

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).
- **Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship** celebrated 50 years as a congregation last year. In its early years a "Covenant" was articulated that gave expression to some key commitments, including the notion of shared ministry (lay leadership) around a theology of the priesthood of all believers. In January a significant revision of the original Covenant was formally adopted. The fellowship continues to be active with refugee sponsorship, and in exploring new ways of offering children's multi-age programming on Sunday mornings. A process of discerning four new lay ministers is underway and currently around 150 people attend each Sunday.

Our World

- **Dann and Joji Pantoja invite prayers for peace** due to armed conflict between government troops and members of the New People's Army affecting five local municipalities. Bombing and shelling by the government troops have been observed. Over 900 families, mostly indigenous, have taken refuge in nearby halls, gymnasiums or among relatives and friends. Pray along that the warring parties stop their conflict and for protection for civilians.

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

From the Pastor:

The Easter season is here. Easter is more than a single day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It includes the six Sunday between Easter and Pentecost -that makes seven Sundays of Easter. This time is a call to allow the reality of the Resurrected Lord to enter our daily living. I find this poem by Julia Esquivel a helpful door for the Risen Christ to enter.

I live each day to kill death;
I die each day to beget life,
and in the dying unto death,
I die a thousand times and
am reborn another thousand
through that love.

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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GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Hymn HWB #58 This is the day
Call to Worship HWB #668
Prayer

LISTENING

Hymn HWB #17 We gather together
Children's story
Scripture Psalm 118:1, 15-29; Acts 4:1-22
Hymn SJ #19 I will call upon the lord.
Sermon Christ is risen! What now? Mark Thiessen-Dyck

RESPONDING

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

We welcome Mark Thiessen-Dyck, Lead pastor at the Altona Bergthaler Church, to our service this morning. Mark is the grandson of Frank Epp, AMC's first pastor

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Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand
Song Leader: Loren Braul
Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert, Anna Schwartz

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

May 5	9:30 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		Food Bank and Coin Collection Sunday
<i>Scripture:</i> Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 <i>Theme:</i> You changed my sorrow into dancing		
<i>Worship Leader:</i> Marge Friesen <i>Song Leader:</i> Kevin Neufeld		
<i>Accompanist(s):</i> Gina Enns <i>Sound:</i> Kevin Neufeld <i>Coffee:</i> Ray & Marilyn Hamm		
May 12	9:30 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship Service
May 14	7:30	Leadership Council Meeting

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Calling all grads!** AMC wants to recognize your hard work and wish you well. If you (or someone in your family) is graduating from high school, college, or university this year, please let Lorraine Heinrichs know. Thanks.

- 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

- **From the treasurer:** At the end of March we were almost \$8000 into our line of credit, which is not unusual, but not comfortable! Our net revenue for the first 3 months are almost exactly what they were for those months in 2018, with expenses somewhat lower. Remember you may now donate through the offering plate, online, or with an etransfer. Contact Norma if you have questions.

Birthdays: April 28 – Marlene Plett; May 1 – Wayne Bergen, Albert Bergen; May 3 – Jean Tarnick, Mike Tarnick; May 4 – Genevieve Krahn

Anniversaries: May 3 – Robert and Peggy Martens; May 4 – Jim & Marlene Dyck

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

- The **CMU Spring Scholarship Contest** is open to all high school and post-secondary students who are new to CMU and who have not yet received a scholarship. Three winners will be randomly selected. Winners may select from three prize options. The contest closes **May 15, 2019**. See cmu.ca/scholarshipcontest.

- **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.

- **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 for details.

- **May 4th, 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.

- **The Faith and Life Choirs invite you to their Spring Concerts:** "Come Let Us Sing". May 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm. First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg; May 12, 2019 @ 7:00 pm.

Morden Mennonite Church, Morden, MB. A freewill offering will be received.

- #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 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.

- **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.

- 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.

- **Join us for Spring Fest!** Come shake off the long winter at Spring Fest on **May 24 and 25** in support of families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict and disaster through MCC relief kits. At Spring Fest, we'll have our annual **Quilt Show & Sale**, Plant Sale, and BBQ all at 134 Plaza Drive. Plant Sale donations and volunteers welcome! Contact Bea Shantz at 204-261-4474, manitoba@mccmb.ca. Find out more at mccmb.ca/SpringFest.