

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.
- Sylvia Klassen's 91 year old father Bill Rempel has a badly infected knee and swollen leg. A blood clot was discovered in that leg. Due to his leukemia, the healing is slow. He will require a skin graft. Pray that all goes well. Bill lives in MacGregor.

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).
- Please pray for students and teachers who are part of **CMU's Canadian School of Peacebuilding** from June 10-14 and 17-21. In our world's present political climate their commitment to peace-building is more critical than ever.
- **Home Street Mennonite Church** has 62 years of being a church in the city of Winnipeg, residing in its current location since 1973. Those roots serve and shape the body, as do the current participants who come from various parts of the city, including the Home St./ Arlington neighborhood. The church is blessed with an abundance of lay leadership, warm intergenerational friendships, inspiring worship and mission focused on peace and justice. We invite prayers as Phil Campbell-Enns joins Judith Friesen Epp in August to form the new pastoral team.

Our World

- Pray for Jinsol, daughter of Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, Witness workers in South Korea. Jinsol is a doctoral student at the University of Waterloo. She has a written exam on May 30 and an oral exam July 2 to 4. Pray for calmness, courage, and perseverance.
- Praise God for Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder's 20 years of ministry in West Africa. Pray that each of the ministries they served in will continue to flourish. Pray also for a smooth transition for each family member, especially for Nancy as she begins a pastoral position at Listowel (Ontario) Mennonite Church. (from Mennonite Mission Network's Prayer Vine.)

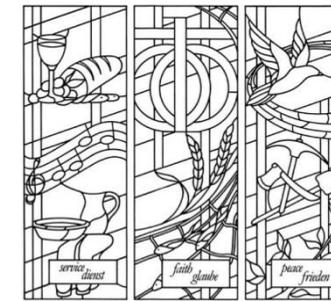
- Pray for church leaders from Japan, Korea, and China gathering now at the Forum for Reconciliation in Northeast Asia. Pray that God's spirit of peace will lead conversations and that relationships can lead to healing.

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

From the Pastor:

- For my devotional reading, Crystal found a wonderful little book called *Stinking Out; Poems and stories from the Camino*. It is written by Stephen Cottrell, an Anglican Bishop and popular teacher and writer on Christian Spirituality. As the title suggests, he wrote as he walked the Camino del Nord, the northern route to Santiago. At one point, he reflects on the weight of his pack. It is advised that one carry no more than 10kg. He was pleased that his was only 9kg and thought this might be an advantage. Others are not so wise. He muses that the best place to find a new pair of jeans is one day into the Camino at Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. His smug expression is soon erased as he wonders if he has chosen poorly to attempt the northern route. It is considerably more rugged and takes you high into the mountains. Cottrell writes, "When I set off I was delighted to find mine weighed 9kg. Even so, 9kg for 9 hours in 90 degrees as you walk over 20km, much of it up hill, is no joke." In those times his thoughts turned to the burdens that we bear - some chosen others thrust upon us - and the weight that we carry in life. In response, he wrote the following poem.

I know a man who carries heavy loads,
for whom no weight's too sharp nor yet too sheer.
Who does not ask whence such a burden came
or why it has been carried all these years.
But does not share it, splitting half with half,
or say you get what you deserve, no less.
It is for ones, like me, still undeserving,
that he comes to shoulder and to bless.
He picks up what you press on him, and chides
you with a smile if you persist in keeping
what you cannot bear. His heart is strong. Though
not a strength incapable of weeping.
O come to him, if broken, burdened, sad.
In holding you this strong man's heart is glad.



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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GATHERING – "In the name of Christ"

Prelude *All Glory Be to God on High - Zachau; Walther; Bach*
Hymn SS #113 I will stand in the congregation
Call to Worship – SJ #148, Galatians 3:28
Hymn HWB #293 God sends us the Spirit
Invocation
Welcome

RECEIVING THE WORK OF CHRIST

Welcoming the Work of MCC – Bruce Guenther
Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 1:2-10; Colossians 1:3-8
Children's Time
Message – "Praying for the Global Church"
Bruce Guenther, MCC Disaster Response Director

RESPONDING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Hymn HWB #420 Heart with loving heart united
Offering *Come Away to the Skies John Leavitt*
Praying – SS #151

