

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



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*Sunday, February 6, 2022*

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona*

*Worship Service*

*February 6, 2022 10:30 A.M.*

*“...and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them and show them no mercy.” ~ Deuteronomy 7:2*

**GATHERING and PRAISE**

Welcome and Announcements

Music **10,000 Reasons  
Same Power**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Lord, I need You**

**LISTENING**

Music **Kumbaya**

Children's Story

Scripture **Joshua 6: 20-27, Joshua 8: 24-29**

Sermon **“Grappling with ‘texts of terror’ and their legacy”**

**RESPONDING**

Music **How great is our Lord**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church, and the World

**SENDING**

Benediction

Music **Fear not**

**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

**Music:** The Worship Team **Scripture Reader:** Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

**Children's Story:** Jennifer Klassen

**Our worship service** will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30am and is available on the church website at [[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)]. If using a handheld device [phone/tablet] you may get a message that says “video unavailable”, but if you click on the line “watch this video on YouTube” it will reload and play for you.

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Lena Hoffman, and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **John Dyck** of our church family passed away February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life and pray for his wife Kathy, family, and extended family.
- ~ **Thank you** to all for the thoughtfulness and compassion shown to us at the passing away of Wilbert Funk. We are so grateful and appreciative of all your acts of kindness, visits, calls, cards, flowers, and more. A special thank you to Pastor Mark. ~ Sally Funk and Family
- ~ **New addresses:**
  - ~ Anita Braun has moved to #409, Gardens On Tenth.
  - ~ Katherine Bergen has moved to #206 Eastview Place.
- ~ **Pastor** Virginia is on her quarterly weekend off.
- ~ **MC Canada / Manitoba**  
**Pray:** Churches in China that have been closed due to COVID restrictions in some places struggle to find the proper channels for approval to put their services online. Pray for courage and persistence as they navigate new challenges in communication.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**

Hannah Loepky	[Feb 4]
Noah Ginter	[Feb 7]
Elmer Heinrichs	[Feb 7]
Ronn Friesen	[Feb 13]
Lena Schellenberg	[Feb 13]

## **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

**Today we begin a series exploring challenging questions about the Bible:**

- Feb 6** - Violence in the Bible. How do we understand and interpret difficult texts?
- Feb 13** - God, creation, and science. How does the Bible's teaching about creation relate to scientific explanations for creation?  
Speaker: Mark
- Feb 20** - How did the Bible come to be. Exploring questions of inspiration, transmission, and translation. Speaker: Virginia
- Feb 27** - To be determined. Speaker: Mark

## **From the Pastor:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, I invite you to speak to myself, Virginia, or Josh. We are planning to welcome new members into our congregation this spring.

One can become a member of the church through baptism, or if you have been previously baptized you can join by re-affirming your faith. If you currently hold membership in another congregation but ABC is your home, we welcome you to transfer your membership to ABC.

Being a member of our community is not required to participate in the life of our church, share your gifts, or receive support and pastoral care from the church. People who are not members continue to contribute in significant ways to our church community and we celebrate this.

So, what does it mean to be a member of a church and why bother joining in the official way?

The church is a Covenant Community. There is the Church Universal, the Communion of Saints across time and place comprised of those who receive the love of Christ through grace and choose to be Christ's disciples. Each congregation is one part of the global Body of Christ but is also fully the Body of Christ itself. In binding ourselves to one Body, we covenant to love and support one another as we follow Christ in this life and seek God's reign in this world. In living out our Christian walk in a church community we also become woven into the story of Christ's Body throughout the ages. I was never prouder to be part of the church when I attended Mennonite World Conference in Pennsylvania and sang praises to Jesus with Christians from around the world and experienced the gifts, joys, and struggles of churches from so many different places. I saw that the struggles and joys of my church were part of a bigger story and that I was part of a bigger story; the story of Jesus.

Church membership is a sign of this: The Community we share the journey with and the Saviour who unites us and guides our way.

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## **Sr Youth**

- **Feb 8 [Tues], 7pm** – Waitlisted Bible Study.

## **Jr Youth**

- **Feb 9 [Wed], 7pm** – Card prayers.

## **Ventures – Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:15 pm**

- **Girls:** Bookmark making
- **Boys:** Boot hockey

**The Ventures girls** will be making bookmarks to sell in the foyer after church on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is by donation. All funds raised through the bookmark sale will go towards purchasing supplies to put together MCC school kits. If you will not be at church but would like to purchase a bookmark or would like to make a donation towards the MCC school kits, please let Amanda know prior to February 13th.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona is seeking someone to join our team as the **Administrative Assistant**. We are looking for an individual to serve our congregation in the front office, and to facilitate all office duties for the church. This is a part time position with holiday time, church benefits and pension plan. Duties include but are not limited to general office duties, minute taking at Church Council and AGM meetings, bulletin preparation and rental agreements. For more information and to discuss the duties of this position, please contact Andrew Rempel at [andrew\\_rempel@yahoo.ca](mailto:andrew_rempel@yahoo.ca) or call him at 204-304-0055. Thanks.

- **Our Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, Feb 27 at 1:00 pm**. We are planning a hybrid format with both in-person and online participation.
- **Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering** is scheduled for March 5, 9am-1:30pm online. If you would like to be a delegate for ABC, please contact the church office.
- **We are requiring** that all 12 and over attending our in-person worship services be vaccinated. Please be willing to show your proof of vaccination. Wear masks throughout the worship service.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mennonite Church Canada** – [office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca](mailto:office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca)

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** – [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca) 204-896-1616

- **Join** the Nationwide Virtual Choir for MC Canada Gathering 022. Visit [www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022) for instructions / submissions welcome until Feb 13.
- **March 5 - MCM Annual Gathering 2022.** Delegates register through your church office. If you're not a delegate, you're still a welcome guest. Guests register at [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events)
- **Camps With Meaning** Summer Camp registration is open. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) to learn more and register.
- **MCM** invites applications for the position of "Director of Leadership Ministries". Visit [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/get-involved](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/get-involved) .
- **Camp Assiniboia** invites applications for the "Head of Maintenance" position. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org/news](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/news) for info.

**Canadian Mennonite University** – [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)

- **Xplore:** at the intersection of faith and life – a 55 Plus enrichment program starts Mar 1. Visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).
- **June 6-10; 13-17** – Canadian School of Peacebuilding, registration now open. Visit [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca)
- **Feb 10, 7:30pm** - A parent seminar discussing how students can use institutional awards, external awards, government funding such as loans and non-repayable grants, and RESPS to cover tuition costs. Visit [cmu.ca/webinar](http://cmu.ca/webinar).
- **Daily Diaries** by the Assiniboine River and Lake Winnipeg. A new exhibit at the MHC Gallery with artwork by Jane Gateson. The exhibition runs until April 2, visit [cmu.ca/gallery](http://cmu.ca/gallery) to book an appointment.

**MCC Manitoba - [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca)**

- **Feb 17, 11am** - The journey of a comforter: Live from Kansas and Jordan. Whether you make comforters for MCC or are interested in learning more, join us for this exclusive webinar. Follow the journey of how MCC comforters are sewn, shipped and shared with displaced people in Jordan. Info/register visit [mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series).

**Mennonite Disaster Service** – [mdscanada@mds.org](mailto:mdscanada@mds.org)

- **MDS is hiring!** If you want to make a difference and you thrive in an exciting, fast-paced disaster response environment, consider one of our openings at Mennonite Disaster Service. Learn more on our website: <https://mds.org/employment/>