials before he is ready to lead Aslan's army. Micah 3:2-4; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9

April 14 (Palm Sunday) – Aslan – Spring comes to break the spell of winter. The sign that Aslan is on the move is that spring arrives in Narnia for the first time in 100 years. Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

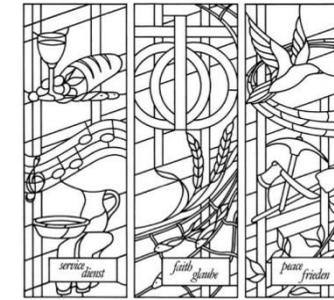
Altona Mennonite Church

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: Edmond – When Kingdoms Clash

Gathering

Prelude
Hymn HWB #226 You are salt for the earth
Welcome, Announcements
Instrumental Interlude
Call to worship
Prayer of Invocation
Hymn HWB #143 Amazing grace!

Listening

For the Children
Scripture Readings: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Message Wheat, Weeds and Turkish Delight Dan Kehler

Responding

Hymn HWB #366 God of grace and God of glory
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Offering

Sending

Hymn HWB #433 Go, my children
Benediction
Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen
Song Leader: Loren Braul
Accompanist: Sylvia Klassen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

April 1 7:30 pm AMC Women's Evening at the Batchelors
April 7 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
Food Bank and Coin Collection Sunday
Scripture: Micah 3:2-4; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-9 *Theme:*
Peter – Faith, Refined by Fire *Worship Leader:* Margrute
Krahn *Song Leader:* Kevin Neufeld *Accompanist:* Nancy
Ratzlaff *Sound:* Nathan Loewen *Coffee:* Kevin & Nancy
Neufeld
April 11 2:30 pm Book Study, Chap. 10, 11
April 14 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
April 15-17 Red River Valley Festival of the Arts - Piano
April 18 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 19 10:30 am Good Friday Service
April 21 Easter Breakfast
11:00 am Worship Service

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **April 1, 7:30 pm** - The next AMC Ladies night will be held at the Batchelor residence (107 Redwood Bay). We will watch the movie "Wonder", first released in 2017. It is the story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Julia Roberts plays the mother. Please mark this on your calendars – hope to see you there.

- Dave and Hildie Regehr are in Ukraine. They update their blog regularly. To read what they are doing during their seven week stay, check out the blog at regehrsukraine.blogspot.com

- Build a Village tells us the family from Egypt has arrived. Thank you to all who donated household and personal items to help them get settled in our community.

Birthdays: April 2 – Vic Penner; April 3 – Bretlyn Loewen

Anniversaries: April 3 – Karey & Andrea Hildebrand; April 4 – Ray & Doreen Mierau

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Help MCC respond to the needs of people affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique and Malawi:** On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 per cent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly 3 million people. It's one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. Donations can be made by calling 1-888-622-6337, by contacting us at 204-261-6381, or donating online.

- **Recovery of Hope** is looking for additional part-time counselling therapists for locations in Winnipeg, Winkler and Steinbach. Counsellors with a Master's degree and membership in a professional counselling association are welcome to visit our website for more information or email brad@recoveryofhope.ca.

- **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 by April 1 at j.derksen@cmu.ca to reserve a seat.

- **Thursday, April 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm** - You are invited to hear Dr Gordon Neufeld (author of *Hold on to Your Kids*) on for a presentation titled "**Raising Children in the Digital Age**" at Ecole Charleswood School in Winnipeg and tickets are available online at: edenhealthcare.ca. Early bird tickets are \$25/person until March 31.

- **April 13, 14 - Southern Manitoba Choral Society** under the direction of Madeleine Friesen will present spring concerts on **Saturday, April 13 @7:00pm** at Morden Mennonite Church and on **Sunday, April 14 @3:00 pm** at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. An offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome.

- **Tuesday, April 16th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Annual Palliative Care Soup & Pie Fundraiser at the Altona Bergthaler Church. Bring a friend. All are welcome! All proceeds go towards Palliative Care.

- **April 28 – 7 pm – Eden Health Care Services presents** a concert with the Eastman Male Choir and Winkler Community Male Choir at Winkler Mennonite Church.

Donations will be accepted in support of those on a mental health journey.

- **Calling all high school students!** MCC Manitoba is excited to co-sponsor sixpoineteight - **a peacebuilding conference at CMU on April 29.** High school students will hear stories of reconciliation, finding refuge in Canada and the reality of poverty and homelessness. Find out more at cmu.ca/sixpoineteight.

- **#churchtoo manitoba - Online registration is open**

This important conference on dealing with and preventing sexual misconduct in the church is for all pastors and church leaders. It is hosted by MCM, Mennonite Brethren Church Manitoba, CMU and MCC Manitoba. May 31-June 1, 2019 at CMU. [More info and registration on the MCM website.](#)

- **We are in need of Head Cooks** at both Assiniboia and Koinonia for the spring and summer months. Contact Matt Heide at campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com or David Hogue at assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org for more information.

- **The camp community is not complete without support staff** to work on site as maintenance and kitchen staff, health officers and camp pastors. If you have time to spend a week at camp this summer, please contact Jesse at 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca.

Fundraising Banquets:

- **April 5, 6:30 pm – Far East Broadcasting Canada** banquet at SPMB church. Speaker Takanori Nagakura, assistant director of FEBC Japan. Call Anne at 204-324-8358 to reserve your spot.

- **Saturday, April 6, 6:30 pm. 48th Canadian Mennonite fundraising dinner, at Mennonite Heritage Village.** Tickets are free, but reservations are required. Donation baskets will be available. To reserve your seat, email office@canadianmennonite.org with "CM April 6 dinner" in the subject line, or call 1-800-378-2524, extension 221.

- **April 6, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Please join MDS for an Awareness and Fundraising Evening at Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church (340 2nd Street, Steinbach, Manitoba).

- **April 9 – 6:30 pm –Gideon Banquet** at the Altona EMMC church, at 6:30. Tickets are complimentary; phone Tamara at 324-9724. Rosemary Siemens will be our musical guest.