

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, November 15, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

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WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Worship Leader & Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Steve Bell, Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship **Children's Story:** Laurie Enns

“But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.” ~ 1 Corinthians 12:24-27

Our guiding scripture for today's time of worship: **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

The sermon title: **“Sharing the Struggle as Christ's Body”**.

The children's story video will be part of the worship service.

Our worship service will be available on the church website Sunday morning [abchurchcommunity.ca] at 10:30am.

Next Sunday, November 22, is Memorial Sunday. We will be remembering and honouring people from our church community who have died in the past year.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Elizabeth Doell, Waldo Schulz and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **This Sunday in our “Moment in Mission”** we hear from Jake Enns and the Rhineland Area Food Bank. The Food Bank has made a difference for many people in our local community over the years. You can watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/ByX5oi5Zxkc>
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:** Please remember Palestinian farmers in the midst of this year's olive harvest, normally festive time, who face the twin challenges of COVID-19 and harassment by Israeli soldiers and settlers. To learn more about the importance of the olive harvest for a just peace in Palestine, visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/olive-harvest-initiative>. For Christmas gift-giving, consider purchasing fair-trade West Bank olive oil products through [Zatoun](http://Zatoun.com). (from Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network).

Jr Youth

- **Nov 17, 7pm** – Squad-up week 4 on ZOOM!

Sr Youth

- **Nov 20, 7pm** – Squad-up week 4 on ZOOM!

Ventures - Wednesdays 7:8:15pm.

- **Girls:** Canceled till further notice.

From the Pastor: Josh Janzen

“Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.” Matthew 5:9 [CEB]

As we celebrate Peace Sunday this week, I wanted to reflect on the Beatitude that has called us to make peace. We might often think of making peace as simply ending conflicts. But the Greek word for peace, *Eirene*, and its Hebrew counterpart, *Shalom*, offer something vastly different. These words for God’s peace offer visions of whole and healed relationships: between us and God, between us and the other, between us and the entirety of creation. True peace, God’s peace, isn’t just the absence of violence or conflict. Rather, the peace Jesus has called us to make is a peace that seeks for relationships to flourish and thrive. True peace is attentive to our relationship with God, loves our neighbor, and actively seeks justice for the widow, the orphan, the alien, and the oppressed. Peace then isn’t just about making nice with each other and smoothing over the conflicts that come up. Peace is joining in on what God is already doing in this world, that God’s kingdom come, and that God’s will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. As we live in this season of uncertainty and anxiety, let us be makers of God’s peace.

WORSHIP CALENDAR:

Nov 22 Memorial Sunday

Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent & Communion

Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent

CODE RED updates for ABC: - Masks required

Sunday School and Ventures are on pause

Coffee Time and Book Study are on pause

Youth is switched to online

Meetings are switching to online

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The pastors** will be working from home during critical code red. You are welcome to be in touch by phone or email. Susan will be in the office so you are also welcome to call the church. The facility will be closed to visitors during the critical code red period.
- **Nov 23, 7pm** – **ABC Fall Meeting.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mennonite Church Manitoba – mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616

- Due to the latest provincial restrictions on COVID 19, Camp Assiniboia will be closed until further notice. Sunday afternoon trail walks will resume when these restrictions are lifted.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Nov 21, 7pm** - Join us for a virtual MCC Centennial Celebration. Sign up for this event at <https://mcccanada.ca/centennial/celebration-rsvp>
- **Christmas** Giving guides, gift inserts and greeting cards are available by pre-order only. Request copies to be mailed to you or arrange a safe pick-up - 204-261-6381 or manitoba@mccmb.ca.
- **University** students, curious about how MCC advocates to the Canadian government? Learn about MCC Ottawa and how we are reshaping Canadian aid policy to create lasting change. Learn more and apply at mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar
- **Give** the perfect Christmas gift this season. Choose a goat, solar lanterns or a brood of chicks. Chickens provide eggs, meat and can boost income for families around the world. Purchase your Christmas Giving gift at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.
- **The** Christmas Craft and Bake Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19 limitations. If you have questions about supporting MCC’s Material Resources work call 204-261-6381 or MaterialResources@mccmb.ca.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **CommonWord remains open** to the public during Code Red / call us (204-594-0527) to enter the store from 9am– 5pm, Mon-Fri.
- **CMU** remains **VIRTUALLY OPEN** to all prospective students. Any student who applies by Nov 30 will have the \$80 application fee waived! Sign up for an **Individual Virtual Visit** and a conversation with an Admissions Counsellor at enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/virtual_visits or choose to be part of CMU’s next **Virtual Campus Visit Day** on Friday, Nov 27, 4-5:00pm. Register for this & other dates www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse.

Mennonite Disaster Service

- MDS is now accepting volunteers for fall/winter projects.