

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA**

**February 9, 2020**

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*

**WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am**

Sermon: Amanda Wiens

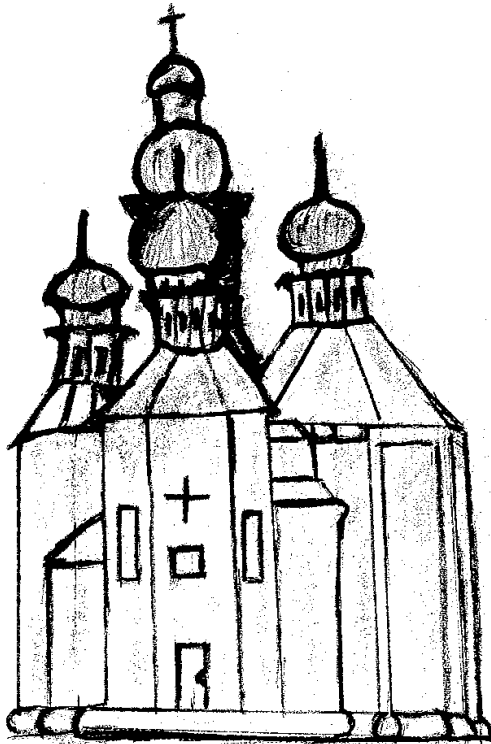
Worship Leader: Mary Anne Loeppky

Music: ABC Ensemble, Jacob Friesen-Stoesz

Children's Story: Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

Scripture Reader: Rose Tryon

*"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ~ James 3:13*



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*Sunday, February 9, 2020*

*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Interlude

**GATHERING**

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB 37**

**GIVING THANKS**

Prayer for the Offering

Offering

**LISTENING**

Children's Story

Scripture

Sermon

**Lord, listen to your children HWB 353**

**James 3: 1-18**

**"Where does your wisdom come from?"**

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response

Prayer of the Church and the World

**Take my life HWB 389**

**SENDING**

Benediction

Hymn

**Be Thou my vision HWB 545**

### **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Desiree Hildebrandt at Health Sciences Centre and Helen [Hugo] Voth at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Edgar Schellenberg**, part of our church family, passed away on Feb 3. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life, and pray for his wife Marge, family and extended family. A service commemorating Edgar's life was held here this past Friday.
- ~ **Pastor Mark** is taking his quarterly weekend off. He will return to the office on Tuesday February 11.
- ~ **Congratulations** to new grandparents Ed and Erna Doell. Jaxxon Roger John Doell was born 02/02/2020, to Jeremy and Chelsey Doell of Altona, a brother for Leah.
- ~ **Thank you!** My Coins Count collection last Sunday raised \$206.08.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
- ~ **Pray** - Bock Ki Kim engages in peace work in different ways and different places in his community. This year, starting the Peace Journal, a quarterly national-level magazine, is one of his important projects. Pray for the editorial committee to sense the needs of the Korean peninsula, for wisdom in launching the first edition, adequate funding, networking and creative ideas.

### **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

- February 16: Guest speaker Kathy Giesbrecht from Mennonite Church Manitoba will join us as we covenant with Josh Janzen. Kathy will share about the role of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation in a congregation.
- February 23: The conclusion to our series on James.  
Speaker Josh Janzen

#### **Feb 16**

- \*\* We will have a service of Covenanting and Commissioning for Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry, Josh Janzen.
- \*\* We will also receive Josh as a member of ABC.
- \*\* The service will be followed by a time of coffee and fellowship in the church basement.

### **From the Congregation:**

Name: Jennifer Klassen

Let's join together in prayer – what/who can we pray for this week?

- Health, peace and family.

Think back to a memorable service – what was it and what made it so memorable?

- There have been many; however I always enjoy Homecoming and seeing everyone come "home", and the Advent services.

Where do you see/feel God?

- In nature. The sunrise, the sunsets, through all creation.

What is one way you most enjoy spending time with God?

- Through music.

What are you thankful for?

- That God is a God of second chances.

Looking ahead – what is a hope you have for our church/congregation?

- Deepening relationships within our own church family.

What is your favorite hymn/worship song?

- *Today* by Brian Doerksen.

What is your favorite Bible Verse and why?

- Proverbs 3: 5-6 - my "life verse"

### **Jr & Sr Youth**

- **Feb 9, 7-9 pm** - Introduction and Q&A time with Josh, with devotional and group games.

### **VENTURES - Wednesdays 7-8:15pm**

- **Girls** – Carnival
- **Boys** – Carnival

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **TODAY - Feb 9** the **Venture Girls** will be **selling cookies** in the foyer after the worship service. All proceeds will be used to purchase the supplies needed to put together MCC school kits.
- **TODAY - Feb 9, 3pm** – **CMU Singers** in **Concert** with conductor Janet Brenneman, and President Cheryl Pauls, at Altona Bergthaler Church. Admission is free; an offering in support of CMU will be taken.
- **Feb 15, 2-4pm** - The family of Wilbert & Sally Funk invite you to an **Open House** in honour of their parents 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, at the Altona Senior Centre.
- **Camp Sponsorship** - World/Home Ministries Commission is offering a campership of \$100.00 to children from ABC congregation to attend a summer Bible camp. Pick up an application form from the church office. Payment upon proof of camp registration. This is an encouragement to nurture our children to experience God's love in a camp setting.

