

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Condolences to Mary & Greg Costen and family. Mary's father Bill Fraser passed away this week in Neepawa.
- We pray for our pastor and her family.
- We pray for those who are travelling. May they have a restorative, joyous, and safe time away.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Jean Tarnick who is in the Gardens Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Elizabeth Falk at the Gardens; Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Hilda Elias at Centre Courts and others who are not named.
- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns: Ken Hamm, Bev Barton
- We pray for those who are grieving.
- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle.
- We pray for the family care-givers.
- We pray for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.

Prayers for Our Community and the World

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.

- **Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship gather in Vancouver** - Leaders from North American Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship will be gathering in Vancouver in early August. Nguyen Thi Hong (photo centre, click on photo to enlarge), president of Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam, will join the gathering. Pray for Pastors Nhien Pham (photo right) and Garry Janzen, liaison workers for Mennonite Church Canada Witness, as they deepen relationships with these leaders and discern direction for working together with Mennonites in Vietnam.

- Pray for Witness Workers working with others

Working together with various groups sharing their unique gifts is exciting but can also be complicated. Pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong, as they navigate working together with Friends of Grace network in Thailand, Mennonite Mission Network, AMBS, church leaders in Laos, and various other Mennonite entities in Thailand. Pray for wisdom, patience, and joy in seeing what God is doing around them. Photo: Pastors Khamphan and Thippawan and the Witness workers Poovong family received gifts of quilts from Elim Mennonite Church (MCM).

From the Pastor

Greetings!

Although it's been a pretty wet summer so far, I have found my days (and evenings) brightened by seeing some of you while out and about or attending community events! I hope you are enjoying the season!

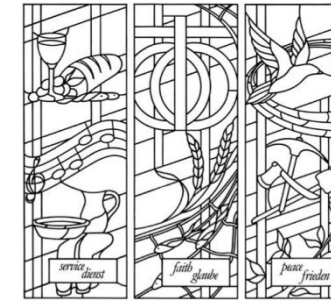
I just wanted to take a tiny bit of space to outline my summer calendar so you know when I'm around and when I won't be...

July 22-28: At Matheson Island (I'll have spotty cell reception)
July 29-Aug 4: In the office
Aug 5-11: At Camp Koinonia (I'll have WiFi)
Aug 12-Sept 3: On Vacation

I also invite you to drop in for Coffee with the Pastor between 10-11am on the following Wednesday when I'm in the office: July 31. Feel free to show up at the church for an informal visit - I'll have coffee on!

During the weeks when I'm out of the office and you need to reach someone, please contact Lori Hiebert or one of your AMC Deacons (John & Norma Thiessen, Susie Fisher, & Karen Martens).

Hope you have a lovely week!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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GATHERING

Prelude "The King of Love" arr. Gordon Young
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn VT 88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

Prayer of Invocation

LISTENING

Hymn VT 9 Come away from Rush and Hurry
Hymn HWB 599 He Leadeth Me
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Music: Wondering Where the Lions Are (Bruce Cockburn)
Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Offering Prayer
Music: Precious Memories
Sermon Erika Enns Rodine

RESPONDING

Hymn VT 532 Be at Rest
Sharing and Prayer
*Lord for your goodness, we give thanks.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Hymn STS 99 The Lord's My Shepherd
Benediction
Music: One of Us (Joan Osborne)
Postlude

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand
Musician(s): Edna Zacharias, Paul Krahn, Sara Krahn
Technician: Dale Klassen

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

July 28 – No service at AMC – Sunflower Festival
Aug. 4 – 11:00 am – coffee on the lawn for the long weekend
Aug. 11 11:00 am Worship Service
Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine *Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns *Scriptures:* Romans 12:4-5
Technician: Loren Braul
Aug. 18 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Loren & Lori Hiebert will lead a service of hymns and readings.
Aug. 25 – 11:00 am Worship Service – guest Andrea De Avila
Sept. 1 – 11:00 am Coffee on the lawn for the long weekend
Sept. 8 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Here are birthdays and announcements until the next printed bulletin which will be August 11!

Birthdays: July 22 – June Schwartz; July 23 – Kim Batchelor; July 25 – Freya Rodine; July 28 – Sandra Klassen; August 1 – Myron Dyck, Simon Braul; August 3 – Lorrie Wiebe, Chris Klassen

Anniversaries: July 22 – Kim & Perry Batchelor; July 25 – Mick & Marne Mierau Friesen; July 28 – John & Lil Gerbrandt; July 31 – Greg & Mary Costen; August 1 – Mark & Nancy Ratzlaff; August 6 – Loren & Lori Hiebert; August 9 – Ted & Darlene Klassen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Prayers for AMC campers and staff:

July 14-19

Frederic Dyck was a camper at Assiniboia. Leo Dyck was working as a Teen Volunteer, and Julia Thiessen was the Health Officer (all at Assiniboia).

July 21-26

Simon and Rosie Braul will be campers at Assiniboia, and Lori Dueck will be working in the kitchen there. Freya Rodine will be a camper at Koinonia. Sydney Hildebrand and Leo Dyck will be going to Matheson Island (along with Erika), and will spend the week leading a kids day camp.

August 5-9

Sigga Rodine and Katelin Hiebert will be campers at Koinonia, and Erika will be camp pastor there for the week.

We give thanks for the opportunity to spend time at camp, and we pray for the health, safety and well being of all the campers and staff throughout the weeks of summer as they travel, play, eat, swim, sing, learn and spend time in nature (and apply lots of After Bite)!

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee sign up sheet** is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- YFC lunch available on Coop Parking Lot every Wednesday throughout the summer from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

- A gospel music festival is planned for the Altona park on August 17th, starting at 12 noon. 8 groups, each approximately 1 hour each. Admission is by donation. All net proceeds will again go to Youth for Christ, Altona. There will be food booths.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Explore the Transforming Relationships: Indigenous Art Gallery**, featuring evocative artworks and powerful stories by Indigenous artists, including three from Manitoba. The gallery is part of MCC's ongoing work towards reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples. See the gallery online at mcc.org/indigenous-art-gallery

- Camps with Meaning needs you these dates:

ASSINIBOIA Kitchen Help: July 28 to August 2- one or two; August 5 to 9- one; August 11 to 16-one or two. Camp Pastor August 5 to 9. Contact the office at 204-895-2267 or visit www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

- Attention Young Adults (18-24): Tuesday 7pm July 23, 2024 meet at Folio Café – To celebrate National Sprinkle Day:

Get on your snacking appetite and prepare your discerning ears to consider whether Activ8 is something you're looking for to add connection, opportunities for reflection and find others who are exploring questions just like you. Join Kim Arpin-Ricci and other peers who are exploring this option. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8

- CPT summer delegation to Grassy Narrows

Mennonite Church Canada partner Community Peacemaker Team's Turtle Island Solidarity Network is offering a Summer 2024 delegation to Grassy Narrows, ON. Through this delegation we will explore themes such as environmental racism, class oppression, police and prison abolition movements, Indigenous solidarity, and allyship. More information: <https://cpt.org/delegations/tisn>

- Sponsor an acre of Manitoba farmland and provide essential food to displaced families across the world! Your sponsorship of **Grow Hope** acres in Manitoba can help equip farmers with access to tools and seeds for sustainable farming. Visit mcc.org/manitoba/growhope for more information and to donate!