

- Manitoba Society of Artists Annual Juried Exhibition OPENING, **MHC Gallery**, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., 7pm, Thurs., June 27. Juror lecture, Tues., June 25, 7pm.

- **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](http://www.ignitegathering2019.ca) to learn all you can about what we've got planned for the weekend. Then go to [www.ignitegathering2019.ca/registration](http://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](mailto:bradreimer@mccmb.ca).

### **GOLF TOURNAMENTS / BIKE-A-THONS**

- 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](http://mccmb.ca/Golf). **Only 12 spots remain!**

- **July 13 – Visit the Villages Tractor Trek** – fundraising for Eden Foundation. [www.edenhealthcare.ca](http://www.edenhealthcare.ca) or 325-5355. Poster on bulletin board.

- 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](http://mccmb.ca/CycleClearLake).

### **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.  
- Albert and Sylvia Klassen thank everyone for their prayers for Sylvia's father Bill Rempel of MacGregor. The doctors are very pleased with how the wound on his knee looks; the tissue is red and healthy. A skin graft is expected to be done in the next week or so. Your continued prayers are appreciated as it will be awhile until the knee is completely healed.

#### **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).  
- **Gathering 2019!** In a week and a half, our nationwide MC Canada family will come together for Gathering 2019 in Abbotsford, B.C. Please pray for safe travels for the 290 people who have registered. Pray also for the Spirit to inspire us as we gather to hear each other's stories, share what the Spirit is doing in our lives and churches, and strengthen our connections with one another. And for our planners as they wrap up final details and preparations. Stay tuned for stories and reports from your Regional Communicators and from the *Canadian Mennonite*.

#### **Our World**

- **The Friedenhaus** ("Peace House") continues to promote a peaceful community within the multicultural city of Ludwigshafen, Germany, among immigrants, refugees, and Germans. This peace work is promoted through daily German language classes, weekly quilt-making, and homework help for school-aged children. Pray that all who participate in the activities and interact with the volunteers of the Friedenhaus will truly experience God's peace.

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



# Altona Mennonite Church

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

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**Theme: The Gift of Authentic Connection  
Communion**

#### **Gathering**

Prelude  
Hymn HWB #46 I sing the mighty power of God  
Welcome & announcements  
Invocation

#### **Hearing the word**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139:1-12; Romans 8:14-17;  
John 14:8-17  
Reader's Theatre: Acts 2:1-12  
Hymn HWB #289 Filled with the Spirit's power  
Children's time

Message Community Creator Dan Kehler

#### **Responding**

Hymn SS #103 Fire of God, undying flame

Prayer of response **Veni Sancte Spiritu**  
(Come, Holy Spirit) written by Sonya Dyer

Holy one, we come  
ready to receive anew the gifts of your spirit  
that will give us vision  
to form and reform ourselves as a people of Pentecost.

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

**Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.  
Free us from fear.  
Give us courage to speak of your marvelous ways  
and of your hope  
so that we may live each day fully.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.  
Awaken us so that we may be bold to be  
the body of Christ's presence in the world,  
renewing our life together,  
renewing the world.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.  
Spirited wind of change  
enable the bending of what is rigid,  
the reversal of what has gone astray,  
the freshness of new possibility.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.  
Come as comforter and offer us and all people  
relief, consolation and companionship.  
Tend to our woundedness.  
Restore us to life that we may be healers.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.  
Reconciler and spirit for justice,  
empower our prophet's voice  
that it may be heard throughout the land  
retelling the gospel vision,  
praying for the unity of all true spirits.**

***Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
You are the reason  
this gathering is a holy place.  
Come, Holy Spirit, and be a new reality.  
Amen***

Offering  
Prayers of the congregation

#### **Celebrating the Bread and Wine that unite us**

Hymn HWB #459 I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Pentecost Communion Litany*

Leader: O Holy One, You invite all to come to this table in  
their native language – bread and wine; reminders of our need  
for spiritual nourishment and the blessing of fellowship.

