

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).

Our World

- **Join Tom and Christine Poovong in prayer** as they ask God to show them the families with which they will live and minister at the new church plant. The Poovongs and their team will teach these disciples of Jesus to go out and preach the gospel to their villages.
- **Pray for the three Mennonite churches in Angola** as they face the challenge of needing trained leaders, and the ongoing threat of being shut down for their size and for not being in line with the requirements of the government.

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

From the Pastor:

In his book *Love Wins*, Rob Bell talks about the story we narrate to ourselves in our heads. For many this is a destructive story of unworthiness, not good enough and repeating past pain. He says that the true story about who we are is found in the Gospel. This gospel story confronts the false story we tell ourselves and offers a way to new and abundant life. He writes;

We believe all sorts of things about ourselves. What the gospel does is confront our version of our story with God's version of our story.

It is a brutally honest, exuberantly liberating story, and it is good news. It begins with the sure and certain truth that we are loved. That in spite of whatever has gone horribly wrong deep in our hearts and has spread to every corner of the world, in spite of our sins, failures, rebellion, and hard hearts, in spite of what's been done to us or what we've done, God has made peace with us.

Done. Complete. As Jesus said, "It is finished." We are now invited to live a whole new life without guilt or shame or blame or anxiety. We are going to be fine.

Bell, Rob. *Love Wins* (p. 192). HarperOne. Kindle Edition.

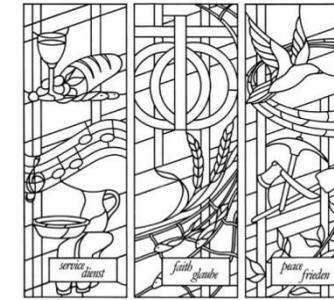
Altona Mennonite Church

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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Third Sunday of Easter Can we hear the Lord's "new song?"

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn STJ #9 Come, now is the time to worship

Call to Worship

Scripture: Psalm 30

Listening

Children's story

Scripture: Revelation 5: 9 - 14

Hymn STJ #99 You walk along our shoreline

Scripture: John 21:1 - 10

Sermon A "Feed My Lambs" Dan Kehler

Hymn STJ #106 Just a closer walk with thee

Scripture: Acts 9: 1 - 20

Sermon B "Who are you, Lord?" Dan Kehler

Responding

Offering

Sharing & congregational Prayer

Hymn STS #39 Will you come and follow me

Benediction

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Marge Friesen
Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld
Accompanist(s): Gina Enns

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

May 12 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Theme: Springs of the water of life
Worship Leader: Ang Enns
Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm
Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias
Sound: Nathan Loewen
Coffee: Kerry & Gina Enns

May 14 7:30 Leadership Council Meeting

May 19 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service

May 29 7:30 pm Spiritual Advisory 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 but will be home soon. They have updated their blog regularly. To read their final blog post for this trip, 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 e-transfer. Contact Norma if you have questions.

Birthdays: May 10 – Paul Krahn; May 11 – Rachel Geirnaert, Emily Wiebe

Anniversaries:

LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **May 9, 5 – 7 pm** - Join us for The Gardens on Tenth Spring Soup & Pie Supper in The Gardens dining room at 140 10th Avenue NE. Admission is by donation. All are invited to attend. To arrange a tour following supper please call Julie at 204-324-8945

- **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

- May 11, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm – Eden Health Care Services BBQ Fundraiser, Winkler Co-op Parking Lot. By Donation.

- 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.

- **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.

- Attend **The Future of Anabaptism as a Global Movement**, a conference sponsored by Canadian Mennonite University and Providence University College & Theological Seminary, featuring keynote speaker Dr. John D. Roth of Goshen College. May 21-22 at CMU and Providence. See cmu.ca/events.

- Plan to attend the **#ChurchToo Conference**, responding to professional sexual misconduct in the life of the church. This conference is for all ministry leaders and any in our congregations who want to learn more about this reality and how we can respond with accountability and healing. Planned jointly by MC Manitoba, MB Manitoba, MCC and CMU. **May 31 (evening) – June 1** at CMU. See cmu.ca/events.

- **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 is going to Committee

Good news! According to Senator Murray Sinclair, former Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, "Senators have agreed to get Bill C-262 to committee the week of May 14th." If it gets through committee and to third reading before the end of June, there's a real chance this bill—which provides a legislative framework for the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples—could achieve royal assent. Please continue to pray and write to the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples – www.commonword.ca/go/1283. Together, we can #passBillC262!

- 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.

- **Learning Tour:** This fall, join MCC on an eye-opening opportunity to hear from grassroots peacebuilders within the Palestinian and Israeli community. Dates are Nov. 1-13, 2019. Find out more by contacting Brad Reimer at 204-261-6381 or bradreimer@mccmb.ca.