

# *Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona*

## *WORSHIP SERVICE*

*May 16, 2021*

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*

*“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.” ~ John 17: 18-19*



*Sunday, May 16, 2021*

### **GATHERING and PRAISE**

Welcome and Announcements

Music **This Ground**

Call to Worship and Prayer

### **LISTENING**

Music **God of Wonders**

Children's Story

Scripture **John 17: 6-19**

Sermon **“Are you in or out?”**

### **RESPONDING**

Music **Changes**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

### **SENDING**

Benediction

Music **You Shall Go Out with Joy**

**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

**Children's Story:** Amanda Wiens **Scripture Reader:** Elaine Friesen

**Music:** Camps with Meaning, Calvary Community Church Worship Team,  
Steve Bell, Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship

**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, Harold Sawatzky at Altona Health Centre; Linda Braun at BTHC, Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital, and Gloria Voth in St Boniface Hospital.
- ~ **Let's** join in prayer for Alfred and Iris Klippenstein. Iris has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that has spread to the liver. May God grant comfort and peace to Alfred and Iris during this difficult time.
- ~ **Helen Braun** of our Church family, passed away May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life, and pray for her husband Menno and family, and the extended family. A private service was held at the Altona Cemetery.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada / Manitoba**  
**Pray:** Dann and Joji Pantoja, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in the Philippines, wish to be acknowledged as Lakan Sumulong and Lakambini Mapayapa, names given to them by Tagalog elders.  
[Read more.](#)  
**Donors raise funds for dehydrator for Coffee for Peace -** Praise God for the generosity of Canadian donors which enabled Coffee for Peace in Mindanao, Philippines, to purchase a dehydrator to dry surplus vegetables grown by their coffee producers, and to make cascara tea out of coffee pulp waste. Witness worker Lakambini Mapayapa (Joji Pantoja) gives leadership to this social enterprise that supports the work of PeaceBuilders Community, Inc., in several areas of the Philippines.

## **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

May 23	Pentecost & Communion
May 30	Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
June 6	Gr 3 Bibles / "Church Picnic"

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## **FROM the PASTOR:** Josh Janzen

In the absence of West Park School's clean-a-thon this year, this past Wednesday, the ABC Youth Ministry joined with other churches in town to lead a town wide clean-up. After so much planning and uncertainty with how to do such an event safely and within the provincial health guidelines, it was so amazing to see it all come together! In total we had 44 people serve with us. That's youth, parents, older and younger siblings, and adults from the congregation all lending a hand to serve and care for Creation and our community. That's something to celebrate! But the opportunity to make an impact isn't over yet! One of the biggest parts of West Park's Clean-a-thon has been the fundraiser for Blue Sky Opportunities. While the Junior and Senior youth won't be going door-to-door, there is still an opportunity to donate to and support the awesome work BSO does! You can donate directly to Blue Sky Opportunities at: <https://www.blueskyopp.com/>

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## **Sr & Jr Youth**

- May 18 – 21 - Family conversations: The Bible project.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **It's time** to renew your **REJOICE** devotional subscription. If you wish to subscribe or renew, please call the church office. Subscription price \$47.82 [PST and GST included]. Deadline is May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **We are looking for** people to choose music recordings for our online worship services. If you enjoy listening to hymns online at your leisure or would like to help us out in some way, please contact Delores Enns.
- **Tuesday morning coffee** – join us at 10am via ZOOM.
- **Bursary Fund** – for members or immediate family of A.B.C. If you are planning to attend a post-secondary institution for religious studies during the next school year, 2021-2022, you may pick up an application form at the church office. Deadline to return your application: May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- **Everyone** who is a part of a Mennonite Church Manitoba congregation is invited to participate in online Gratitude Groups. These groups will run every second week for 6-8 sessions of about 40 minutes each in length over Zoom. We will spend time each session reflecting on what we are grateful for. For more information and to sign up, click here: <https://butterflyjourneys.ca/spiritual-director-in-residence-mcm/gratitude-groups/> These groups will be led by Laura Funk, Spiritual Director in Residence for MCM.

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

- **June 2, 6pm** - A conversation online about the short film streaming on Netflix, *The Present*. Join guest moderators Izzeddin Hawamda and Frances Ravinsky for a discussion on Palestinian and Israeli experiences as depicted in the film, and its potential in the context of peacebuilding. Watch the film beforehand. Click [here](#) to register or [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events).
- **June 3, 7pm** - online book launch for *Germinating Conversations*. Join book participants and speakers as they launch an exciting new book on how to have difficult conversations through the lenses of food, faith, farming and the land. To register click [here](#) or visit [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events).
- **May 26, 7pm** - Hear stories from MCC projects around the world through our webinar series 'The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration and Human Dignity'. Learn how MCC understands different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Register [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series).
- **Students**, you could earn \$1,000 toward your ongoing studies. MCC Manitoba is awarding five scholarships to students working toward post-secondary degrees that align with MCC's focus areas. Learn more [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/studentawards](http://mccmb.ca/studentawards).

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

- **May 19, 4pm** - CMU Admissions Webinar: Money Matters Discover different ways CMU can help new students find financial assistance to pay tuition and other university costs. More information and registration at [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar).
- **CMU** is looking for a Donor and Alumni Relations Associate who will champion the capacity of students to change the world by building connections with individuals and groups within and beyond the university's support network. Visit [www.cmu.ca/employment](http://www.cmu.ca/employment).
- **CMU Fall Planning:** For the upcoming school year, starting September 2021, CMU is planning for primarily in-person classes, with some accommodation via hybrid/online formats where needed. CMU is following all guidelines put forth by Manitoba Health. Check out more details on fall plans at [media.cmu.ca/news-release-fall-2021-plans](http://media.cmu.ca/news-release-fall-2021-plans).
- **June 15 - 20<sup>th</sup> annual CMU Golf Classic:** Join us at CMU's annual golf fundraiser in support of student athletes and student financial aid at Kingswood Golf & Country Club. Visit [www.cmu.ca/golf](http://www.cmu.ca/golf) to register or become a sponsor.

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

- **May 10-31, 7pm** - Join us online for our **Spring Fundraising Series!** We will be airing a new episode of "Owen & Jewel @ 7pm every Monday night. You're in for some laughs, music, art, and an auction that you won't want to miss! Tune in on MCI's Youtube Channel or MCIBlues.net. Watch Episode 1 now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZE5bqGmUU&t=1s>
- **June 6, 11am - MCI Saengerfest** - For decades, MCI's Sangerfest has been a celebration of the end of another year, the culmination of all the work put into the year. This year, we're bringing it to your living room. Head over to our YouTube channel, and be sure to set your reminder for June 6 @ 11 am CST. MCI will also be holding a bun drive-thru on campus on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 pm to add to your Saengerfest faspas at home. E-mail [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) to pre-order your buns.