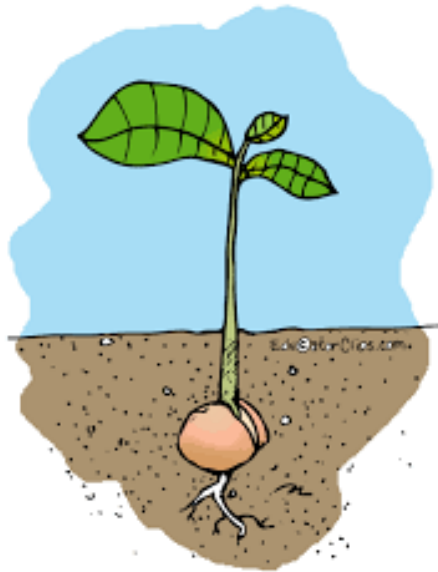


*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, April 11, 2021

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 18, 2021

*“All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk,
then the head, then the full kernel in the head.”
~ Mark 4: 28*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Here by the water**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Music

Circle of God's people

Children's Story

Scripture

Mark 4: 26-29, 1 Corinthians 3: 5-17

Sermon

“Church: from institution to movement”

RESPONDING

Music

You're not alone

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Music

Could it be that God is singing

Benediction

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Josh Janzen

Children's Story: Delores Enns **Scripture Reader:** Erin Hamm

Music Recorded Artists: Steve Bell, Camps With Meaning, Brian Moyer Suderman

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 and Harold Sawatzky at Altona Health Centre; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Congratulations to** Josh & Alyssa Neufeld on the birth of a son. Oliver Dennis Neufeld was born April 8, and is a grandson for Rick & Caroline Neufeld, and a great grandchild for Nettie Neufeld, all of Altona.
- ~ **Excited parents,** Adam and Andriana Hildebrandt would like to announce the safe arrival of their son, born April 13, 2021, weighing 8 lbs even, 20" long, and his name is Mateo Jacob. Proud grandparents are Harve & Joyce Hildebrandt and George & Irene Chuchman.
- ~ **Thank you** to Imy Rempel for the ongoing communion table displays, and especially the Lent and Easter displays.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: China Witness workers to return to Canada - After 30 years of service in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China, George and Tobia Veith will return to Canada this summer. Pray for them as they adjust to this shift in their lives and ministry. Pray for their family in Canada and colleagues in China and for the changes this will cause in their lives.

Witness worker Bock Ki Kim, together with others in the Chuncheon Community Peace Center, has been invited to visit all 17 school boards in the area to talk about restorative justice/education with committees involved with student violence and conflict. Pray for Bock Ki as he does this training every Thursday and Friday until the end of May.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Over the next few week's, we'll be continuing our sermon series "Church: Back to the Future".

April 25	Mark Tiessen-Dyck
May 2	Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
May 9	Josh Janzen
May 16	Mark Tiessen-Dyck

FROM the PASTOR: Josh Janzen

Last week, a competition began between the ABC Junior and Senior Youth groups. Their challenge: to do as many acts of random kindness as possible over the next two months. The stakes: at the end of the challenge, the youth group with the most acts of kindness recorded will be able to choose one of three options:

- 1) Throw a pie in my face
- 2) Make me eat something super gross and/or spicy
- 3) Buy me a ridiculous outfit [within reason] from MCC that I must wear the next time I preach.

The challenge runs from Friday, April 9th to Wednesday, June 2nd where the winning group will be announced at a joint Junior/Senior movie night. This is an opportunity to spread a whole lot of love and kindness in our world, something that is especially needed in the pandemic. Any Junior High or Senior High youth are able to pitch in and help do the most acts of kindness for the group. To parents, grandparents, and the whole church family, if you really want one of these three things to happen to me in June, help out your youth! Look for ways to live out acts of kindness together! Let's be a witness to God's reign and goodness throughout our community and spread some kindness.

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Jr Youth

- April 20, 7pm – Games night.

Sr Youth

- April 21, 7pm – Games night.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Hurray! Sunday school started again last Sunday!** We are so excited that our Sunday school ministry can once again meet in person. Your continued support and encouragement for those involved in this ministry is welcomed and greatly appreciated.
- **Tuesday morning coffee** – join us at 10am via ZOOM.
- **The next few weeks**, we will show a video report, just prior to our 10:30am worship service, from the MCM Annual Gathering held on March 6. This week will feature a report from Mission Ministries by Dorothy Fontaine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xHeWAm84XA>

Please consider filling one of these vacant Commission positions:

Church Council Vice-Chair	- 1 for a 2-year term
Church Council Member at Large	- 1 for a 2-year term
Personnel Commission	- 2 for a 3-year term
Education Commission	- 2 for a 3-year term
Finance Commission	- 1 for a 3-year term
Worship & Music Commission	- 1 for a 3-year term
Home Ministries Commission	- 2 for a 3-year term
World Ministries Commission	- 2 for a 3-year term

To volunteer to serve the church in this capacity contact Byron Loeppky or Stephanie Friesen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Apr 29, 5-7pm** – Gardens **On Tenth 'Drive-thru' Mexican Fundraising Fiesta** 'hot & ready to eat' supper. See poster in the church foyer.
- **Mennonite Church Manitoba** – mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616
- **Campers** are registering for summer camps and this means we need staff and volunteers! Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers needed for 1-day pop-up camps and week-long day camps. Head to www.campswithmeaning.org Summer
- **Do you know** a university student who is still deciding where to live in Winnipeg this summer or in the fall? Emmaus House has openings for summer/fall 2021. It is a place that immediately feels like home and where you'll find good food, friends, and lots of laughter. Check it out at www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca or call 204-272-9191- Rod or Susan.
- **MCM invites** applications for the position of 0.5FTE Director of Church Engagement. For info: mennochurch.mb.ca/news or contact office@mennochurch.mb.ca.
- **Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – manitoba@mccmb.ca
- **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 by [clicking here](#).

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Apr 21, 4pm - CMU's next webinar** is focused on *Living & Thriving on Campus*. A CMU learning experience is characterized by high quality academics, vibrant campus life, and a strong sense of community. CMU's residence program touches all of these areas and offers great advantages for students. In this webinar, meet CMU's Residence Director, tour the dormitory, hear from students who live on campus, and learn about fall 2021 plans for residence life. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.
- **Apr 22, 6:30pm Virtual Book Launch** at CommonWord - Join a Zoom book-launch and conversation with Lori Guenther Reesor about her book, *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peace Blossom Church*. Lori, a veteran of church basement conversations, is inspired by the faithful donors she has met in her research and consulting practice. This conversation will help congregations talk about money. Register at www.commonword.ca/go/2328. Borrow or buy the book at www.commonword.ca/go/2327.
- **CMU** is offering one week intensive course options through the spring including, *Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices*; *New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective*; *Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality*; *Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective* and *Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding*. **All courses are available in hybrid format** – both in person and online. Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit! Go to www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses for more information and to register.