

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



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*Sunday, January 16, 2022*

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona  
Worship Service*

*January 16 2022 10:30 A.M.*

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the  
common good." ~ 1 Corinthians 12: 7*

**GATHERING and PRAISE**

Welcome and Announcements

Music **All people that on earth do dwell**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song** STJ 14

**LISTENING**

Music **He came down** STJ 31

Children's Story

Scripture **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Sermon **"The blessings of differences"**

**RESPONDING**

Music **What wondrous love is this** HWB 530

Prayer for the Offering, the Church, and the World

**SENDING**

Benediction

Music **Go, my children** HWB 433 vs 1-3

**Sermon:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert **Worship Leader:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Music:** ABC Ensemble **Children's Story:** Joe Wiens

**Scripture Reader:** Andrew Giesbrecht

**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:** Katherine Bergen, Lena Hoffman, Helen Schulz, Katie Krahn, Glenn Friesen and Marge Schellenberg at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Condolences** to Albert & Ellen Friesen, family and extended family, at the passing away [Jan 2] of brother in-law Harvey Schmidt of Winnipeg.
- ~ **MC Canada / Manitoba**  
**Pray:** After months of waiting, vaccines are now readily available in the Issan northeast area of Thailand where Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong live and serve. Praise God that people can get this help as the Omicron variant catches hold in the area.  
**Please** hold Dorothy Fontaine (Director of Camps with Meaning) and her family in your prayers as they cope with the sudden passing of Dorothy's husband Vince from a heart attack. Vince will be remembered as a devoted husband and father and a significant contributor to Indigenous and Canadian music.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**

Jake Enns	[Jan 20]
Dylann Funk	[Jan 20]
Amanda Heinrichs	[Jan 20]
Julia Wiens	[Jan 20]

## **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

- Jan 16** - Speaker Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
- Jan 23** - Speaker Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- Jan 30** - Speaker Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

## **Jr Youth**

- **Jan 18 [Tues], 7pm** – Movie night!

## **Sr Youth**

- **Jan 19 [Wed], 7pm** – Movie night!

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

Why are there four gospels? How do they differ? How do the authors of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John portray Jesus in unique ways? These were questions I explored a couple weeks ago in my sermon about knowing Jesus.

This sermon only scratched the surface of some big questions about scripture and biblical interpretation, but positive feedback has inspired me to begin planning a sermon series devoted to addressing some difficult questions related to the Bible and how scripture shapes our faith and lives.

During the four Sundays in February, Virginia and myself will share teaching flavoured sermons that explore some of these challenges:

- Violence in the Bible: how do we read and understand troubling scripture texts? Is God violent?
- Creation: how do we understand the Bible's creation stories in light of science and how do we understand science in light of scripture's teaching that God created the world? Is the theory of evolution compatible with Christian belief?
- How did the Bible come to be? How is the scripture translated and what issues are involved? How is the Bible authoritative? How does God speak through scripture?

I'd also like to hear from you. What questions have you struggled with in relation to the Bible? Are there topics you'd like us to explore in this series? Please let me know. We won't be able to address everything, but we'll seek to adapt the series based on the feedback we receive, and consider your input in future preaching as well.

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Church Treasurer job is a part-time appointed position with duties and responsibilities related to the finances of the church, staff, and Canada Revenue Agency. A job description is available from members of Finance Commission and the church office. If you have questions about the above opportunity or replacement suggestions, contact any member of Finance Commission: Elmer Friesen, Al Harder, Clint Klassen and Al Friesen, Chair.

- **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)

- A big thank you to those who made giving to MC Canada programs and ministries a priority over the past year. Despite Covid uncertainty and ever-increasing climate disasters, our program directors, staff, and affiliated partners, remain dedicated to their areas of service and resourcing, and grateful for the financial support shown across our nationwide community of faith. God's blessing of grace and peace be with you. ~ Doug Klassen, Executive Minister

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

- 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) .

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

- **Jan 26 virtual open house @6pm** - *Where teaching is exceptional; faith & community matter; learning & career connect; professors know you.* Sign up for our virtual campus tour and one-on-one conversations with an Admissions Counsellor. Visit [cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse](http://cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse).
- **Feb 8 - ReNew 2022:** An Online Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders. *Water from a Living Stream: Rejuvenation for Pastoring in a Complex World.* Dr. Scot McKnight will offer three scripture-rich presentations. Schedule /registration at: [cmu.ca/renew](http://cmu.ca/renew).

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

- **2022 SALT** positions for Christian young adults / Visit [mccmb.ca/salt](http://mccmb.ca/salt)
- **Job opening:** Constituency Relations Coordinator. Apply online at [mccmb.ca/openings](http://mccmb.ca/openings).

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

- **MDS is hiring!** Consider one of our openings at MDS. Learn more at website: <https://mds.org/employment/>
- **Feb 22-24** - The Peace & Justice Office student seminar, conversation on climate, advocacy and building bridges for a shared future. Learn more/register by Jan 31 at [mccanada.ca/get-involved/events/peace-justice-student-seminar](http://mccanada.ca/get-involved/events/peace-justice-student-seminar).