

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

June 13, 2021

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



“³¹Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it’s the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; ³² but when it’s planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade.”

Mark 4: 31, 32

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music

Come let us worship

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Music

I saw a tree by the riverside STS 116

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading

Mark 4: 30-34

Sermon

“The Kingdom of God is like a Van Gogh painting, or a downpour”

RESPONDING

Music

Beauty for brokenness STS 115

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music

As you go out from here VT 841

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Rose Tryon

Children’s Story: MCI **Scripture Reader:** Brett Falk

Music: Jim & Jean Strathdee, Sing the Story Musicians,
Morden Mennonite Children’s Choir

Sunday, June 13, 2021

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; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Iris Klippenstein** has been diagnosed with cancer and recently learned that it is not treatable. Alfred and Iris have travelled to Saskatchewan, which is where they will be primarily staying so that Iris can be near her children. Let's pray that God grants richness to Iris in her remaining time here, and that God sustains Iris, Alfred, and their family.
- ~ **Larry Tryon's** surgery has been postponed for one week until Friday, June 18. Let's pray that the surgery goes forward and that God's healing mercies are realized for Larry.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada / Manitoba**
Pray: The situation in Colombia is still dire...the Colombian Mennonite Church asks us to continue to stand with them in prayer. Churches supporting protesters have received death threats from paramilitary groups. Yalile Caballero, IMCOL president, says that youth feel hopeless because the protests and strikes do not bring change. Along with violence against protesters and illegal detentions, COVID 19 continues to spread, with more than 500 new cases daily and ICU beds at capacity.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

June 20	Speaker Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
June 27	Speaker Josh Janzen
July 4	Speaker Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Jr & Sr Youth

- Outdoor family visits.

FROM the PASTOR: Josh Janzen

It's hard to believe it, but the end of the school year is coming soon! This year has felt like it has gone by incredibly fast and incredibly slow at the same time. It has been a year of uncertainty and that has been especially true for grade 12 students. They have spent the entirety of their last year in senior high making the best out of pandemic restrictions, while also trying to plan and figure out what comes next in their lives. So, it is good and right that we remember and honour them. On Sunday, June 27, we will be celebrating our grade 12 graduates, Kelsey Driedger, Jarett Klassen, and Willow Kehler.

For your part in the celebration, I am inviting you as their church family to offer blessings and words of affirmation for these graduates. Whether you've interacted with our grads in Sunday School, at Care Cell, at school, or out and about in the community, this is a chance bless them as they prepare for the next stages of their lives. Please submit your blessings to me at joshj@abchurch.ca by Wednesday June 23. Your words of blessings and encouragement will be presented to our graduates, along with a handmade mug, to remind them that wherever they go they will always have us as their church family praying for them and caring for them.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We're suspending Tuesday morning ZOOM Coffee Time for now.... we will resume Coffee Time outdoors when COVID restrictions allow us to do so.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **June 13, 7pm** – Summer Drive-in concert with *Prairie Joe*, in support of One Hope Canada, at the Winkler EMMC Church. Enjoy the concert from your car via FM radio. Offering will be taken. Covid protocol.
- **June 17, 2-7pm** - Upcoming mobile blood donor clinic at the Altona Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Main Floor Hall 227 10th Ave NW. Please call 1-888-236-6283 or go on-line to book your appointment. NO WALK INS.
- **Aug 14** [re-scheduled date] - **Eden Foundation's Charity Golf Tournament** at Gretna's Oakview Golf Course. A new twist: play 36, 54, or 72 holes all for the same low price. Free! Here's the twist, we want you to raise some money for mental health care. Due to present Covid health regulations, the maximum number of people we can accept is 36 participants. For more information go to <http://edenhealthcare.ca>

