

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, June 20, 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you.”
~ Isaiah 41:10*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **The Mountain of God VT 11**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Music

Oceans [Where feet may fail] VT 456

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading

Mark 4: 35-41

Sermon

“Inviting Jesus into the storm”

RESPONDING

Music

Calm Me, Lord VT 680

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music

The Trees of the Field VT 847

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert **Worship Leader:** Al Friesen
Children’s Story: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Scripture Reader:** Val Sawatzky
Music: Kenneth Nafziger and the Sing the Story Musicians,
Kim Thiessen & Darryl Neustaedter Barg, & others.

Our worship service will be available on the church website
[\[abchurchcommunity.ca\]](http://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.

~ **Our love and sympathy** to Guy & Barb Dupuis, family and extended family, at the passing of father and grandfather, Jean Guy Dupuis, on June 3.

~ **Mennonite Church Canada / Manitoba**

Pray: Witness workers move to expand peace education. Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Sook Kyoung Park and Bock Ki Kim have moved to a new community in Chuncheon, South Korea, this month to expand their children’s ministry in peace education. Pray that their community will benefit from Sook Kyoung’s peace presence as she interacts with children and their families.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

June 27	Speaker Josh Janzen
July 4	Speaker Mark Tiessen-Dyck
July 11	Speaker Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Jr & Sr Youth

- Youth family visits.

FROM the PASTOR: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

At our last several Church Council meetings we have discussed the possibility of our church acknowledging the land on which we live and the Indigenous people who called this land home prior to Europeans settling here. This discussion seems more pertinent since the discovery of children’s remains at the Kamloops Residential School. My sadness at this discovery leads me into a deeper reckoning with injustices of the past. While land acknowledgments have become commonplace, I’ve thought a great deal about what it means specifically for a church to do this. What does a Treaty or Land acknowledgement mean for a follower of Jesus? These conversations and wonderings have led me to write my personal land acknowledgement. Like reconciliation, like our lives, this land acknowledgement is a work in progress.

The land on which I live, work, play, and worship is a generous gift from God my Creator. A gift not for me alone. I acknowledge that Indigenous peoples stewarded this land and called it home before I was born and before my ancestors arrived here. I will abide with gratitude to the people who, through Treaty 1, have granted me the honour of living here. When I breathe the air, run on the paths, eat the fruits of the soil, and encounter beauty in this place, I will relinquish an attitude of entitlement and be humble before God as a guest in this place. With Jesus as my guide, I will respect Treaty 1, honour the land, seek reconciliation for the injustices of the past and present, and live toward a future of shalom.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday morning ZOOM Coffee Time suspended for now, will resume outdoors when COVID restriction numbers allow us to do so.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- **June 19, 1-2:30pm EDT** - MC Canada AGM. Join our nationwide community of faith for Mennonite Church Canada's AGM. Along with our business agenda, we will hear updates from our program directors, enjoy worship and reflect together as joint council members share what God has showed them over the past year. All are welcome. Register here: <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 mennochurch.ca/worshipservices and on our YouTube channel.
- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for Head of Maintenance at Camp Assiniboia. This is a full-time, permanent position with potential housing at the camp. Also need a Head Cook for the summer at Camp Assiniboia. [Find job descriptions on the Camps with Meaning website.](#)
- **"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
- **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.
- **Mennonite Church Canada joins MCBC in lament of children's remains discovered at residential school** - As regional and nationwide church communities we grieve together with all the families and all those who have been impacted by the news of these deaths. We pray for all those who have memories and scars from their time in residential schools and for those who have been retraumatized by this discovery. [Full response here](#)

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **ABC** students planning to attend CMU in the fall? Check out the **Church Matching Grant** partnership! Churches can contribute to a student's CMU tuition and have CMU match the funds up to \$500/year/student. Details/applications at cmu.ca/future/financial/church-matching.

- **Doctors Manitoba** will host a series of town halls where local doctors respond to questions and concerns about COVID vaccines. All town halls start at 6:30 PM. More details at manitobavaccine.ca/townhall.
 - June 21: Morden/Winkler, Southern MB
 - June 22: Youth & parents
 - June 23: All Manitobans
 - June 24: Steinbach, Southeast MB

- **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

- **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).

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- 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! Click [here](#), visit mccmb.ca/GrowHope or call Simone at 204-261-6381 to find out how to get started.

Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org

- The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS and the Brethren Church formalize a partnership of caring, the last houses in the Land of Hope are dedicated, bringing to completion a three-year effort, and a mother of three, takes a moment to breathe in her new home, built by volunteers from MDS. Click this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3vwL5Qw>

Eden Health Care Services

- **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 October 6, 2021.