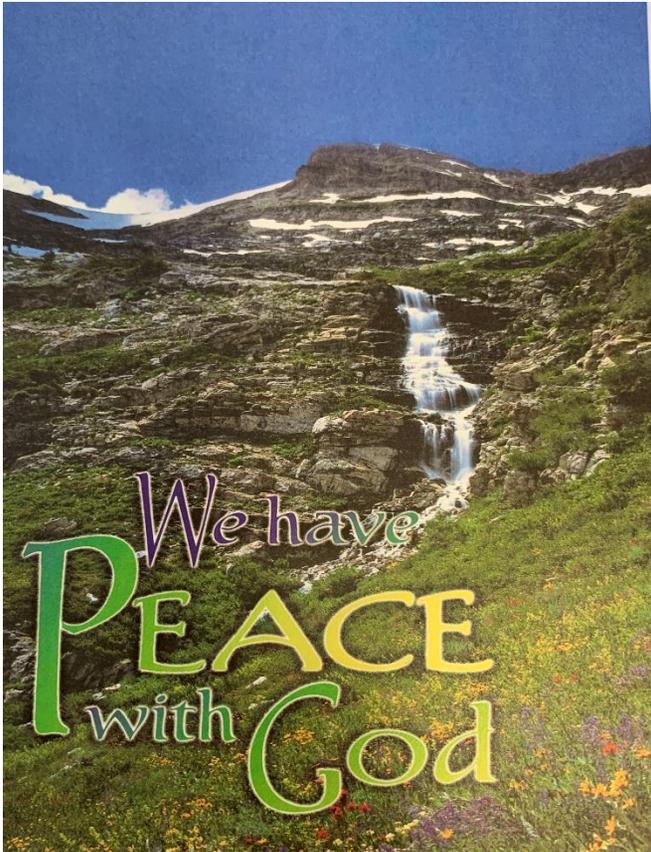


*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



*Sunday, November 14, 2021*

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona*

*WORSHIP SERVICE*

*November 14, 2021 10:30 A.M.*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God."  
~ Matthew 5: 9*

**GATHERING and PRAISE**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Music **Christ Is Our Cornerstone** VT 4  
Call to Worship and Prayer

**LISTENING**

Music **Make me a channel of your peace** STJ 56  
Children's Story  
Scripture **Luke 14: 7-24**  
Sermon **"Peace at the table"**

**RESPONDING**

Music **You've got a place** STJ 4  
Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

**SENDING**

Benediction  
Sending Song **The peace of the earth be with you** STJ 77

**Sermon:** Josh Janzen **Worship Leader:** James Friesen

**Scripture:** Joyce Falk **Music:** ABC Ensemble

**Children's Story:** Laurie Enns

### **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Harold Sawatzky and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Serving,** on behalf of ABC, at Eastview and Gardens On Tenth this morning are Hilda Franz and Sarah Dueck.
- ~ **World/Home Ministries Commission sends a big thank you** to all who participated in the drive-by Soup & Dessert Fundraising supper on October 28. Thank you for the generous donations, the products that were donated, and the help with prep and serving. Net proceeds of \$6850.84 will benefit MCC Urgent Relief, Camps With Meaning, and Eden Foundation.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**  
**Please pray** for the small groups of Anabaptist believers in China as they develop leadership training and reach out to their neighbours. Praise God for these believers' quiet witness of faithful living.

### **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

Nov 21 ~ Memorial Sunday. Speaker: Virginia  
Nov 28 ~ First Advent. Speaker: Mark

#### **Sr Youth**

- **Nov 16 [Tues] 7-9pm** – Waitlisted week 2.

#### **Jr Youth**

- **Nov 17 [Wed], 7-9pm** – Waitlisted week 2.

#### **Ventures: [Wednesdays]**

- **Girls Ventures 7-8:15pm** -
- **Boys Ventures 7-8:15pm** -

### **FROM the PASTOR** – Josh Janzen

I recently read an article by Danilo Sanchez reflecting on how the world of youth ministry has been affected by COVID. Like many of us, he had to cancel plans and events with the assumption that it would just be a month or two before we got back to life as normal. Instead, for all of us, but especially our youth, the pandemic has given us challenges and opportunities. For our youth and young adults, they've had to learn how to grieve the loss of significant moments in life. Sports, concerts, recitals, graduation, and starting university, have all been affected. Another challenge has been that of social media, with the increase in spending our time on technology, social media is in a unique place to try and tell us who we are. And yet, in the midst of turmoil of this pandemic, we are seeing youth and young adults who are engaged and passionate, giving voice to the need for racial justice and environmental care. As Sanchez puts it, the pandemic has not tempered the passion of our youth.

An ongoing question for me and for all of us as adults is and should be how we invite and build the next generations as faithful disciples and find faithful ways for youth and young adults to unleash the passion that the Holy Spirit has given them out into the world. Sanchez reflects that as our lives have been disrupted, the hope is that we learn something about ourselves and something about God. Youth and young adults need adults who are not afraid to express their emotions publicly, model deep relationships with Jesus, who create healthy boundaries with social media and keep their identities rooted in God's love. They need parents, pastors, teachers, neighbors, coaches, elders, grandmas and grandpas who are not afraid of how the Holy Spirit is inviting them and us to be active in this world. We all need a community that reminds each other of how the Holy Spirit has brought us through the wilderness thus far and will continue to carry us through.