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

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for Head of Maintenance and Summer Head Cook at Camp Assiniboia. Contact the camp office or visit www.campswithmeaning.org/category/news
- **"Ring up the Cash"** Camps with Meaning Covid Relief Campaign. We are expecting a concerning deficit this year. Donate and/or join the campaign. Visit: ringupthecash.causevox.com
- **June 19, 1-2:30pm EDT - Mennonite Church Canada's AGM.** Join our nationwide community of faith to hear updates from program directors, enjoy worship, and reflect together as members of MC Canada Joint Council share what God has shown them this past year. All are welcome to register. <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/event/11737-2021-06-19-mennonite-church-canada-agm-2021>
- **Mennonite Church Canada** is once again coordinating worship services this summer. We will join Sherbrooke Mennonite Church in Vancouver on **June 20** - available at mennonitechurch.ca/worshipperservices and on our YouTube channel.
- **July 10 - Deep Calls to Deep** – Join MCM Spiritual Director in Residence, Laura Funk, in a one-day retreat focused on guided meditation. Visit mennochurch.mb.ca/news to learn more and register.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **June 16, 4pm - CMU Admissions Webinar:** *Why Fall 2021 is the perfect time to enrol at CMU.* COVID-19 has changed many aspects of society, including post-secondary education. When thinking of enrolling in university vs. taking a gap-year, there are some strong reasons to immerse yourself in university studies this fall. Join us to hear the top 4 reasons for you to consider CMU this fall! Visit www.cmu.ca/webinar.

- **June 17, 7:30pm** -a **book launch** event with Abe J. Dueck for his book *Mennonite Brethren Bible College: A History of Competing Visions*. Hear about his research on the guiding vision of MBBC (1944-1992) and its evolution, including the theology, worship and polity of the Canadian M B conference that supported it. Register Zoom event at www.commonword.ca/go/2413.
- **July 7** - Join us for the 20th annual **CMU Golf Classic** fundraiser in support of student athletes and student financial aid at Kingswood Golf & Country Club. Visit www.cmu.ca/golf to register or become a sponsor.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net

- **The 7th Annual MCI Golf Classic** has been postponed to July 10-18 at the Minnewasta Golf Course. To Register, call MCI at 204-327-5891 by June 30th. (\$150 per player/\$35 donation receipt).
- **Pray for:** Our Graduates – That they can make meaningful memories during their last few weeks on campus. We ask for peace and joy as they process the disappointment of graduation celebrations not unfolding as they had hoped; For our Transitioning Staff - Jozanna Loewen (Dean), Paul Peters (Director of Student Life), and Kathy Franz (EA). We ask for prayer over these staff members as they complete their last weeks at MCI and anticipate the changes that lie ahead. We are grateful for their service at MCI, they will be missed.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Virtual challenge is back!** Join us for *GO! 100* all summer long. Challenge yourself or a team to complete 100 of anything while raising funds for peacebuilding projects around the world. Click here to get started or visit mccmb.ca/go-100.
- **Take the pledge**, choose thrift first! Care for our planet by making secondhand your first choice. For example, help reduce textile waste by checking out a thrift shop before you look at any new clothing for the rest of the year. Pledge your commitment at choosethriftfirst.ca or click here.
- **Your church** can join a community of compassionate Manitobans working to end global hunger. Sponsor an acre of Manitoba farmland with Grow Hope and help provide food and agriculture training for people in places like Cambodia and DR Congo. Plus, every \$1 you give can grow up to \$5! Visit mccmb.ca/GrowHope or call Simone at 204-261-6381 to find out how to get started.
- **June 18** -Join MANSO for a virtual event. The event will include the opportunity to learn more about Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program and to hear more real-life stories told from both the refugee and sponsor sides. This is an MCC supported event. Learn more here or at <https://fb.me/e/1yPctYIZW>.
- **June 19, 7pm** -You're invite to a webinar to celebrate World Refugee Day. Hear stories of how groups have worked with MCC to welcome refugees to their communities and the impact of COVID-19 on displaced people. Register here or visit mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series.