

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

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

Caroline Neufeld May 14, Rudy Martens May 17

Hospitalized: Hugo Voth & Milly Klassen at Health Sciences Centre

Our Condolences to Carol Bergman at the passing of her brother-in-law (Bill's brother) John Bergman on Monday, May 4 at HSC. The funeral will be held on Monday, May 11 @ 10:30 am at Altona EMMC.

Meal Train: A Meal Train has been set up for Wayne and Mary Anne Loepky to support them during Wayne's recovery following a recent surgery on his leg. Use the link below to sign up, or if you need assistance please call Ang at the church office.

<https://mealtrain.com/ded794>

Monthly update from Finance: As of the end of April, our income is \$107,851.23 compared with \$116,667.94 in 2025 with the bulk of that decrease in the Sunday morning offering category. Meanwhile, our 2026 expenses for the corresponding time period is \$132,235.35 compared with \$173,455.22 in 2025. This is resulting in a \$24,384.12 deficit net income year to date, compared with \$56,787.28 in 2025. Although still concerning, it represents a \$32,403.16 improvement from 2025. It should be noted that our bill payments are current and financial donations are up to date. Finance continues to be thankful for your contribution to the health of our church.

-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA- Sunday, May 10, 10:30 am

"Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken."

- Micah 4:4

Welcome to Church Brunch - A Tentative Schedule:

9:15: Brunch begins (it's a potluck so bring some food to share)

9:15-10:15: Visiting, eating and drinking coffee

10:15: Clearing tables

10:30: Worship (including coin offering and children's story)

10:45: Sharing from Esther Epp-Tiessen, followed by time for questions and an opportunity to respond

12:00: Farewell



We welcome **Esther Epp-Tiessen** who first travelled to the Middle East as a 19 year old. Since then she has been back several times, most recently last fall. A long time employee of Mennonite Central Committee, Esther continues to work for peace as a member of Mennonite Church Manitoba's Palestine-Israel Network and Canadian Friends of Sabeel.

Worship Leading: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Youth

Children's Story: Esther Epp-Tiessen

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

Sun. May 10, 9:15: Brunch Church

Sun May 10 : Terrell Wiebe along with Joyce Falk, Elfrieda Teichroeb, Margaret Klassen, Verna Heinrichs and Mary Anne Loepky serving at Eastview & GOT apartments

Tues. May 12, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff

Tues, May 12, 7-9pm Senior Youth - Can I ask that? When Christians do bad things

Thurs. May 14, 7:00-8:30 Junior Youth - Youth Talk Night: Where do I belong?

Worship Calendar:

Next Sunday we will begin a sermon series exploring the Gospel of Mark called: The Urgent Gospel of the Son of God.

May 17: Introduction to Mark and how to read a Gospel. Speaker: Mark.

May 24: The Identity and Authority of Jesus. (Our worship will include Communion as a Pentecost Celebration). Speaker: Terrell.

May 31: The Secret Kingdom of God (teachings and parables). Speaker: Mark.

June 7: The Victorious Kingdom of God (exorcisms and healings). Speaker: Mark.

June 14. Church Picnic. Worship led by the Youth Sunday school class.

June 21. The Upside-Down Kingdom of God and the Way of the Cross. Speaker: Terrell.

June 28. Resurrection and Fear: What's the deal with the ending of Mark? Speaker: Mark.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Theatre of the Beat is back with their new show Invisible Threads on May 23 at The Exchange. The show exposes our connections to hidden systems of forced labour, unsafe workplaces and human trafficking. The show starts at 7pm, but drop in at 5:30pm for a Clothing swap, and DIY Mending & Upcycling Workshop.

<https://theatreofthebeat.ca/invisiblethreads>

Serve at Camp This Summer: Health Officer Volunteers

Needed! Camps with Meaning is in need of Volunteer Health Officers—a practical and meaningful way to support campers, staff, and a life-giving week of camp ministry. Note changed requirements: In many cases, First Aid/CPR are all we need. We're especially hoping to fill key weeks at Assiniboia and Koinonia. Weeks we most need Health Officers: Assiniboia: June 1–5; June 8–12; Aug 3–7; Aug 9–14; Aug 16–22; Koinonia: July 12–17; Aug 3–7; Aug 9–15.

Visit www.campswithmeaning.org/staff for more on these openings, the requirements, and other volunteer positions.

FROM THE PEW- Janna Wiebe:

Early in the new year, Terrell and I were contacted by Camps with Meaning to see if we were interested in writing this summer's Bible curriculum for their summer camp programming. We said yes, and the next few months were a blur of study, research, meetings, graphic design, and skit writing. The theme we were given was *People of the Project: Everyday Faith*. It was up to us to come up with a memory verse and daily themes/lessons based on the verse we chose, as well as activities, devos and a visual. We ultimately went with the well-known passage from Micah 6:8 – "He has shown you, O people, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Our theme summary: "Disciples of Jesus are called to be people of the project. This calling is not based on our own merit but on an everyday faith of loving obedience. Loved and accepted just as we are, we are invited to partner with God through everyday faith by bringing God's kingdom of goodness to our world by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God."

We explore these themes through Bible stories as well as stories of other "people of the project" such as St. Francis of Assisi, Mr. Rogers, Dirk Willems and the Southman Gleaners. I also am proud of the daily skits I created, themed around walking in the neighbourhood with humorous characters Perry and Terry.

On Tuesday, we went to Camp Assiniboia to present the curriculum to the summer leadership and Bible Instructors - now it's in their capable hands. We hope it gives the Bible Instructors the guidance and inspiration they need as they teach the campers this summer. I admit it did feel a bit odd to carefully craft something together and then entrust it to someone else entirely, but hope you will join us in what we can do now – pray for these instructors, camp staff, and campers as they use this material as "part of the project."

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