

Prayer for Our Community

- **Pray for ALL the teachers, students and staff as they enter another year of education.**

- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.

- Pray for Rick Neufeld and Peter Rempel who are adding the duties of MCManitoba's Executive Minister to their other roles. Michael Pahl will be assuming that position in January 2021.

- **MCI asks that you pray for them in the following ways:** Pray for those feeling anxious and stressed about being back in school during this COVID-19 season

- For the staff - that we are able to continue being patient and caring, and for energy as we navigate through this school year.

Prayer for Our World

- **Prayer and praise** - Siaka Traoré, Burkina Faso Mennonite church leader who suffered from typhoid fever and COVID-19, is now well on the way to recovery. He writes, "Thank God, and thank you for your prayers." Continue to remember our partnering churches in Burkina Faso and the Congo in your prayers.

- **Help for Bolivian families during COVID** - Pray for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Bolivia as they serve a poor community outside of Santa Cruz. The daycare centre they run has had to close because of COVID-19. The church is helping families who cannot work due to lack of childcare to start small businesses.

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

Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

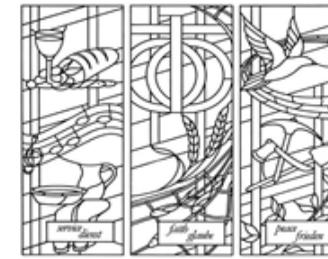
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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Stories that Shape Us

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Romans 8: 31-39)

If God is for us, who is against us?

**He who gave us his son,
now gives us the Spirit in power!**

The Holy One is in our midst:

equipping us for life in the service of Christ.

In Christ we are more than conquerors,

**for nothing in creation can separate us from the
love of God!**

May the all surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you.

And the unshakable love of God be with you.

The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you!

Prayer

Hymn HWB #12 Come, let us all unite to sing

Scripture reading: Psalm 116 and 1st Corinthians 13:1-3

Hymn HWB #542 Holy Spirit, gracious Guest

Scripture reading: Romans 8:38-39 and Ruth 1:8-18

Message Feel Good About Everything – A Love Story

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Hymn HWB #338 I know not why God's wondrous
Sharing & Prayers of the congregation
Closing Prayer
Hymn STS #57 Go, my friends, in grace
Postlude

Music: Gina Enns, Sylvia Klassen
Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand
Speaker: Marlene Wiebe
Sound: Dale Klassen

*Resources: websites Leading in Worship: Carol Penner, Re:
Worship Christine Longhurst,
Keeping in Step with the Spirit, posted on the Calvin
Institute of Christian Worship*

*The offering plate is by the sanctuary doors.
Thank you for your gifts.
Please take your bulletin home with you this morning.*

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

Oct. 21 7:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Oct. 25 10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Coin Collection for YFC/The Station

*Theme: Healing Hearts of Stone Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Matthew 23:23-26 Speaker: Dan Kehler
Worship Leader: Marge Friesen Musicians: Loren Braul, Kevin Neufeld Sound: Kevin Neufeld*

Oct. 28 7:00 pm Leadership Committee Meeting

Nov. 1 10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank Collection

Birthdays: Oct. 21 – Jesse Wiebe; Oct. 22 – Lloyd Wiebe;
Oct. 24 – Norma Thiessen

Anniversaries: Oct. 24 – Abe & Kristina Thiessen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you need some yard work done, or want help washing windows, contact Steven Wiebe at 204-324-8921 or wiebesteven6@gmail.com.

- On November 1 we will hold a service in the tradition of All Saints' Day. You are invited to share about someone who has been foundational in shaping you and your faith. We welcome you to bring a picture of this person or share a poem, story, or item as a way to offer gratitude to God for this person. If you do not feel comfortable sharing, but would still like to offer your story or hold this foundational person up to God, you are welcome to type out your story to be read by someone else, or simply bring it forward and lay it on the altar. Feel free to email Susie Fisher, the worship leader for the service, if you would like to share something to be read on your behalf. Her email is susiejfisher@gmail.com

- Giving is an act of worshiping in the community of God's people as part of our desire to be faithful followers of Jesus, providing healing and hope to those whom AMC feels called to service. We continue to be a generous people, offering our resources of time, energy and money to the ministries of our congregation, our conference relationships and our local ministry partners. Remember there are several ways to give: Online through Access Credit Union, (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number), e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or a cheque which you can add to the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to AMC, Box 1237, Altona, R0G 0B0. Thank you.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This fall, **Camp Assiniboia is open on Sundays from 2-5 pm for anyone** who would like to come and explore its trails! Admission is free, donations accepted. Please let us know you're coming ahead of time - call David Hogue at (204) 864-2159 Ext. 3.

- There are envelopes for the Rhineland Food Bank on the small table at the sanctuary entrance. If handling groceries is tricky, perhaps writing a cheque and mailing it will be easier. Usually Altona youth run a food drive, but due to COVID, this will not happen. Be generous. If preferable, E-transfers can be made to rhinelandfoodbankinc@gmail.com.

- REGISTRATION OPEN: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs? October 24, 2020



Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship.

- Join us online for The Camps with Meaning "Break the Bank-uet" Fundraising Celebration. October 25, 7:00pm. With musical guests Steve Bell, Fred Penner, Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg and our camp staff. Enjoy visual updates from Camp Assiniboia and Camp Koinonia. Donate generously to keep the camping ministry flame burning. www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer for Our Church family

- Pray for Dave & Hildie Regehr as they lead us for a time.
- Pray for Pastor Dan Kehler as he returns part time.
- Pray for Marianne Braun as she adjusts to life at Eastview.
- Pray for Mike Tarnick and his family as Mike adjusts to living at Eastview.
- Pray for Ken Hamm, who had surgery for a broken femur and a hip replacement. He is now back in Altona's hospital.
- Anne Loewen goes for chemotherapy monthly. Pray for strength, safety and peace.
- Pray for all those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle. The current situation increases anxiety for many.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with their care.
- Many of our church family have other family they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.