

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, July 25, 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” ~ Matthew 11:28

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **All Creatures of Our God and King HWB 48**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **My Love Colors Outside the Lines VT 582**

LISTENING

Moment in Mission

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading **Exodus 20: 8-11; Genesis 2: 1-4, & 15**

Sermon **“Eternity utters a day: seeking rest and dwelling with God”**

RESPONDING

Music **If Your Believe and I Believe STJ 32**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT 849**

Sermon: Josh Janzen **Worship Leader:** Amanda Wiens

Children’s Story: Jolene Friesen-Stoesz **Scripture Reader:** Kirsten Giesbrecht

Music: Andrew Richert, Kenneth Nafziger and the Journey Musicians,
Voices Together Musicians

Our worship service will be available on the church website
[abchurchcommunity.ca] Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Harold Sawatzky, Waldo Schulz, and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Pastor Mark** is on vacation [July 19 – August 2].
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: for the country and the people of Myanmar. Amos Chin, leader of the Bible Missionary Church (a Mennonite World Conference denomination) says, "The death toll has risen to the highest level in Burma's Kalemyo, which is suffering from the third wave of COVID-19. There is a shortage of oxygen for our patients. We have to supply our patients with oxygen and treat ourselves because there is no government treatment. Sixty-three Christian pastors, including two of our pastors, have died in Kalemyo. People are suffering and dying because of the civil war and COVID-19."

WORSHIP CALENDAR

We continue our worship series exploring the Ten Commandments and how these instructions continue to help us orient our lives to Christ's call.

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| Aug 1 : Honour mom and dad | ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert |
| Aug 8 : Don't kill | ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck |
| Aug 15: Don't commit adultery | ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert |
| Aug 22: Don't steal | ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck |
| Aug 29: Don't testify falsely | ~ Josh Janzen |
| Sept 5 : Don't covet | |

Jr & Sr Youth

- **July 28 [Wed] 7pm** - S'mores and Sno-cones round 2.

FROM the PASTOR - Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

I recently checked out the new Podcast called "The MennoCast" (see <https://themennocast.com/> .) It is a podcast that was created and is hosted by 3 Canadian Mennonite pastors in an effort to create a space for discussions about faith from an Anabaptist perspective.

In the first episode they interviewed Meghan Larissa Good, a pastor and writer. Meghan is known for her love of the Bible and her ability to share and inspire others with her passion. Meghan shared about how she views the Bible and when and how her interest in the Bible began.

I was struck by this conversation and wondered how I would describe the way that I view the Bible, or how would you describe the way that you view and use the Bible?

We use the Bible, or at least stories and passages from the Bible in every worship service, but how often do we talk about the Bible as a whole? How often do we describe the story arc of God that is seen throughout the Bible, and how often do we stop to think about what role the Bible plays in our lives and faith?

In the interview Meghan was asked to give a twitter length description of the story of the Bible. This is a challenge I want to try for myself as well, and invite you to do the same. How would you describe the story of the Bible and what it means to you in less than 100 words?

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Office hours** [July & August] are 8:30am to 12 noon.
- **Tuesday morning Coffee Time – 10am – outside** – bring a mug and a lawn chair. Coffee will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will meet inside.
- **Moment in Mission** - This week's video will highlight the work of MCC's Indigenous Neighbours program in Labrador through the story of an Innu elder. Check the video here: [Meshkanu \(a good path\) | MCC - YouTube](#) the Innu in Labrador

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church Manitoba – mnochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616

- **Camps With Meaning** - invites applications for three permanent positions at Camp Assiniboia. Head of Maintenance, Food Services Coordinator, Custodian/General Assistant. Find the job description on the CwM website www.campswithmeaning.org.
- **Thanks** to all who contributed to Camps With Meaning's *Ring Up the Cash* Campaign – we far surpassed our goal. The money will be used to reduce the financial losses that we've incurred due to the pandemic.

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

Our nationwide service this Sunday comes from Preston Mennonite Church in Cambridge Ontario. This Sunday, we will look at the work of the Holy Spirit in the story of Apollos found in Acts 18:24-28.

The service is available at mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Come work at CMU!** We are recruiting for: Food Services Cook and Director of Finance. Visit: cmu.ca/about/employment.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Join us Sept 30-Oct 2 for MCC at 100:** Mennonites, Service and the Humanitarian Impulse. A virtual Mennonite Studies Conference hosted by the University of Winnipeg. To learn more and register click [here](#) or visit mennonitestudies.uwinnipeg.ca. This event is supported by MCC.
- **Join GO! 100 today!** Challenge yourself, or a team, to complete 100 of anything before August 31 and help raise funds for peacebuilding projects around the world. Run, bake or swim. The possibilities are endless! Get started [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/go-100.

Eden Health Care Services – www.edenhealthcare.ca

- **Aug 14** – Eden Foundation Charity Golf Tournament at Oakview G.C.

Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org

- **The July edition** of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In this issue: MDS volunteers celebrate creativity during the pandemic, how the Covid Relief Fund kept church doors open, and what hope looks like in small town Texas.

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