**55 Plus Dinner & Evening – February 21, 5:30 p.m.**

**Guest: Bob Giesbrecht - Music Night "Journey for Him"**

**Cost: \$18/person** [New price] **Catered by:** New Style Catering

**Please** call or email the Church Office for reservations

**by Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020.**

- **Feb 23 - ABC Annual General Meeting** – Lunch after the morning service followed by the AGM at 12:45pm. Report books available next Sunday.
- **March 7**, our church is hosting the Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering [AGM]. If you are interested in being a **delegate**, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer or call the Church Office. It has never been easier since the event is right here! **We also require** a few people willing to **billet** out of town attendees the night of March 6-7....call the office if willing. There will be additional ways to help host this event, stay tuned.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Feb 13, 7pm** – A short documentary video "Common Strengths" [Women farmers in Kenya], produced by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, will be shown in the multi-purpose room at The Gardens on Tenth in Altona. Join Gordon Janzen, Foodgrains Rep, and Kevin Nickel, local Project Coordinator, and become informed about farming in Kenya.
- **Feb 14, 5pm** – Gardens on Tenth invites you to a '**Special Valentines' Dinner**', with CSI Bluegrass music to follow. Purchase tickets at \$15 in advance by calling 324-8945.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **Camp Registration is open!** Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)
- **Feb 15, 10-2:30 -Winter Camp Day** for campers, their families and friends at Camp Assiniboia. Activities, lunch, singing. Let us know if you are coming: 204-895-2267 or emailing [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca).
- **Mar 7 - MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020**, at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Be part of the discernment.

**Canadian Mennonite University** – [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca) See foyer poster

- **Feb 10, 7pm - Face2Face - Us and Them: How did we become so polarized?** Join Larry Updike, former radio host, Sandy Koop-Harder mediator, Will Braun farmer-writer, and student Marne Klassen to explore why our public and churchly discourse is so often characterized by 'us and them' divisions between people and groups who see and understand the world differently. This event will be live-streamed. Marpeck Commons.
- **Still Speaking** tells stories about people, places, and events preserved in documents and artifacts in the MHC Archives on the CMU campus. *Still Speaking* <https://www.mharchives.ca/features/still-speaking/>.
- **Students** in grade 11 & 12, check out the **Discover Outatown day** on **Feb 22**, 9am-3pm. Learn about Winnipeg's inner-city, experience wall-climbing, and discover how a year on Outatown will shape your faith and how you see the world. Remember, CMU pays **up to \$400** of your total travel cost to Winnipeg! Go to [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit) for details.

**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** – [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) 327-5891

- **Mar 5, 6 & 7, 7:30pm** - MCI's Musical *Annie*. There will also be a matinee performance on Mar 7 at 2pm. Join us 1 hour before each show time for an MCI Open House. Prospective students receive a FREE musical ticket! Please email: [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) for more information. Tickets for *Annie* can be purchased at [www.mciblues.net](http://www.mciblues.net)

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** - [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- The final comforter count is more than 9,500 completed comforters! In Manitoba, we reached a grand total of over 3,141 comforters!
- **Serving and Learning Together (SALT)** is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience where Christian young adults ages 18 to 30 from Canada and the U.S serve internationally. Be immersed in another culture, live with a host family and work in a variety of fields. To be guaranteed consideration for this year, apply by Feb 15.
- **SOOP** (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) offers short-term service opportunities for families and adults in faith communities across Canada/ U.S. Contact the SOOP coordinator at [soop@mcccanada.ca](mailto:soop@mcccanada.ca) or apply at [mcccanada.ca/forms/soop-application](http://mcccanada.ca/forms/soop-application). Openings include: Akron, PA - housekeeping & grounds work in prep of MCC Centennial celebrations in 2020; Calgary, AB - hosting for the guesthouse operated by Foothills Mennonite Church, start March 2020 and Glendale/Phoenix, AZ - work at a food bank, refugee settlement, etc with Trinity Mennonite Church.

**Mennonite Church Canada**

- **MC Canada's** Indigenous-Settler Relations (ISR) is organizing a **bus journey** to take 50 Indigenous and settler persons to this year's NAIITS gathering in Sioux Falls, South Dakota—June 4-6. NAIITS is a Christian Indigenous Learning Community that hosts theological gatherings intended for pastors and activists, all ages. The event that will explore "Conversations on Health and Wholeness." The bus ride from Winnipeg is free, registration is covered, and we're looking to crash at a local church (dorm rooms are an option, but at your own expense). If interested, e-mail Steve Heinrichs ([sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca)).