

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, October 11, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

October 11, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leader: Josh Janzen

Music: Recorded – Faith & Life Male Choir / Fred Penner

Children's Story: Amanda Wiens via video

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ... and with
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual
songs to God” ~ Col 3: 16 a, c*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music

Come we that love the Lord

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Moment in Mission Video / The Lord's Prayer

Music

True Evangelical Faith

Children's Story

Scripture

Ephesians 5: 15-20

Sermon

“Living our thanks”

RESPONDING

Music

Only a breath

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music

He never failed me yet

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Marge Schellenberg, Waldo Schulz, and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Mary Voth** a member of our Church family, passed away October 7. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life, and pray for Gerald & Glenys Voth, Riana Voth, Rose Braun, families and the extended family. A funeral at the graveside will be held this afternoon [Oct 11].
- ~ **Congratulations to** new grandparents Leroy & Irene Friesen. Aurora Friesen was born Oct 6 to Mitchell Friesen and Kelly Pocket of Carman.
- ~ **This Sunday in our "Moment in Mission"**, we learn about the MCC 'Bucket of Thanks'. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R63_tPg900E
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Siaka Traoré, a church leader, pastor and church planter, is an integral bridge-builder in Mennonite Church Canada's longtime partnership with the Burkina Faso Mennonite Church. We recently received news that after suffering from typhoid fever, Siaka has tested positive for COVID-19. Please pray that through God's power, Siaka's body and spirit would successfully recover from the virus. Pray also for his family as they await test results

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Hopeful Answers to Hard Questions

- Sept 13: What will Covid mean for the Church?
(available on the church website)
- Sept 20: How do we respond when a loved one chooses a different path?
(available on the church website)
- Sept 27: Does God ever change? (available on the church website)
- Oct 4: Is Church irrelevant? Do we need it to be Christian?
Communion. (available on the church website)
- Oct 11: How can we be grateful when prayers are not answered?
- Oct 18: How can we share our faith?
- Oct 25: How do we integrate science with our faith? (and what if extraterrestrial life was discovered!?)

- **Access to the livestreaming** on Sunday mornings will be available from the Altona Bergthaler Church website [abchurchcommunity.ca]. The live stream will begin at 10:30am.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available in the foyer for ages 3 plus, and 7 plus. The children's story video will be posted to the Church website.

From the Pastor: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

In preparation for Sunday's sermon I spent a lot of time thinking about thankfulness and gratitude. I thought about this in the context of our lives and our world, in the midst of joys and celebrations as well as in pain and suffering (and Covid).

I have also been reflecting on how we share our thankfulness and gratitude. Sometimes when families gather for thanksgiving they go around and invite people to share one or two things that they are thankful for. When we have done this in my extended family, I have always appreciated it. It was a way for me to join in with other's thankfulness, but also, with family members I don't see as often, it gave me more insight into their lives.

This year some of our gatherings will look different due to Covid restrictions and precautions. My extended family will not be gathering at all because the majority of them are in Winnipeg. So, in the absence of family gatherings, or in addition to them, I invite you to share the things that you are thankful for with those around you. Invite them to join you in your thanks, and offer them a glimpse into what you are focusing on.

Jr Youth

- **Oct 13, 7-9pm** – Thanksgiving celebration.

Sr Youth

- **Oct 16, 7-9pm** – Prayer Walk.

VENTURES – Wednesdays 7:8:15pm.

- **Girls: Oct 14 [Wed]** - games to get to know each other and Jesus.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tuesday Coffee** - You are welcome to join the church staff for coffee in the library at 10am on Tuesdays.
- **Jr & Sr Youth Sponsors needed!** If you want to be a part of our Youth Ministry program, or have any questions, please contact Josh by phone 324-6717 or email joshj@abchurch.ca. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of the Youth Ministry Team!
- **Celebrating Thanksgiving at ABC in 2020** – This year our Thanksgiving celebration will consist of a 'Gift of a meal to the Community'. We are encouraged to participate with a monetary donation to the Rhineland Food Bank. Please make cheques payable to Altona Bergthaler Church – designation – Rhineland Food Bank.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Oct 13, 2-7pm** – Mobile Blood Donor clinic at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Main Floor Hall 227 10th Ave NW. Please call - 1-888-236-6238 for your appointment, - NO WALK INS please.
- **Oct 16, 8pm** - The global pandemic has forced the cancellation of many fundraising events, but also made food security a more pressing need around the world. Join '*Singing in the Grain*' for a virtual fundraising concert in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank partner, the Mennonite Central Committee, featuring The Quonset Brothers from Winkler, Corey Peters & Kristel Peters from Steinbach, and Steve Bell, Winnipeg. Join at www.foodgrainsbank.ca/singing.
- **Oct 22, 7pm - The Gardens on Tenth** Annual General Meeting in the Gardens MPR. Due to COVID-19 the meeting will be by invite only. ABC Board representatives, Albert Falk and Ben Dueck, will be looking for delegates to represent our church, so please talk to them if you are interested in attending.

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

- **Oct 25, 7pm** - Join us online for The Camps with Meaning "Break the Bank-uet" Fundraising Celebration, with musical guests Steve Bell, Fred Penner, Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg, and our camp staff. Enjoy visual updates from Camp Assiniboia and Camp Koinonia. Donate generously to keep the camping ministry flame burning. www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet

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

- **Oct 24 - MC Canada Study Conference.** Join us as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church still have Legs?", a study on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Register @ www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – Manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Bucket of Thanks** - Gather essential hygiene items for a relief kit, drop them off between Oct 15-17. Learn more or find the closest drop off location to you at mccmb.ca/Buckets-Thanks or call 204-261-6381.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **On this Thanksgiving Sunday** CMU expresses deep gratitude for the well-being and health of this bustling, in-person & virtual learning community. We are so grateful for safety, learning and growth during the first 6 weeks of classes. We're thankful for a broader church community that continues to undergird the mission of CMU to 'inspire and equip women and men for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society'. Thanks be to God.
- **Prospective Students** - Be part of a **Webinar Workshop [Oct 14, 6pm]** entitled '*It All Adds Up*'. Visit cmu.ca/webinar. Also, CMU's 1st **Campus Visit Day on Oct 23** - includes conversations with faculty and current students. This is an invaluable opportunity for students and parents to explore what CMU has to offer. Maximum six individuals, all masked, per group. Sign up for one of 5 two-hour slots through the day at cmu.ca/campus-visit-day-oct23.