

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### **Our Church family**

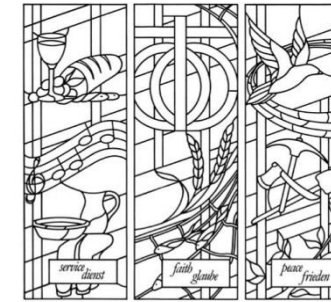
- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with care.
- Keep Marlene Wiebe and family in your prayers.
- Pray for the Friesen family as they mourn Linie's passing.

### **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).
- **First Mennonite Church**, located in the West End of Winnipeg, is a welcoming congregation, committed to providing a safe and inclusive space where faith and community are nurtured. Our weekly worship is a vibrant blend of traditional and contemporary elements embracing growing diversity. We find meaningful engagement in a variety of ways, from music groups, including a large church choir, to fellowship groups, weekly Sunday school and youth events, and Adult education opportunities. As we continue to support refugees and seek to welcome newcomers at our doors, pray that we will be have much wisdom.

### **Our World**

- **Pray for the continued growth and development of MC Canada partner Meserete Kristos Church** in Ethiopia. More than 1,700 graduates from Meserete Kristos College continue to make a strong, positive impact in the leadership of the church and in society. The College now has over 500 students under instruction in a variety of programs.
- **The Benin Bible Institute (BBI)** in Cotonou, will experience significant transitions in the next few years as several professors and the current administrator, Bonaventure Akowanou, retire. Pray that both capable professors and an administrator will be hired in their place to continue the vibrant and impactful ministry in Benin, West Africa.
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*



# Altona Mennonite Church

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

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## ***A NEW BEGINNING***

### **ENTERING OUR STORY**

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* Bach  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Held

Listening to Peter, early in the morning - from John 20  
Time for Reflection  
A story from Narnia  
Call to Worship  
Leader. The LORD is risen  
***People. He is risen indeed***

Hymn HWB #273 Low in the grave he lay

### **HEAR THE WORD**

Scripture: Psalm 118: 1,2, 14-24  
with refrain, HWB #101 Alleluia  
Hymn #280 Christ the Lord is risen today  
Hymn #274 O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Message A New Beginning Dan Kehler

### **WE RESPOND**

Hymn SS #89 Christ is alive

### **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.*

Offering

Offertory *Christ lag in Todesbanden* Bach

*In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay for our offenses given;*

*But now the Lord is ris'n today and brings us life from heaven;*

*Wherefore let us all rejoice, and praise our God with cheerful voice,*

*And sing loud Alleluias, Alleluia!*

Prayer

Hymn SS #92 Sing with all the saints in glory

Benediction

Postlude *O Sons and Daughters, let us Sing* Leavitt

Worship Leader: Ray / Marilyn Houser Hamm

Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff

#### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC**

April 25 2:30 pm Book Study, Chap. 13, 14, 15

April 28 9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Guest Speaker: Mark Thiessen-Dyck,

Senior Pastor at Bergthaler Church of Altona

*Scripture:* Acts 4:1-22; Psalm 118:1, 15-29 *Theme:* Peter and

John on Trial *Worship Leader:* Dan Kehler *Song Leader:* Loren

Braul *Accompanist(s):* Loren Hiebert, Anna Schwartz *Sound:*

Henry Rempel *Coffee:* John & Lil Gerbrandt

May 5 Food Bank and Coin Collection Sunday

May 14 7:30 Leadership Council Meeting

#### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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](http://regehrsukraine.blogspot.com)

- **From the treasurer:** The first quarter donations are due, and we will go seriously into our line of credit. This is not uncommon, but still uncomfortable. There have been 3 ways to donate to AMC: Sunday morning offering, online giving if you are Access members (simply add Altona Mennonite Church to your payees and use your 7 digit phone number as your account), and setting up automatic withdrawals. There is now a 4th way to donate: sending an e-transfer. Our email address for this transfer is [amchurchdonations@gmail.com](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com) and you just keep the security question "what service is provided". So

the act of giving has never been easier; the rest is up to you!

Thank you.

**Birthdays:** April 23 – Harry Wiens; April 24 – Steven Wiebe

**Anniversaries:**

#### **LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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.

- **Friday, May 10, 1:30 – 3:00** - Altona Health Care Auxiliary annual Spring Tea and Bake Sale will be held at **Eastview Place** with Crocus Auction. Donated baked items are welcomed. Proceeds go towards Eastview Place and Hospital projects. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

#### **WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **April 25 – 4:30 – 7 pm** There is a Soup and Pie on at the Good Neighbor Center in Rosenfeld. Proceeds going towards a Nature Playground and new soccer nets at Rosenfeld Elementary school (Elliot and Marygrace's school).

- **April 26, 7 pm** - All are welcome to attend the **CMU Spring Choral Concert**, Loewen Athletic Centre, featuring CMU Singers, Men's Chorus, and Women's Chorus. Free admission.

- **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](http://cmu.ca/sixpoineteight).

- **May 2, 7:00 pm** - All are welcome to a free public lecture by Lorna Dueck (CEO of Crossroads Christian Communications) entitled "Legacies and Learnings: Considering the Past, Present and Future of Faith-based Media in Canada"., Marpeck Commons. This lecture forms part of a national symposium on Christian journalism and communications entitled 'The Canadian Church at the Turn of the Millennium'. See [cmu.ca/commsconference](http://cmu.ca/commsconference) for details.

- **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm. Volunteer Day @ Camp Assiniboia:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with woodcutting, painting and cleaning. Let us know if you are able to come so we can plan our day! Call 204-864-2159 ext. 104.

- **May 4, 7:30 pm** - OPENING CELEBRATION for exhibits by Yisa Akinbolaji and Gabriela Agüero, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Exhibits run May 3 – June 22.

- **#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](#). The early bird deadline is April 30.

- **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](mailto:campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com) or David Hogue at [assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org](mailto: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](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca).

- **Bill C-262 stalled in the Senate** Conservative Senators prevented the Indigenous Rights Act, Bill C-262, from getting to Committee this past week. Time is running out to pass this vital reconciliation legislation. Please pray for the Senate and email Opposition Whip, Senator Don Plett, urging him to support Bill C-262 and the basic rights of Indigenous Peoples—[don.plett@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:don.plett@sen.parl.gc.ca).

- CMU presents **Emerging Perspectives on Ministry II, with Diana Butler Bass**. This is a gathering for pastors and ministry leaders from diverse Christian communions for resourcing and relationship building. Diana Butler Bass will present on her latest book, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. May 7-8 at CMU – including a free public lecture. For details and registration see [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events).

- **Last Call for NAIITS applications!** MC Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations program wants to help sponsor folks from across our nationwide church to attend NAIITS symposium 2019, exploring "Land and Place," June 6-8, 2019 at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto. The deadline for applications is April 23. If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details ([sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca))