

Prayer for Our World

- International Witness worker in Thailand Tom Poovong reports that from July 15 – 17, “five Lao leaders will come to Khon Kaen Thailand to participate with our Thai leaders for training. This discipleship training will include our Anabaptist/Mennonite history and our focus on peace building in the Thai and Lao context.” Please pray for Tom as he seeks to best teach and learn from this gathering of Lao and Thai leaders.

- Pray for colleagues of Mennonite Partners in China, and Jeanette Hanson as they meet with MCC IVEP alumni in early August. Pray that these young believers and church leaders will find space to freely share with and encourage each other. Pray that they will find ways to support the many ways these alumni are now serving in China.

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

From the Pastor:

In the cycle of the Christian calendar, Ordinary Time is the time other than Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Easter. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. While called "ordinary" it is not meant to be viewed as the opposite of special or "extraordinary." Every day is a gift from God and therefore special and holy time. The Ordinariness of this time refers to the time of everyday living of the Christian life. In the Latin title, *Tempus Ordinarium*, means "measured time." For the Church, all of the days of Ordinary Time are for hallowing the everyday life of Christians. Our worship calls us to reflect on our Christian living in Ordinary time.

You are invited to participate in our ordinary time worship by bringing an item from your ordinary life that reflects how you experience the presence of God's spirit in your ordinary average daily life. Time will be given to share about your item and it can join the other items on the communion table as our visual element for worship.

Prayer:

May you be found today, in unexpected places by unsuspecting people going about their daily lives.

May you be found today, in predictable places by inquisitive people searching for a different life. May you be found today, Lord!

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Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN PRAISE

Cong. Hymn HWB #162 The God of Abraham praise
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
Cong. Hymn HWB #114 In thee is gladness

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading – Psalm 40:1-5
Cong. Hymn HWB #599 He leadeth me
Children's Time
Scripture Reading – I Kings 19:1-18
Message Whispering the word of the Lord Dan Kehler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession
Cong. Hymn HWB #347 Through our fragmentary prayers
Prayers of the People
Offering

SENDING

Benediction
Cong. Hymn HWB #483 O God, who gives us life

Worship Leader: Ray Hamm

Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm

Accompanist(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

July 24 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
July 28 Sunflower Festival Worship Service in the park
August 4 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service at the Krahn
Scripture: Theme: Worship Leader: Margruite Krahn Song Leader: Lori Hiebert Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert Sound: Henry Rempel
8:30 pm Centering Prayer service
August 11 10:30 am Worship Service

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Service moves to 10:30 am until after the September long weekend.**

- Pastor Dan will be on Holidays from July 29 to August 26. To ensure his time away is respite from Pastoral Work, please contact one of the deacons regarding pastoral care needs. Deacons are Loren and Lori Hiebert, Margruite Krahn, and June Schwartz.

- 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!

-We need volunteers to help maintain the flower beds at church. Help is needed from July 28th-Sept. 1st. Please sign up if you are interested.

Birthdays: July 22 – June Schwartz; July 23 – Kim Batchelor; July 28 – Sandra Klassen; August 1 – Matthew Molnar, Simon Braul; August 3 – Lorrie Wiebe

Anniversaries: July 22 – Perry & Kim Batchelor; July 25 – Mick & Marne Mierau-Friesen; July 28 – John & Lil Gerbrandt; July 31 – Greg & Mary Costen; August 1 – Mark & Nancy Ratzlaff, Dave & Hildie Regehr

LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Maintenance volunteers needed!** Are you somewhat handy and willing to work with some great people? Our camps could use you! Come out for a day or two or come for a whole week and dive in to our camp community! At Assiniboia: July 21-26, August 5-10
At Koinonia: July 28-August 2, August 5-10, August 11-16
Thank you to all of the people who stepped up to volunteer this summer at camp. We could not do it without you!

- **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.

- **July 25-28 @ CMU – Indigenous-Settler Reconciliation through Friendship** Mennonites and Catholics in Dialogue See poster on bulletin board or check www.bridgefolk.net.

- **You are invited to 'Discovery: A Comic Lament'** a play by theatre group Ted & Co, Fri. July 26, 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. Through humour and drama, the play invites audiences to learn about and lament the ongoing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery, the 15th century papal edict which underlay colonialism and the subjugation of Indigenous people in lands "discovered" by European explorers. Written by Alison Brookins, the play nudges us to question our history with honesty and integrity. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Organized by the Truth and Action Working Group.

- **September 26, 2019 – 6 – 9 pm**, 55th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mennonite Central Committee(MCC) Manitoba will be held at the Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church, 340 2 St, Steinbach, MB R5G 0T7

- **Ride for Refuge** is on October 5, 2019. Join friends and families across Canada to bike or walk and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Support a Mennonite Church Canada International Witness Worker. For more information, visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019>.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer for 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.
- Marianne Braun moved to Ebenezer.
- Pray for our elderly members who are lonely and would appreciate visits.
- Pray for the Tarnick family. Mike had surgery to add a metal plate to his leg on Thursday.

Prayer for 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). Surrounded by friends and colleagues, he was installed as Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada on June 29, 2019. Recalling his baptismal vows in Vineland, ON many years ago, Doug expressed excitement and hope in moving together as a nationwide community of faith. "What an incredible honour it is to link arms with all of you and to walk together in to the future of Mennonite Church Canada." - Doug Klassen