SENDING

Vision of Hope – SS #201
Hymn HWB #427 You shall go out with joy
Benediction
Postlude

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Worship Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm
Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm
Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Tonight 8:30 pm Compline service – see below
June 12 7:30 pm Worship Committee meeting
June 16 8:45 am Singing group meets to rehearse for our turn to provide the worship services at Eastview and Gardens
11:00 am Worship Service
Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 *Theme:* Hope does not disappoint *Worship Leader:* Norma Thiessen *Song Leader:* Dave Regehr *Accompanist(s):* Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Henry Rempel *Coffee:* Perry & Kim Batchelor
June 23 11:00 am Worship Service, Communion

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tonight at 8:30 pm** - Susie Fisher has agreed to lead an evening service focused on contemplation and music. The first evening service will be June 9 at 8:30 and is expected to be around 20 minutes.

She sends this "For our first contemplative evening service we will sing *Compline*, a short, twenty-minute sung prayer. According to the Church of England's official website, "Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. If there is an address, or business to be done, it should come first. If the service is in church, those present depart in silence; if at home, they go quietly to bed."

- **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.

Birthdays: June 11 – Paige Mierau-Friesen; June 12 – Peter Bailie, Ted Klassen; June 14 – Anne Loewen

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 at www.alzheimer.mb.ca

- **Thursday, June 20th 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm** - Canadian Blood Services - a Community Donor Clinic will be held at Rhineland Pioneer Center, 227 - 10th Ave NW, Altona

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New from *Canadian Mennonite*: digital issues for the summer slowdown.** The magazine will print one issue in July and one in August during our annual summer slowdown but subscribers are eligible to receive a digital issue by email in two week intervals. If you already receive digital delivery throughout the year, you do not need to sign up again. To add digital issues to your subscription, please email office@canadianmennonite.org and include your name, address and subscription number (see your mailing label; it begins with an A).

- June 19 – 7 pm Attend a **Public Lecture on Imagination, Courage, and Resilience** with Dr. Emily Welty at CMU's Marpeck Commons. Emily Welty is part of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). Presented by the Canadian School of Peacebuilding.

- **Health Officers needed at Camps with Meaning.** July 7-12 at Camp Koinonia, July 28-Aug 2, and August 18-23 at Camp Assiniboia. Please contact the office at 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca for more information.

- **Come to Camp Assiniboia for a joyful dedication** of the picnic shelter from Camp Moose Lake and the new maintenance shop. June 23 at 4:00pm. Free BBQ to follow.

- Radek & Geordie's home in **Grand Forks, BC** was gutted after several feet of water flooded their house in May 2018. They are repairing what they can but due to age and health issues they have been able to refinish very little. They and others need assistance. Join **Mennonite Disaster Service** for a week or two to bring Radek, Geordie and others home. **Volunteers are needed this summer, especially in August & September.** Phone 800-241-8111 or register at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration-form/> and be part of bringing someone home!

- **Gathering 2019!** The opening worship for Gathering 2019 will kick off in Abbotsford, B.C., on June 29! Around 250 people have already registered for this exciting and new event and you can too, if you haven't already. Registration is still open! Go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca to learn all you can about what we've got planned for the weekend. Then go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca/registration and read through the guidelines before clicking on the registration link. We hope to see you there!

- **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.**

GOLF TOURNAMENTS / BIKE-A-THONS

- **Eden Foundation's IronMan Golf 2019** fund-raiser is on **Monday, June 17th**. No registration fee but it is a fund-raiser. More details on the poster and on-line at edenhealthcare.ca

- **CMU Golf Classic** will take place on Tuesday, June 18 at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club (LaSalle, MB). Plan to join in the fun and in the process support CMU programs. See cmu.ca/golf or contact golfclassic@cmu.ca **to register.**

- Dust off your clubs and bring your friends to MCC Manitoba's 17th annual Golf Tournament on **July 10 at Bridges Golf Course** for a Texas Scramble Tournament. Proceeds will support Sam's Place and provide youth and young adults with opportunities to develop skills and confidence for the workplace. Register and find out more at mccmb.ca/Golf.- On **Saturday, July 20th** participate or support a cyclist in the 35km Cycle Clear Lake fundraising event that tackles the trail encircling Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park. Register and find out more at mccmb.ca/CycleClearLake.