



# 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

Hymn SJ #13 My soul is filled with joy  
Scripture: Psalm 51:1 – 12; Jeremiah 31:31 – 34;  
Matthew 23: 23 - 26

Hymn SS #54 What does the Lord require of you?  
Message: Healing Hearts of Stone Dan Kehler

Hymn SS #16 Peace before us  
Litany of Confession (from a blog by [Beth Merrill Neel](#))

Closing Hymn SJ #94 Blest are they  
Benediction  
Postlude

Worship Leader: Marge Friesen  
Music: Loren Braul, Kevin Neufeld  
Sound: Kevin Neufeld

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

### 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.*

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*Altona Mennonite is on Treaty One Territory*

### **Worship & Meeting Events at AMC**

Oct. 28	7:00 pm	Leadership Committee Meeting
Nov. 1	10:00 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship Service

*Theme:* Reflection Sunday in the tradition of All Saints Day

*Scripture: Worship Leader:* Susie Fisher *Musicians:* Dave

Regehr, Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Nathan Loewen

Nov. 8 10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Nov. 22 Communion during morning service

**Birthdays:** Oct. 30 – Layton Heinrichs

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:amchurchdonations@gmail.com), or a cheque which you can add to the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to AMC, Box 1237, Altona, ROG 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](mailto:rhinelandfoodbankinc@gmail.com).

- **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](http://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.

- Harv Heinrichs has been diagnosed with Lymphoma and will begin treatments on October 26. He will receive daily treatments for a week, then 8 weekly treatments. Pray for strength and healing.

- 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.

### **Prayer for Our Community**

- Pray for ALL the teachers, students and staff as they navigate all the regulations and requirements.

- 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**

- Partnership with Bethlehem Bible College Praise God for the recent signing of an agreement between Mennonite Church Canada and the West Bank's Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) calling for people-to-people exchanges and mutual learning about the biblical call to peace and justice. Pray for BBC president Jack Sara, faculty and students as they resume classes during the pandemic, while also dealing with the hardships of living under Israeli military occupation.

- Pray for Six Nations Land Defenders - Since July 19, Haudenosaunee land defenders have mobilized near Caledonia, Ont., to stop a development in the Haldimand Tract that does not have the consent of the people. Many land defenders and their supporters have been arrested for violating an interim court injunction. Indigenous communities from coast to coast have demonstrated to show their solidarity for the land reclamation. On October 22, Justice R.J. Harper is set to rule on the injunction, but will not hear arguments from land defenders unless they vacate the occupied land. Please pray for a peaceful and just resolution to this situation. Christian Peacemaker Teams has been in touch with those at #1492LandBackLane site.

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