

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, July 4, 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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*“You shall have no other gods before me.”
~ Exodus 20:3*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Morning has broken HWB 648**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Music **How great Thou art VT 436**

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading **Exodus 20:1-3 Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 13-25**

Sermon **“Commandments for our freedom”**

RESPONDING

Music **Rain down STJ 49**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Now may the Lord of Peace**

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

Scripture Reader: Tom/Gail Braun

Music: Point Grey Inter Mennonite Fellowship, Calvary Community Church, Kenneth Nafziger & The Journey Musicians, Camps With Meaning

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

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Waldo Schulz, Harold Sawatzky at Altona Health Centre; Helen Schulz, Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Pray for Iris and Alfred** Klippenstein as Iris is receiving palliative care and journeying towards death. If you would like to send them a message, their daughter-in-law Rhona Klippenstein would be willing to pass it along, she can be reached at 204-324-8302.
- ~ **Pastor Mark** will be taking the weekend off. He'll return to the office on Tuesday July 6.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada / Manitoba**
Pray: COVID restrictions reduce connection for Witness workers. Travel restrictions within Thailand due to COVID-19 have limited the amount of time that Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong spend with the network of 40 congregations that are part of the Friends of Grace Church Association. Pray that the Poovongs will continue to find creative ways to connect and that the local leaders of these congregations will grow in confidence and wisdom.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

We continue our 10-week worship series exploring the Ten Commandments and how these instructions continue to help us orient our lives to Christ's call.

- July 11: You shall not make an idol. ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
July 18: You shall not misuse the name of God. ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck
July 25: Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy. ~ Josh Janzen

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Jr & Sr Youth

- **July 7, 7pm – S'mores and Sno-cones.** Gather at the church firepit!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **At this time** there are no immediate plans to re-open the church to in person services. The current public health guidelines allow worship services up to 25 people (masked at all times). This limit on the number of people does not allow us to welcome everyone. We will continue to monitor public health guidelines and develop plans in accordance with them and in light of our congregation's situation.
- **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.
- **This summer** we will again include a **Moment in Mission** video in our summer worship services. Since relevant up-to-date videos can sometimes be hard to find, we will be relying on MCC videos for a few weeks. This week's video will tell the story of the start of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. You can watch the video here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNp_DBIsI1E&list=PLOLHveNnT5QcxjIBMNq3g55FmwKUIhXyA&index=13
- **Guess who's making supper? Remix** - Since we had such a great response the first time around, we would like to try this again. All you need to do is sign up by emailing Virginia (virginiagr@abchurch.ca) by **Thurs. July 8**. You will then be assigned another ABC household; this will be the family/person you will make a meal for. It is a pay-it-forward model where you bring a meal to your assigned household as an act of service and building community and another household will bring you a meal to enjoy. We encourage you to find time to make the meal for your family the week of July 12-18 or 19-25. The meal doesn't have to be anything fancy, this is not a culinary competition, but a sharing of our loaves and fishes. (To make this COVID safe we are viewing it more like a 'Skip the Dishes' delivery service--the meal is simply delivered to the door for those in the household to enjoy.)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- **Nationwide service** for July 4 - Edmonton First Mennonite, with speaker Donna Entz. <https://mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>
- **"Ring up the Cash"** Camps with Meaning Covid Relief Campaign. Donate and/or join the campaign. Visit: ringupthecash.causevox.com
- **July 10 - Deep Calls to Deep;** Join MCM Spiritual Director in Residence, Laura Funk, in a 1-day retreat focused on guided meditation. Visit mennochurch.mb.ca/news to learn more and register.
- **Camps with Meaning** is opening more spots at the day camps! Many new spots available for grades 1-5, a few for grades 6-9, and lots of room at Youth Week. Our Pop-Up Camps also have room – there is probably one near you! So grateful that we get to spend part of our summer with you! Visit www.campswithmeaning.org

- **MC Canada** invites applications for a Nationwide Youth Gathering Event Coordinator [1-yr term/.4 FTE/begins Aug 4, 2021]. The Nationwide Youth Gathering will take place July 31- Aug 4, 2022, at Camp Valaqua near Calgary, Alta. Applicants from across Canada are invited to apply. <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/get-involved#youth-coordinator-2022>.
- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for full-time permanent Head of Maintenance position at Camp Assiniboia, potential housing at the camp. Also needed: Head Cook for the summer at Camp Assiniboia. [Find job descriptions on the Camps with Meaning website.](#)

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **We are OPEN** for individual tours during July and August this summer! Book a personal visit time to tour the CMU campus and meet a few staff and faculty along the way. Four time slots are offered each weekday—evening/weekend times available upon request. We can't wait to show you around! Book a time here: enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/personal_visits.
- **CMU** is looking for long term **renters for furnished 1-bedroom apartments**. The monthly rental rate is \$978.70 per month which includes internet and all utilities. Parking is available for \$35.05 per month. For more information, please contact Kara Klassen by phone at 204-594-0513 or email at rental@cmu.ca

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Help make a difference by providing peacebuilding skills to vulnerable families. This year, the first \$6,000 raised through GO! 100 will be MATCHED by some amazing community donors. Sponsor a challenger or start your own challenge here or at mccmb.ca/go-100.

Eden Health Care Services

- **Eden Foundation** *Visit the Villages Tractor Trek* postponed to Oct 2.
- **Save the date:** Dr. Clarence H. Labun Lecture Series (free!) virtual presentation on 'Addiction and Social Media: Hunger for Connection'. The presenters are Dr. Deborah MacNamara from the Neufeld Institute Faculty, and Terry Warburton, Clinical Director of Recovery of Hope (EHSC). The lecture will take place on Oct 6, 2021.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net

Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org