

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*

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**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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“Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”

~ Galatians 3:7-9

Sermon / Scripture: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Grace Harms
Music: Mixed Quartet **Sound Technicians:** Andrew Rempel, Ben Dueck

Our guiding scripture for today’s time of worship: **Genesis 12:1-9.**

Our worship service will be posted to abchurch.libsyn.com [Audio]
abchurchcommunity.ca [Video] first thing Sunday morning.

Children’s teaching will be posted to abchurchcommunity.ca first thing Sunday morning. This week’s teacher is Cheryl Harder.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre; Agatha Kehler and Waldo Schulz at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **Blessings and Happy 70th Anniversary** wishes to Lena & Albert Hoffman. They were married on June 22, 1950.
- ~ **The Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM)** Board has appointed Michael Pahl as the next Executive Minister of MCM. Michael is currently Lead Pastor of Morden Mennonite Church and will begin his new role in January 2021. Let us pray in gratitude for God’s leading in this process and for Michael, MCM staff, and congregations in this time of transition.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Please pray for peace in Palestine and Israel in the coming days, when Israel’s government has announced it will begin annexing significant parts of the Palestinian territory of the West Bank. The Palestinian people, including Christian partners of Mennonite organizations, are concerned that this violation of international law will further deepen the dire human rights abuses, land expropriation, and economic injustice they have experienced under Israeli military occupation since 1967. Pray for Israelis, Palestinians and advocates around the world who are promoting a durable and just peace, with equal rights and dignity for Israelis and Palestinians alike, using what Palestinian Christians call “the logic of love.” - Mennonite Church Canada and MCM Palestine & Israel Network

From the Pastor – Josh Janzen

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly created an interesting start to Steph and I's marriage! We have spent the last couple months living out of our suitcases and spending a week at a time at each of our parents. While we are absolutely grateful for all that our parents have done for us, we really would like to be back in our home in Altona.

While the border is still closed, based on research and conversations with the CBSA, Steph and I believe that we have a good case to cross. On Saturday, June 27, we will make the drive to the border in a U-Haul with the rest of our stuff and our wedding gifts, and attempt to cross the border. The church has provided us with various evidence which shows that we are already established in Canada and that our travel is non-discretionary. We believe we can get across, but the scary thing is that there is no guarantee, and it is really just up to the individual border officer we interact with, that determines if we will be allowed to enter Canada.

Assuming that we are able to cross the border, we will travel directly to our home, unload the U-Haul, and begin our quarantine period. Please pray for us in the coming days as we hope and trust that we will be able to come home to Altona.

Sr & Jr YOUTH

- **June 21** – ZOOM Youth Group wrap-up.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today**, we kick off our summer with a 4-week sermon series on Abraham, an amazing man of faith. We will look at his call, conflicts, and covenant with God. This will be a time to dig deeper into who Abraham was and what his story can teach us about God and our call to faithfulness.
- **Tuesday 10am Coffee is back** - 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. If the weather is questionable, call the church office on Tuesday morning to see if coffee is still on.
- **The church continues** to operate and strives to meet its financial obligations. Please continue your giving by bringing your donation to the church between 9am and 3pm or mail it to the church: 117nd Street NW, Altona, MB R0G 0B1. Electronic Transfer is also available, to set this up call Don/Grace Fehr 324-5908.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You can now sign the Christian Religious Exercise [in schools] Petitions online. Please share the link with so that the required signatures can be attained quickly. Visit: form.jotform.com/201624320340034

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

- **June 21** - Springridge Mennonite Church in Pincher Creek, Alberta will share their worship service with our nationwide community of faith. We welcome you to reflect with us on how the gifts of each of our members are needed to strengthen the body of Christ as a whole (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices
- **June 27, 11am [CST]** - Mennonite Church Canada AGM via Zoom If you are interested in attending Mennonite Church Canada's AGM, please e-mail your regional church communicator to register: dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom meeting link as well as a link to the financial documents.
- Help match Mennonite Church 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

- **June 24, 7:30pm** - Celebrate the virtual grand opening of the MCC 100 Years Exhibit at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum. This ticket-only event will take place online. Tickets are \$25 by calling the MHV office at 204-326-9661. For more info visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-100-years-exhibit.
- **June 25, 7-9pm** – MCC Annual General Meeting - Join us online to hear reporting on the work and growth of MCC Manitoba and learn about MCC's COVID-19 response. For more info visit mccmb.ca/agm.
- **Introducing GO! 100!** Complete 100 of anything between now and July 27th, raise funds and celebrate MCC's 100th birthday with us. Many MCC events and fundraisers have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. However, as risks continue to grow among vulnerable communities, support remains essential. Visit: mccmb.ca/go-100.

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