

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



by Dawson Wiens

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

February 2, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Frank Kehler

Music: Flying Free, Teresa Hamm, Ang Loeppky

Children's Story: Laurie Enns

Scripture Reader: Verna A.K. Heinrichs

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

~Matthew 6: 24

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Interlude

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn

What is this place? HWB 1

GIVING THANKS

Prayer for the Offering

Offering

LISTENING

Children's Story

Scripture

Sermon

We will follow STS 40

James 2: 1-13, James 5: 1-6

"Favoritism, Wealth and Oppression"

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Move in our midst HWB 418

Prayer of the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Hymn

Help us to help each other HWB 362

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Edgar Schellenberg at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Congratulations** to Mackenzie and Emily Zacharias, and their coach Sheldon Zacharias, on winning the Canadian Jr. Curling Championship!!
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
- ~ **Pray:** Lao Mennonite pastors from Mennonite Church Eastern Canada will take part in a service trip in February to Thailand and Laos to teach Palmer Becker's Anabaptist Essentials as requested by church leaders there. Pray that God will guide preparations made for these classes by Thailand Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

- February 9: The tongue. James 3:1-11, 1:19, 5:12
- 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.

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: Heidi Toews

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

- Safety for our children.

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

- Pastor Mark's Easter sermon - engaging for me.

Where do you see/feel God?

- In seeing other people being servant like.
- At any place where there is water flowing (ie. streams, lakes).
- In the faces of children and the elderly.

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

- Worship that is meaningful and vibrant.
- Individually and corporately.

What are you thankful for?

- Family and miracles.

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

- Healing, positive atmosphere, spirit movement!

What is your favorite hymn/worship song?

- Any camp, lively worship songs or any worship songs that get the worshippers involved.

What is your favorite Bible Verse and why?

- Psalm 23.

Jr & Sr Youth

- Feb 2, 7-9 pm

VENTURES - Wednesdays 7-8:15pm

- Girls –
- Boys – Cookie Baking – Meet at 6:45pm.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today, Feb 2** – *My Coins Count* collection.
- **Next Sunday, February 9th** 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.
- **Home/World Ministries** is asking if there is any interest in organizing a church potluck meal a few times a year. If interested call the church.
- **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.
- **Save the date:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held **February 23**.
- **Feb 4, 10-11am** – Special **'Welcome to Josh Janzen'** Tuesday morning coffee time in the Church library.
- **Feb 9, 3pm** – **CMU Singers in Concert** with conductor Janet Brennehan, 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 90th birthdays, at the Altona Senior Centre.

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.

- **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 7, 5pm** – Annual Fundraising Spaghetti Supper at Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church. Admission by donation and your generosity will help support the work of Recovery of Hope Counselling Service.
- **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.

Mennonite Church Manitoba www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616

- **Camp Registration is open!** Visit www.campswithmeaning.org

- **Mar 7 - MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020**, at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Be part of the discernment.

Canadian Mennonite University – www.cmu.ca See foyer poster

- **Feb 5, 7pm** - What might recent discoveries in the cosmos tell us about our understanding of Scripture, God, and ourselves? Explore this question with Dr. Deborah Haarsma, this year's CMU Scientist in Residence, in a **free public lecture** entitled, 'God and the Multiverse', at Marpeck Commons.. Dr. Haarsma is President of **BioLogos**, and former Prof at Calvin College. This event will be live-streamed. cmu.ca/sir
- **Feb 10, 7pm - Face2Face - Us and Them: How did we become so polarized?** Join a former radio host, mediator, farmer-writer, and student 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. Reimagine the role of listening, dialogue, patience, and bridge-building with those with whom we differ. This event will be live-streamed. Marpeck Commons cmu.ca/face2face/
- **In five minutes *Still Speaking*** tells stories about people, places, and events preserved in documents and artifacts in the MHC Archives on the CMU campus. The goal is to learn about the past, offer insights into the present, and emphasize the important role of archives in our church and society. Together we can listen to the people of the past "still speaking." ***Still Speaking*** <https://www.mharchives.ca/features/still-speaking/>.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – 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 for more information. Tickets for *Annie* can be purchased at www.mciblues.net

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba- manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Congrats, you did it! You have helped us collect over 2,150 comforters across Manitoba. The grand total across North America and the European locations is more than 7,200 comforters. Thank you to everyone who dropped off comforters and help us surpass our goal of 6,500 comforters for people displaced by conflict or disaster. Check out photos and comforter counts at mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup.

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, young and old. ISR wants to bring a diverse group from across our nationwide church to attend this 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).