

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*

**AND LET US  
RUN WITH  
ENDURANCE  
THE RACE  
THAT IS SET  
BEFORE US**  
HEBREWS 12:1

*Sunday, January 26, 2020*

*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA**

**January 26, 2020**

**WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Henry Peters

Music: Worship Team

Children's Story: Andrew & Stephanie Rempel

Scripture Reader: Nicolas Funk

*"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers of mine, you did for me'."*

*~ Matthew 25:40*

Gathering Music            **Amazing Grace**  
Welcome & Announcements  
Musical Interlude        **Same Power**

**GATHERING**

Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer  
Hymn                        **10,000 Reasons**

**GIVING THANKS**

Prayer for the Offering  
Offering                    **God of Wonders**

**LISTENING**

Children's Story        **Step by Step**  
Scripture                **James 2: 14-26**  
Sermon                    **"A working faith is a saving faith"**

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response        **Lord, I need You**  
Congregational Sharing and Prayer \*\*

**SENDING**

Benediction  
Hymn                        **Blessed be Your Name**

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Katie Hamm**, part of our church family, died on Friday, January 24. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life and prayer for her family. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- ~ **Rick Friesen** moved to the Emerson Personal Care Home on Jan 22.
- ~ **Thank you** for cards, visits, phone calls, prayers, and other expressions of sympathy we received at the passing of our mother Elizabeth [Betty] Friesen. ~ The Driedger family
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Bill & Dora Driedger, family and extended family, at the passing of Bill's sister Dora [Andy] Knelson, on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, of Sidney Manitoba. Funeral: Jan 27, 1pm, Macgregor Sommerfeld Church.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:** Witness worker Joji Pantoja is Mennonite World Conference (MWC) Peace Commission Chair. She participated with a group from MWC on request from churches in Hong Kong wishing to learn about perspectives on Anabaptist peacemaking. MWC has more on this [story](#). Pray for these brothers and sisters and those involved in supporting these congregations.
- ~ **Pray for** Lynell Bergen, pastor at Hope Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, as she teaches several courses at Meserete Kristos College in Ethiopia. Here is her prayer request: "Students are gathering from their homes across the country after the Christmas break. Pray for joy as they dive back into studies, for patience in their work (and patience with teachers who have funny Canadian accents), and for strength and wisdom for the teachers and staff here."

## **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

February 2: Favoritism and Oppression. James 1:22-26; 2:14-26  
February 9: The tongue. James 3:1-11, 1:19, 5:12  
February 16: Wisdom for living. James 3:13-4:17  
February 23: The power of patience and prayer. James 5:7-20

**Feb 16** we will have a service of Covenanting and Commissioning for Pastor 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.

\*\*Everyone is invited to share with the congregation items of prayer and praise. This time is an opportunity to uphold each other in prayer, speak about faith in God, and grow into the body of Christ.

## **From the Congregation:**

Name: *Rose Tryon*

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

ABC staff, our ABC family, for those in physical, emotional and spiritual pain, those grieving a loss, for the hungry, homeless, those who experience injustice, our world, leaders and creation care.

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

Our Good Friday services.

### **Where do you see/feel God?**

Walking on our trails through the park and Nature Park.

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

Playing piano and singing.

### **What are you thankful for?**

Larry, our family and friends, our ABC family, our community, for colours, sunshine, laughter, children's play.

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

My hope is that we can leave our differences at the door and focus on what we have in common and focus on following Jesus and his teachings.

### **What is your favorite hymn/worship song?**

One of my favorite songs is "Loving Spirit" SJ #34.

### **What is your favorite Bible Verse and why?**

One of my meaningful Bible verses is Isaiah 43:1-3&4. It reminds me that I am precious and loved by God. God also reminds me to "Fear not . . . I have redeemed you."

## **Jr & Sr Youth**

- **Jan 26, 7-9 pm** – Fun & Games

## **VENTURES – Wednesdays 7-8:15pm**

- **Girls** –
- **Boys** – Boot hockey.

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Feb 2** – *My Coins Count* collection.
- **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.
- **Volunteer[s]** needed to open/close the church for Ida's weekend[s] off Feb. 9 and 16. Call the church office to volunteer. Thanks.
- **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**.
- **Ladies Book Study** now meeting on Thursday 10-11:30. We started a new book [Jan 23] and invite you to join. If interested call Amanda.
- **Next Sunday, Feb 2, 9:30am**, there will be an adult Sunday school class as a follow up to Joanna Hiebert Bergen's visit and her sharing about the conflict in the Middle East. This is a chance to converse about what we learned and next steps we may take. All are invited to join the conversation.
- **Feb 4, 10-11am** – **Special 'Welcome to Josh Janzen'** Tuesday morning coffee time – Church Library.
- **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.

**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.
- **I'm inviting everyone**, people of all ages, to have a conversation with me about the next steps in your walk with God. For anyone interested in exploring and preparing for baptism, let's begin by having a conversation. I'd also welcome anyone who is pondering becoming a member of this church. And, of course, if you have been baptized some time ago and wish to study and explore our faith anew. I encourage you to be in touch with me. Yes, these conversations can be intimidating, but they need not

be! In sharing together we will be encouraged and strengthened. I'd love to hear from you.

~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Jan 27, 2pm** - Altona **MCC Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Altona EMM Church. Jackie Nickel recently participated in the Manitoba to Zimbabwe learning tour and will be sharing about her experiences there. Soup and pie supper to follow.
- **Jan 27, 5:30-8pm** - Altona Community Action Network is hosting a "Friends of ACAN" event at the eXchange, Altona. A complimentary chili supper followed by discussion, share your questions, comments and concerns to help ACAN set their future direction. \*ACAN seeks to inspire environmentally sustainable practices through education and action.
- **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](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **Camp Registration is open!** Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://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](http://www.cmu.ca) See foyer poster

- **Jan 31, 8:45am** - CMU Campus Visit Day – includes a tour, interaction with faculty/class & chapel, free lunch. Go to [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).
- **Jan 31 & Feb 1, 7pm** - CMU Opera & Musical Theatre Workshop present scenes from the *Broadway* musical 'Godspell'. See [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events).

**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)

- Great Winter Warm-up update - Thank you to all who volunteered/ participants in any way. In Manitoba we've collected over 1,000... the number is still rising! Check for updates [mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup](http://mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup) **Have a** completed MCC comforter? Drop it off at our local MCC before Jan 31 to have it count for our grand total!
- **Jan 28, 7-9pm** - Hear Dr. Michael Lynk speak on *The Vanishing Horizon: The ABCs of Human Rights in the Occupation of Palestine*, at Harrow United Church, Winnipeg. Dr. Lynk is a Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Prof. of Law at Western University. ?'s [joannahiebertbergen@mccmb.ca](mailto:joannahiebertbergen@mccmb.ca)