

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

January 5, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am

Sermon: Amanda Wiens
Worship Leader: Herman Kuhl
Music: Flying Free, Ang Loepky
Children's Story: Kristin Falk
Scripture Reader: Marilyn Martens

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them”.
~ Matthew 5:17

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Musical Interlude

GATHERING

Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Hymn

We sing to you, O God STJ 1

GIVING THANKS

Prayer for the Offering
Offering

LISTENING

Children's Story
Scripture
Sermon

This little light of mine HWB 401
Matthew 5: 1-20
“YOU are the cream of the crop”

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Prayer of the Church and the World

You are salt for the earth HWB 226

SENDING

Benediction
Hymn

Blessed assurance HWB 332

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Alvin Kehler and Chris Penner at Altona Health Centre; Rick Friesen at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **Engagement congratulations** to Nathan Friesen and Stephannie Hinga. The wedding will take place in April 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya. Parents are Rick & Myrla Friesen and Henry & Margaret Hinga.
- ~ **Congratulations** to new grandparents Bob & Marilyn Friesen. Brielle Helene Marie Friesen was born December 26, to Evan & Erika Friesen of Altona. A sister for Blake.
- ~ **Congratulations** to new grandmother Lynda Hiebert. Quinn Roy Gerbrandt was born December 31, to Jenny & Dallas Gerbrandt of Steinbach.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Manitoba Congregational Profile:**
Whitewater Mennonite Church is a small rural congregation working to follow Christ Jesus meaningfully (and together) in rural Westman. We still find gathering to worship and fellowship life-giving. We're still discovering that God is good. We're, hopefully, working towards adding words to our abundant service of Jesus Christ in the community. Pray for those words and that zeal to share actual, good news with others. That God's kingdom would come here. Pray also that our trust in and knowledge of God would grow.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Praise God for the leadership team growing within the Friends of Grace network in Thailand. Pray for Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong as they work with and mentor new church leaders.
Pray: that new believers will be drawn to these fledgling congregations as they reach out into their communities.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Jan 12 Speaker: Joanna Hiebert Bergen, MCC Manitoba.
Jan 19 Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Jan 26 Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Feb 2 Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Feb 9 Speaker: Amanda Wiens

From the Congregation

Name: *Al and Tara*

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

- *Easter Service 2019 - Mark's passion.*

Where do you see/feel God?

- *Outside.*

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

- *Bedtime prayers with the grandkids.*

- *Fishing - beauty, calm, conversation without distraction.*

What are you thankful for?

- *Health, family and community.*

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

- *Togetherness*

- *Staff, volunteers and leaders for the future*

What is your favorite hymn/worship song?

- *The River is Here*

- *On the Wings of an Eagle*

- *Holy, Holy, Holy*

- *It is well*

- *Hymn 343 and 301*

VENTURES - Wednesdays

- **Girls and Boys** – Movie Night.

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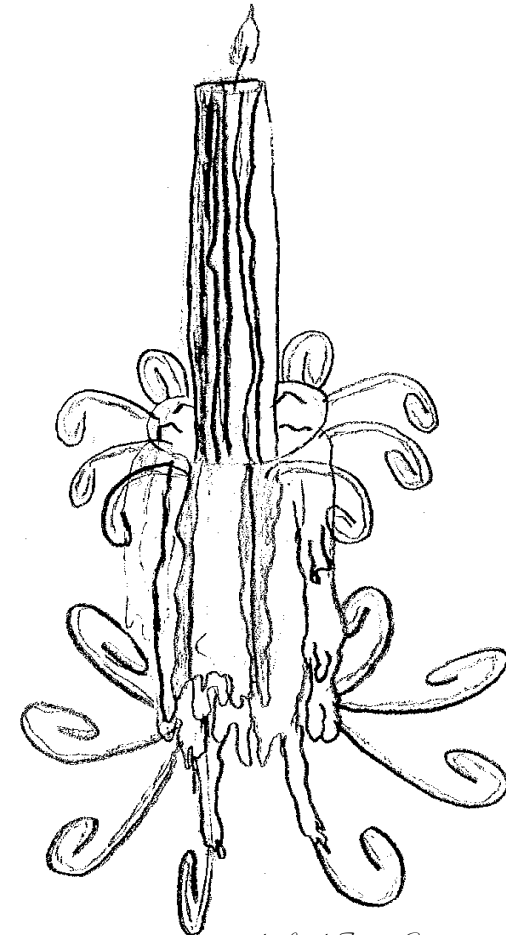
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Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



