

- 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.

- **Grow Hope** - Every spring, generous farmers in Manitoba donate their land to Grow Hope - a campaign that brings together urban and rural people who are passionate about ending global hunger. As a church, you can help! By sponsoring seeds for the land at \$300 per acre, the farmers will plant your seeds, grow the crop and harvest the field. **The proceeds from that acre will grow up to \$2,500 thanks to government matching.**

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).

Our World

- We give thanks to God along with Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung for the peace event in the DMZ on April 27 and continue to pray for continued grassroots peace movements to flourish on the Korean peninsula.
- Young Christian leaders in China are spending time exploring the meaning of Anabaptist faith and practice. Pray that this new and exciting approach to discipleship will impact their congregations and strengthen their faith.
- Pray for Chinese church leaders as they face growing political pressure and increasing restrictions. Pray that they will continue to be salt and light in their communities.

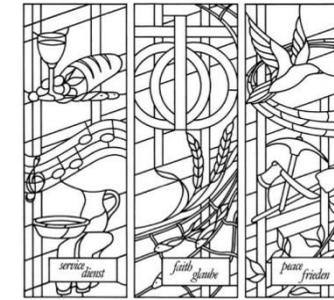
If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter Love One Another

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn HWB #71 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Call to Worship Litany –

(inspired by John 13:34-35) ~ written by Rev. Mindi

One: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

Many: We are commanded to love one another.

One: Just as Christ has loved us,

Many: So we ought to have love for one another.

One: By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

Many: By our love for one another.

One: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

Many: Worship God by loving one another.

Hymn HWB #61 Let all creation bless the Lord

Psalms 148 HBW #684

Hymn HWB #89 For the beauty of the earth

Psalms 148 – Everyday Psalms - James Taylor

Offering

Acts 11:1-18

Hymn HWB #323 Beyond a dying sun

A short reflection

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Revelation 21:1-6

Hymn HWB #299 New earth, heavens new

Prayer *Lord, in your goodness, we give thanks.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Hymn HWB #483 O God, who gives us life

Benediction John 13:31-35

Hymn insert When love is found

Postlude

Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert

Song Leader: Lori Hiebert

Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

May 22 7:30 pm Worship Committee meeting

May 26 9:30 am Last Christian Education until fall
11:00 am Worship Service

Grad Recognition Sunday

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 *Theme:* Wait there for the promise

Worship Leader: Dave Regehr *Song Leader:* Dave Regehr

Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Dale Klassen *Coffee:*
volunteer

May 27 7:00 pm Women of AMC gather

May 29 7:30 pm Spiritual Advisory Meeting

June 2 11:00 am AMC Picnic in Neuberghal

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, Miffin, Steven and Michael

Birthdays: May 20 – Harv Heinrichs; May 22 – Michelle Gerbrandt, Liam Geirnaert; May 23 – Henry Rempel

From the treasurer: Thank you for your gifts to AMC. Revenue and Expenses as of May 15 are very similar to this time last year. However, without a designated gift which hasn't yet been paid out, we would be over \$13,000 into our line of credit. Please remember the needs and obligations of our Church as you prepare for your summer activities.

- May 26 - Grad Recognition Sunday

Congratulations to the following

Karly Wiebe – Grade 12 at MCI

Rachel Bergen – Bachelor of Nursing

Lauren Martens – College of Family Physicians

Paul Hiebert – Bachelor of Social Work from U of M

Bethany Rempel – Bachelor of Sciences in Midwifery
from McMaster University

Tracy Mullen – Bachelor of Sciences in Midwifery
from McMaster University

Greg Costen – Master of Arts in Psychotherapy.

- **May 27 – 7:00 pm Women of AMC**, let's get together once more before summer. We'll talk about how we care for ourselves, physically, emotionally or spiritually. Be prepared to share briefly, or to get ideas from others. We'll also visit, think about next year, and of course, eat together. Location to be determined.

- **June 2** - AMC Picnic – Bergthal School, part of Neuberghal 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.

LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **June 12 @ 10 am 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

- Mennonite churches and organizations are welcome to promote their events in the *Canadian Mennonite* calendar, which appears in the print magazine and on our website. To submit an event, go to www.canadianmennonite.org and click on Events.

- 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.

- **May 28, 7 pm** - Meet the MEDA president at the eXchange See bulletin board.

- 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.