

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*

*June 7, 2020*

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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*“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world  
and all who live in it” ~ Psalm 24: 1*

**Sharing:** Frank Kehler, Elsie Letkeman, Joyce Loewen

**Worship Leaders:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck, Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

**Music:** Bryan Moyer-Suderman, Kim Thiessen, Steve Bell,  
Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship

**Scripture Reader:** Josh Janzen **Children’s Story:** Andrew & Stephanie Rempel

**Sound Techs:** Andrew Rempel, Ben Dueck

Our guiding scripture for today’s time of worship: **Psalm 104.**

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

Sharing Time: Sunday 11:00 AM via ZOOM.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461810280>.



**Church  
Picnic**

**PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre and Waldo Schulz at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

~ **Mennonite Church Canada**

Join George Veith *Witness* worker in China, in prayers of thanksgiving for the good connections small groups in China are making through Chinese colleague Pastor Yin Hongtao from Mennonite Partners in China. These groups describe their study of Anabaptist writing as a “coming home to a faith tradition we didn’t know existed”. They are excited to be connected to Mennonites worldwide to learn together what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus in the 21st century.

This past week our Gr 3 Sunday school students were each presented with a Bible on behalf of the ABC church family. This year our grade 3's are:

*Julia Wiens*

*Lyla Smith*

*Sophia Friesen-Stoesz*

*Wyatt Dueck Enns*

## **From the Pastor** – Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

This past week and a half I have been watching the news a lot. And what I have seen has been heartbreaking. The murder of an unarmed black man, and peaceful protesters attacked with violence. Unspeakable violence. Unimaginable hate and incomprehensible actions.

From my vantage point in Altona I cannot understand the issues that have brought us to this point, I do not comprehend the history of pain that has been experienced by so many, nor the sense of helplessness that has accompanied that pain.

I am left feeling overwhelmed by the immensity of the problems and uncertain how to respond or even react. These issues are bigger than any simple answer—injustice and racism usually are. The clearest message that I have received is that I need to learn more. I need to learn more about what is going on and why, I need to learn more about the history that preceded these events, I need to learn more about my role in that history and how I have benefited from it. And I need to learn more about what I can be doing to help bring God's justice and God's peace to our hurting world.

How or what this learning will look like I still don't know, maybe a book study? But I need other people to join me. I need other people to help me along the way, to keep me motivated and accountable. I need other people who are interested in how we as Christians can respond, to join me in this journey of learning, so that together we can work at building up the kingdom of God. If you would like to join me in this journey please let me know.

## **Sr & Jr YOUTH**

- **June 7, 7pm** - Zoom Bible study: Biblical Justice.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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**

**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** – [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) 327-5891

- **June 7, 7:30pm - Sangerfest** – a virtual celebration of our students through song, art, & conversation. Join us on [MCI's YouTube channel](#) .

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **Nationwide Call to Prayer**. MCM with Mennonite Church Canada, is asking all congregations to set aside a specific time of prayer on Sunday, June 7, to join churches in Mennonite Church USA as they lament the injustice and violence suffered by people of colour in the U.S. Go to [the article on the MCM website](#) to read more... or ... [Read the letter and prayer resources here](#) .

**Mennonite Church Canada** – [office@mennochurch.ca](mailto:office@mennochurch.ca) 888-6781

- **June 7** - Join Avon Mennonite Church in Stratford, Ontario. Speaker: Troy Watson. Message: "Lighten Up". Scripture: Luke 11:33-36 and Matthew 5:14-16. [www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices)

**Canadian Mennonite University** – [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

- **June 17, 7pm** - This year's Canadian School of Peacebuilding public lecture *The Myth of Religious Violence* by Dr. William Cavanaugh, Prof at DePaul University, will be delivered online. [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events)
- **CMU Golf Classic: COVID Cup Edition**, invites golfers anywhere to register a round of golf in support of CMU at a course and time they choose. Details at [cmu.ca/golf](http://cmu.ca/golf) .

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [Manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:Manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- Join **Grow Hope** today and help provide food for vulnerable communities whose needs are more pronounced during COVID-19. Find 3 people to sponsor a 1/3 acre at \$100 and watch your donation grow! Learn more at [mcccanada.ca/learn/more/grow-hope](http://mcccanada.ca/learn/more/grow-hope).
- For some, home isn't a safe place to be. Join Jaymie Friesen, MCC Manitoba's abuse response and prevention coordinator as she speaks about how COVID-19 and living in an environment of abuse play out during a pandemic. Listen to the interview with Jaymie and learn how you can help at [mccmb.ca/Threads](http://mccmb.ca/Threads).

**Mennonite Disaster Service**

- MDS has launched *On the Level*, a monthly online newsletter to inform and inspire you! In our current issue, you'll read how MDS volunteers helped a victim of multiple disasters return home even after closing down the project. You can also learn how special funds are helping Mennonite churches in the U.S. and Canada keep their doors open. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/2LGvidw>.

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