**People: You bid us come, but our feet are heavy, our  
spirits hesitant. Who will all be there? Some who've  
criticized us? Others we've passed judgment on? The  
stranger whose language we don't understand, whom  
we fear as the outsider?**

Voice 1: How unnerving, to celebrate unity within the diversity  
of the invitation when it seems so risky.

Voice 2: How do you, Lord, see past our inflated sense of  
superiority, and the suspicions we have over the other's  
created dignity?

Voice 1: How is it you invite us to be a part of your Spirit when  
our lives are full of prejudice and stereotypes and are hearts  
are full of fear and anxiety?

Voice 2: You want us to let it all go – to leave behind all our  
"right" answers and our "us" verses "them" way of dividing our  
world. This is not easy for us.

**People: Lord, with the faith that we have, as little as it  
may be, toss our deeply rooted prejudices and  
fellowship killing stereotypes aside, that we may come  
into your presence through the outpouring of your  
Spirit, and let us be at peace with all those everywhere  
who have received the Spirit that also dwells within us.**

Leader: Bless this bread and wine, and let it inspire us to  
imitate Jesus' choice to lay down everything, even his life, to  
hold your love and welcome out to all.

***All: May this communion be our desire to join the love  
you hold for the world. Fill us with your Spirit, and with  
your joy. Unite us as one; one body, one light, one  
witness to love. To the glory of your Name we ask.  
AMEN.***

Receiving the Bread and Wine

#### **Going Forth**

Benediction

Hymn HWB #478 Sent forth by God's blessing

Worship Leader: Marge Friesen

Song Leader: Lori Hiebert

Accompanist(s): Anna Schwartz, Loren Hiebert

#### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC**

TONIGHT 8:30 pm Compline Service led by Susie Fisher  
June 30 11:00 am Worship Service  
*Scripture:* John 20: 24-29 and Rev 1:1-8 *Theme:* The Power  
of Doubt *Speaker:* Greg Costen *Worship Leader:* Mary Costen  
*Song Leader:* Mary Costen *Accompanist(s):* Sylvia Klassen  
*Sound:* Nathan Loewen *Coffee:* Volunteer  
July 7 10:30 am Worship Service

#### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ushers have not been scheduled for the summer months. We  
would ask that any usher in attendance on any given Sunday  
to fulfill this role. Thank you!

**Birthdays:** June 24 – Dan Geirnaert, Ella Bailie;  
June 26 – Marilyn Houser Hamm, Susan Wiens  
**Anniversaries:** June 24 – Cornie & Hilda Elias;  
June 27 – Nathan & Kareena Loewen;  
June 28 – Henry & Margaret Rempel

#### **LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mennonite Collegiate Institute graduation ceremony will be  
held on **June 23 at 2:30 pm** at the Winkler Bergthaler  
Church in Winkler for all who wish to attend.  
- **Wednesdays until the end of September** – The Station  
(YFC) has a fundraising BBQ, 11:30 – 1:30 pm, across from  
Canadian Lumber Timber Mart. Combos begin at \$5.  
- **June 25, 6 pm – Bike Auction for YFC.** See poster.

#### **WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Serious need for a health officer at Camp Koinonia,  
July 7-12** - We really need a Health Officer for the week of  
July 7-12 at Koinonia. If you can help us find someone to do  
even part of the week, that could be immensely helpful. Please  
contact Janet at [jpeters@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:jpeters@mennochurch.mb.ca) or 204-895-  
CAMP. Health officers are also needed July 28-Aug 2, and  
August 18-23 at Camp Assiniboia. Please contact the office at  
204-895-2267 or [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca) or more info.

- **June 23 – 3:00 pm - Come to Camp Assiniboia for a  
joyful dedication** of the picnic shelter from Camp Moose  
Lake and the new maintenance shop. Fun will start at 3:00  
and will include Karl Heinz the BubbleMan, camp tours, ropes  
course and other activities. Free BBQ to follow.