

-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 10:30 am

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." - John 21:16

Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Hymn Holy Lord VT 314

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! VT 341

Offering The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock

Hearing God's Story

Children's story

Scripture John 21:15-25

Sermon On Mission with Jesus

Living in Faith

Hymn We Are One in the Spirit VT 387

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Who Are These VT 360

Sermon: Moses Falco **Children's Story:** Moses Falco

Worship Leading: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Hilda Franz, Terrell and Janna Wiebe, Al Friesen and Ang Loepky

Worship Calendar:

April 12. Speaker: Moses Falco, Mennonite Disaster Service

April 19. Speaker: Mark. Our worship service will include child dedication for Luca.

April 26. Speaker: Terrell

May 3. Speaker: Mark

May 10. Brunch Church

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:

Lisa Hiebert-Penner- April 12, Sarah Dueck- April 12,

Hazel Ginter- April 13, Andrew Rempel- April 14, Glenys Voth- April 15

Indigenous Relations: Pray for Water Protectors everywhere. A planned geological repository for nuclear waste storage in Ontario lies on the watersheds of the Rainy River and the Wabigoon River, which both flow to Lake Winnipeg. Free Grassy/Grassy Narrows Solidarity is leading the movement to protect the water, which means protecting all of us! The risk of nuclear waste storage might be out of sight but the dangers are extreme and irreversible. Take action by signing up for their newsletter and show up when and where we are invited.

<http://freegrassy.net/>

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

Sun. Apr. 12, 9:15 am: Sunday school for all ages. Moses Falco will speak on MDS during adult Sunday school.

Sun. Apr. 12, 10:30 am: Worship service

Tue. Apr. 14, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

Thur. April 16, 7 pm: Church council meeting.

Fri. April 17, 7 pm: Combined Youth - It's our overnight lock in at the church! Games, food, movies, activities, and maybe some sleep? See you there!!

From the Finance commission: ABC has completed the first quarter of its 2026 financial year. Our most recent financial profit/loss report includes the following financial highlights:

January, February, March: Revenue - \$81,453.18

Expenses - \$111,630.88 **Year to Date Shortfall** - \$30,177.70.

This is however an approximately \$30,000 improvement from 2025 and it should be noted that virtually all expenses are well within budgeted totals, and below 2025 comparative expenditures. Year to date expense totals also reflect the impact of our annual auditors fees (\$4461.90) and Insurance (\$22,414.00) It should also be noted that Sunday morning offering continues to track below 2025 donation totals. 2026 first quarter outreach commitments to MCM, MCC, MDS, Youth for Christ, Eden Mental Health, Gardens on Tenth Chaplaincy, and the Community Meal have also been met. Thank you for your continued support of ABC and our outreach. If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of your Finance Commission.

An updated Contact List is currently being worked on. If you have any changes to your contact information that has not been updated at the office, please let Ang at the office know.

As was announced in last week's bulletin the Terrell Wiebe Pastoral Review Committee has reviewed the surveys submitted and a congregational proposal has been prepared. This proposal is included in this week's bulletin (in place of "From the Pastor"). The next step is a formal congregational meeting and vote which will be held April 26 immediately following the morning church service. Allowances will also be made to accommodate advance voting with details to be supplied in next week's bulletin.

As a congregation we are exploring the idea of a Mennonite Disaster Service trip in 2027. For more information, see the "From the Pastor" in the March 22 bulletin. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please speak with Terrell in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are posters on the foyer bulletin board for more information and additional community announcements.

MCM: Welcome to the Banquet. Africa Worships Fundraising Evening - Celebrating our connection to Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission with guest speaker John Fumana, Director from Congo. Fundraiser with catered African traditional meal, music, and story telling. \$25. May 23, First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. AIMM is a Mennonite Church Canada Mission partner. More info and tickets at mennochurch.mb.ca/aimmfundraiser

MCC: Swing into action in support of MCC relief projects! Join us for MCC Manitoba's Golf Tournament on Wednesday, July 8 at Bridges Golf Course. Experience our Texas Scramble tournament featuring on-course challenges, complemented by a delicious BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/Golf to learn more and secure your spot today!

Cycle Clear Lake for clean water! Join us on Saturday, July 4 for a scenic trail ride through Riding Mountain National Park. Come for the day or camp for the weekend. mcc.org/Manitoba/CycleClearLake

-From the Review Committee-

The review was conducted in February and March 2026, upon Terrell's completion of three years as Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry at ABC.

Review Committee Members were: Laura Reimer (Chair), Andrew Rempel, Lisa Hiebert Penner, Elaine Friesen, and Mark Tiessen-Dyck

By the Numbers:

43 General Surveys (some represent 2 people)

9 Junior Youth Surveys

10 Senior Youth Surveys

The 3-year review of Pastor Terrell revealed widespread appreciation and positive feedback from the congregation. Respondents consistently praised Terrell's engaging and thought-provoking sermons, noting their relevance to daily life and spiritual growth. Many highlighted Terrell's innovative programs and activities, noting their relevance to the lives of today's youth. Terrell's dedication to mentoring and supporting young people was also frequently mentioned.

The review revealed some areas of further exploration for Terrell, and we engaged in fruitful conversations together around these.

Overall, the feedback indicates a high level of enthusiasm with Terrell's ministry and the positive impact on the church community and on the youth of the church. Members expressed strong support for Terrell to continue serving as the Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry here at ABC. Thank you to all who participated.

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