

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA**

**July 19, 2020**

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am**

Sermon: Josh Janzen

Worship Leader: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Music: Anne Friesen, Lorraine Hamm, Verna Heinrichs, Dave Wiebe

Video/Audio Sound Technicians: Jason Driedger, Ben Dueck

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



*But Ruth replied “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God”.*

*~ Ruth 1: 16*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Marching to Zion**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Fill my house**

**LISTENING**

Moment in Mission Video

Scripture Reading **Ruth 1: 1-18**

Sermon **“The Bold and the ordinary”**

**RESPONDING**

Music **A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

**SENDING**

Benediction

Music **Thank you Lord**

*Sunday, July 19, 2020*

*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Waldo Schulz and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Norman Buhr**, a member of our Church family, passed away July 11. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life. And pray for his family and extended family. A family service and burial were held.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to John & Marilyn Martens, family and extended family, at the passing away of their mother Gertrude Martens of Winkler.
- ~ **Congratulations** to Bill & Dora Driedger who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ~ **Congratulations** to 1<sup>st</sup> time great grandparents Al & Tena Giesbrecht. Rhaelynn Michelle was born June 12 to Carlie & Kyle Froese of Carman. 1<sup>st</sup> time grandparents are Carl & Tami Giesbrecht of Altona.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**  
Pray for Dann and Joji Pantoja, Witness workers in the Philippines, that they will be wise and make good decisions in the complex economic and political situation where they work. Pray for peace, joy and safety as they relate to many different groups and people,

Access to the livestreaming on Sunday mornings will be available from the Altona Bergthaler Church website [[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)]. The live stream will begin at 10:30am.

Our worship service will be posted to [abchurch.libsyn.com](http://abchurch.libsyn.com) [Audio] [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca) [Video] Sunday afternoon.

Children's teaching will be posted to [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)  
This week's teacher is Kristin Falk.

During the next weeks our worship service will include a "Moment in Mission" video. This Sunday we will learn about the ministry of Bock Ki Kim & Sook Kyung Park, Witness workers in South Korea. To watch the video from home, you may follow this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHYB6DLUaXk>

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

During Covid, five people from our congregation have died: Carol Buhr, Menno Funk, Dave Wiebe, Chris Penner, and Norm Buhr. One of the difficulties created by Covid and the need for smaller funerals is that our church has been deprived of the opportunity to formally acknowledge the loss of these individuals and the contributions they made (a memorial service for one of the individuals is planned for a later date). I trust that some of this important work of grieving and remembering has occurred in other ways, but the reality of our church's absence at funerals is not lost on me, even as I have had the honour of representing us. I believe it will be important for our congregation to have a time to remember Carol, Menno, Dave, Chris, and Norm. When this will be and what it will look like is yet to be determined.

I have long been a proponent of traditional funerals and burials and their context being the ministry of the church. Not because there isn't room for less traditional arrangements in the practices of the church. It is because I believe we ought to worship God at a funeral; we ought to resist our culture's tendency to avoid confronting our mortality but instead meet death face-to-face with the power of the risen Christ; and we must support those who grieve. Funerals help us do all this. They are an opportunity to remember those we are and who we are.

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Summer Church Office hours** - 8:30am-12 noon.
- **Pastor's summer vacation schedule:**  
Pastor Virginia will be away July 20-27 and August 17-23  
Pastor Mark will be away July 27 – August 3  
Pastor Josh's vacation Aug 17-24 and Aug 31-Sept 7.
- **Our 4-week sermon series** on women of the Bible continues. We will explore the faith of several women in the face of struggles and hardship, and the significant role they played in our understanding of the gospel message.
- **Tuesday 10am Coffee** - outside on the church grounds. This will be a physically distanced event and so you will need to bring your own lawn chair and coffee mug, coffee will be provided.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Sept 19** - Eden Foundation's *Head for the Hills 2020* is happening, and we hope you'll come join us again this year. This delay will allow us to do our very best to comply with the health requirements of our current situation and at the same time provide you with a wonderful trekking experience. For more information and to register click HERE.
- **Visit the Villages Tractor Trek** is scheduled for Sept 19. The trek is usually held in early July but due to the impact of Covid-19, it has been determined that a later start date will be more comfortable for all the partners that work together with us to make this happen.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** – mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616

- **Pop-up Camp** from Camps with Meaning. To learn about our revised camping program visit [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org) call 204-895-2267.
- **Support group** for Mennonite racial minorities. If you're a racial minority in the Mennonite Church (includes international students) and would like to be a part of this group, email Gabby Martin, Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church at: [gabbymartinwork@gmail.com](mailto:gabbymartinwork@gmail.com).

**Mennonite Church Canada** – office@mennochurch.ca 888-6781

- **July 19** – MC Canada weekly worship service from Langham Mennonite Fellowship, Langham, SK. Pastor Emily Summach will explore what it means to be known by God and be faithful in our New Kingdom calling as Jesus taught in the Matthew 13 Parable of the Wheat & Weeds. <https://www.mennonitchurch.ca/worshipservices> and our YouTube channel.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Oct 24**, Mennonite Church Canada Study Conference. Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from MC Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship. For more info visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020>.

- **Help match** MC Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund! This spring Mennonite Church Canada donated \$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations will go through regional churches. Click here for more info.

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [Manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:Manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- We are honoured to be one of Bridges Golf Course's charity of choice this summer for their Charity Green Fee Promotion. Book a tee time with Bridges and a portion of your fee will benefit MCC! Find out about their new promotion at [www.bridgesgolfcourse.com/golf/charity-green-fee-promotion/](http://www.bridgesgolfcourse.com/golf/charity-green-fee-promotion/).
- We are extending the timeframe of GO! 100 till the end of August, so you can complete 100 of anything all summer. Share the GO! 100 Launch video at [vimeo.com/434893063](https://vimeo.com/434893063) or learn how to get started at [mccmb.ca/GO-100](http://mccmb.ca/GO-100).
- The Mennonite Heritage Village Museum's *MCC 100 Years* exhibit is now open for visitors. The display features a variety of MCC's work in relief, development and peace in Manitoba and around the world. Learn more at [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-100-years-exhibit](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-100-years-exhibit). Listen to Threads, our monthly radio segment, for a sneak peak of the exhibit at [mccmb.ca/Threads](http://mccmb.ca/Threads).
- Golf and support MCC's work in relief, development and peace by participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Golf Tournament on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Regular registration is \$180 and includes a power cart, meals and prizes. Learn more at [mccmb.ca/golf](http://mccmb.ca/golf).

**Mennonite Disaster Service**

- The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. Read how MDS volunteers helped Minneapolis residents clean up following the protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd. You can learn how MDS volunteers are racing the clock to restore homes in Alaska and bring wildfire survivors home. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/2WrUKsZ>