**Our worship service** will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30am and is available on the church website at [[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)]. If using a handheld device [phone/tablet] you may get a message that says "*video unavailable*", but if you click on the line "watch this video on YouTube" it will reload and play for you.

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Children's Ministry Coordinator: Amanda Wiens, 324-6719 [amandaw@abchurch.ca](mailto:amandaw@abchurch.ca)

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Next Sunday, Nov 21**, is Memorial Sunday. We will be remembering and honouring people from our church community who have died in the past year.
- **The review process** for Pastor Mark includes a review survey as well as a vote for this first term. **The results of the survey and the vote will happen after the worship service on Sunday, Nov 28. The deadline for the surveys to handed in is today [Nov 14].**
- **Nov 28, 1pm - ABC Fall Congregational meeting.**
- **The pastors vacation time in November:** Mark and Virginia will be back in the office Nov 15; Josh will be away Nov 19-26. If you need to be in touch with a pastor, please reach out to Josh (either Mark or Virginia will be available to assist in the event of a funeral or crisis situation if required).
- **We request that people wear masks throughout the worship service. Thank you for doing your part to ensure we follow public health guidelines**

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund** is now accepting referrals for Christmas Hampers. Referrals can be called in to 204-324-7167. When calling in referrals please have the following information: name of referral, number of children in the family with age and gender of child, physical address, mailing address and phone number. Deadline for referrals is noon on Dec 10. Note: the referrals must live in the R.M. of Rhineland. Due to current social distancing, we will again not require any volunteers for wrapping/packing or delivery. Many people have reached out with a helping hand over the years with the RESF, and we sincerely "Thank You". If you would like to be a part of this mission, donations can be hand delivered to Pembina Valley Pharmacy, Access Credit Union [Gretna, Altona or Plum Coulee] or by mailing the donation to Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund, Box 2255, Altona, MB R0G 0B0.

**Mennonite Church Canada** – [office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca](mailto:office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca)

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** – [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca) 204-896-1616

- **Nov 14, 7pm - Break the Bank-uet 2.** Camps with Meaning Online Fundraising Event. Join camp staff for music, updates, a celebration of Summer 2021 ministry, and breaking the bank. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet)
- **Nov 18, 7pm - Resilience and hope** in Latin America. Join MCC area directors Cesar Flores and Lizette Miranda for a webinar. They will share an update on creative relief responses to the August earthquake in Haiti, as well as stories of hope, resilience and faith in local communities. For more information click [here](#) or visit [mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series).

- **Dec 4, 1-4pm - Prepare the Way! Advent Afternoon** at Assiniboia. You are invited to bring your friends and family to Camp Assiniboia for an afternoon of harp music, singing, drama, and more.

- **MC Manitoba** invites applications for the full-time "Director of Mission Engagement" position. Visit [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/get-involved](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/get-involved)
- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for a permanent position at Camp Assiniboia. Head of Maintenance. Find the job description on the Camps with Meaning website [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org). We found a Food Services Coordinator!! Thanks for your prayers and concern.

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

- **Consider CMU:** A small university making a big difference! Sign up for our Nov 24 virtual open house or our Nov 26 campus visit day! Visit [cmu.ca/experience](http://cmu.ca/experience) for info and to register. Apply for fall 2022 classes before Nov 30 and your application fee is waived!
- **Nov 17, 6pm - Science at CMU information webinar.** Why study science at CMU? This webinar will provide info about pre-requisites, opportunities for research and fieldwork, and what you can expect from a science degree at CMU. Register at [cmu.ca/webinar](http://cmu.ca/webinar).
- **Nov 18, 7pm** - Graduate School of Theology and Ministry webinar. Expand your horizons for learning, vocation, and leadership. For more info and to register, visit [cmu.ca/gstm](http://cmu.ca/gstm).
- **Nov 19, 7pm** - *Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence* opens at the MHC Gallery, both in person and online. Register at [cmu.ca/gallery/breakingthesilence](http://cmu.ca/gallery/breakingthesilence).

**MCC Manitoba** - [manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- **Delight** your loved ones this Christmas by sharing God's love on a global scale. Open up conversations about generosity with your kids using free MCC worksheets, activity ideas and crafts, available [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/kids-learning-about-generosity](http://mccmb.ca/kids-learning-about-generosity). And shop our Christmas Giving catalogue [here](#) or visit [mccmb.ca/christmas](http://mccmb.ca/christmas).
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- **Nov 27, 9-4** - Christmas Craft and Quilt Sale for MCC at Bethel Mennonite Church, 465 Stafford St, Winnipeg.
- **MCC Canada** is looking for [Receptionist and Administrative Assistant - International Program](#). For more information, visit [mccmb.ca/openings](http://mccmb.ca/openings).