by Jacob Friesen-Stoesz

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pastor Mark** will be away till Jan 6. In the event that there is a death, crisis, or emergency, you are encouraged to be in touch with the Church Office or Pastor Amanda.
- **"My Coins Count"** collection today. We are starting a new giving project with all coins going to MCC's *Bucket of Thanks*. Each bucket provides a family of 4 who has been displaced by conflict or disaster with essential hygiene items.

55 Plus Dinner & Evening – January 17, 5:30 p.m.
Feature: Altona Youth for Christ – Marty Falk and Sheridan Sawatzky
Cost: \$16/person **Catered by:** New Style Catering
Please call or email the Church Office for reservations
by Tuesday, Jan 14, 2019.

- **Our congregation** is blessed to have a team of visitors who connect with people from our congregation who are not able to worship and fellowship with us regularly due to age or health. This ministry is an important way for people to know that they remain a valuable part of ABC. In order to meet the need for visitations, we require additional visitors to join our visitation team. It is not a big time commitment, approximately an hour every few weeks. As a visitor you may also find your walk with God enriched. Please talk to Pastor Mark or Irene Kehler (Visitor's Coordinator) to explore this possibility.
- **Next Sunday**, Jan 12, we will have a guest speaker, Joanna Hiebert Bergen. Joanna has worked for Mennonite Central Committee for many years: as representative in Nigeria, HIV/AIDS coordinator, and representative in Palestine and Israel. She currently works for MCC Manitoba program office and is chair of Mennonite Church Manitoba's working group on Palestine and Israel. She will be sharing about Christians in the Middle East, the conflict there, and MCC's and others' efforts to work for justice and sustainable peace. **All are invited to attend the adult Sunday school class with Joanna to further explore the topic, on Jan 12 at 9:30am.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jan 8 - Bible Study resumes** at Gardens On Tenth.
Mennonite Church Manitoba www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616
 - **Camp Koinonia** invites applications for a year-round onsite caretaker. **Please** visit www.campswithmeaning.org under "News" for information.
 - **Summer is coming.** We are a people of hope. Camps with Meaning summer staff applications are available on the website. Note: Leadership applications are due Jan 17, 2020. www.campswithmeaning.org .
- Canadian Mennonite University** – www.cmu.ca See foyer poster
- **Enroll in** a CMU Winter term evening course. Visit cmu.ca/timetable .

Mennonite Central Committee <http://manitoba.mcc.org> 261-6381

- **GET INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING BIG!** MCC is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6,500 comforters across North America to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by making a comforter at our January 18 event. **Come "Stitch a stitch or two" at the Altona MCC on Jan 18, 9am-4pm**, or donate a handmade comforter. It's more than a warm blanket—it's a message of love and compassion; or **Attend** the Great Winter Warm-up comforter-tying event on Jan 18 at North Kildonan MB Church. Don't know how to sew or tie? No problem! All level of skills are welcome. Stay for food, kid's activities and a photobooth. Find out more at mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup
- **Volunteer:** Join us as a volunteer for a day of service and teaching others about comforter-tying. We have a variety of volunteer shifts available. Invite your youth group, bible study or coffee friends and sign up together! Connect with Jessica Williams at 204-261-6381 or JessicaWilliams@mccmb.ca to find out more.