

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.
- Continue to 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).
- **Grace Mennonite Church** is actively living into the exciting and unsettling changes that this post-Christendom season has brought to the people and space called Brandon. We're a healthy congregation with a strong faith formation culture. The music, singing, and biblical storytelling inform and guide our interactive sermons as we encounter Jesus in our weekly worship gatherings. We're also busy connecting with what God is up to here in the city through our ministries of employment and presence and outreach. Thank you Creator for this garden on which we live life!

Our World

- **Please pray for George and Tobia Veith** as they live and serve in China. Pray for wisdom in their teaching, writing, and relationship building.
- **Pray also that the Ukrainian government will grant Mary Raber temporary resident status** in Ukraine before her current visa expires. Rules in Ukraine's militarized zone keep changing and legal status has not been granted to any church. Pray for wisdom for the leaders, and that church life will be allowed to continue. (from Mennonite Mission Network's May 2019 Prayer Vine.)
- **Pray for church leaders from Japan, Korea, and China** as they gather at the Forum for Reconciliation in Northeast Asia at the end of May 2019. Pray that God's spirit of peace will lead conversations and that relationships can lead to healing.

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

From the Pastor:

Some words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer to stir in you "a new and purifying wind" on this Fourth Sunday of Easter.

We pay more attention to dying than to death. We're more concerned to get over the act of dying than to overcome death. Socrates mastered the art of dying. Christ overcame death as the last enemy. There is a real difference between the two things; the one is within the scope of human possibilities, the other means resurrection. It's not from *ars moriendi*, the art of dying, but from the resurrection of Christ, that a new and purifying wind can blow through our present world. Here is the answer to Archimedes' challenge: "Give me somewhere to stand, and I will move the earth." If only a few people really believed that and acted on it in their daily lives, a great deal would change. To live in the light of resurrection – that is what Easter means.

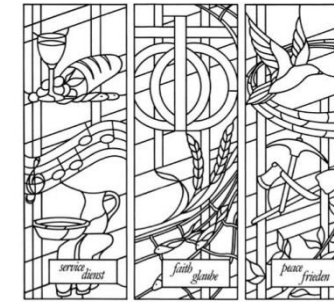
Altona Mennonite Church

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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May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Opening

Hymn SJ #79 As I went down to the river

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship/Prayer of Invocation:

Hymn HWB #492 God of Eve and God of Mary
(sung to tune BEECHSPRING HWB #26)

Children's story

Scripture reading: Psalm 23; Revelations 7:9-17

Hymn HWB #67 Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord

Offering

Scripture reading: John 10:22-30

Message WHY a shepherd? Dan Kehler

Hymn HWB #519 Shepherd me, O God

Sharing & prayers

Cong Hymn / Benediction SJ #73 The Lord Lift you up

Worship Leader: Ang Enns

Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Edna Zacharias

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

May 14 7:30 Leadership Council Meeting

May 19 11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Theme: Love One Another, A Service of Scripture and Song

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert *Song Leader:* Lori Hiebert

Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert *Sound:* Greg Heinrichs

Coffee: Ted & Darlene Klassen

May 26 9:30 am Last Christian Education until fall

11:00 am Worship Service

Grad Recognition Sunday

May 29 7:30 pm Spiritual Advisory Meeting

June 2 11:00 am AMC Picnic in Neuberghthal

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for the way you showed care for Tim when he was in palliative care. AMC has been walking with me, and our children in our path of grief. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed. There is no way I can adequately thank you for your outpouring of love to us during this time of sorrow. Thank you for everything that you have done for us. You have given time, energy, prayers, kind words, work, food, gifts, and supportive understanding. You have a true community spirit and I am so grateful that God has put you in my life.

Marlene, Emily, Mifflin, Steven and Michael

- May 26 - Grad Recognition Sunday

- **June 2** - AMC Picnic – Bergthal School, part of Neuberghthal Commons (across from Ted & Darlene Klassen)

Service begins at 11:00 am, BBQ lunch provided by Formation Committee. Please bring Lawn chairs, your dishes and Veggies, Chips and Dessert to share.

- **June 23** - AMC will celebrate Pentecost on this day (even though the calendar says it should be June 9) As is our tradition, we will gather at the Lord's table and share in the communion meal. We also encourage those who would like to affirm their participation in our fellowship through formal membership by transfer from another faith community or declaration of desire to walk with us as we seek to be a community of faithful followers of Jesus. Contact Pastor Dan.

Birthdays: May 12 – Dan Kehler, Ken Penner, Finnick Wood; May 17 – Kim Hamm

LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **May 19, 9 am -3 pm. MCC Plant and Bake Sale.**

Thank you for your donations and support. Coffee and rolls are served from 9am-4pm.

- **June 12 @ 10am Walk for Alzheimer's** - Altona Registration @ 9:30am at Eastview Place Program & Walk: 10 am. Register on line by visiting our website www.alzheimer.mb.ca

- **Teaching Opening at Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba 1.0 FTE term position (September 2019 – June 2020)** High school classroom teacher: senior level math and physics, (possibly with other courses) teacher sought. Qualifications also include a valid Manitoba teaching certificate and commitment to education in an Anabaptist, faith-based setting. Submit queries, expressions of interest, and/or application letter with resume to Mennonite Collegiate Institute, 466 Mary St, Gretna, MB R0G0V0, or to mci@mciblues.net.

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.

- **The Faith and Life Choirs invite you to their Spring Concert** this evening @ 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!

- **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.