

-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-

Sunday, February 8, 2026, 10:30 am

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God

Hymn God of the Fertile Fields VT 750

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Will You Let Me Be Your Servant VT 778

Hearing God's Story

Children's Story

Offering and Prayer If You Believe and I Believe STJ 32

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-4, 12-15

Sermon The Church is ... a Living Sacrifice

Living in Hope

Special Music I Surrender

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Hymn Take My Life, and Let It Be VT 759

Sermon: Terrell Wiebe

Children's Story: Heidi Toews, Natalie Toews, Ang Loeppky

Worship Leading: Al Friesen

Music: Joyce Falk, Greg and Mary Costen

Over the next two weeks we will have a miniseries called "The church is ..."

Worship Calendar:

Feb. 8 - The church is ... a living sacrifice. Speaker: Terrell

Feb. 15 - The church is ... a changed people. Speaker: Janna

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

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

Ben Hildebrand- Feb. 2, Janna Wiebe- Feb. 12,

Ronn Friesen- Feb. 13, Lena Schellenberg- Feb. 13

Hospitalized: Ann Enns is in the Altona Health Centre.

International Witness: Pray for Wendy Kroeker and Gordon Zerbe as they contribute to courses and workshops related to New Testament, Peace Theology, and Peace Education. They are working at Duta Wacana Christian University (UKDW), Yogyakarta, Indonesia interacting with over 350 students in the faculty of theology made of 12 Protestant denominations. Your donations toward International Resource Workers <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resource-workers> help to pay expenses to respond to the requests from global companions to share.

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

Sun. Feb. 8, 9:15: Sunday school for all ages

Sun. Feb. 8, 10:30 am: Worship service

Sun. Feb. 8, after the worship service: Ventures cookie sale

Tue. Feb. 10, 10:30 am: Coffee with church staff

Tue. Feb. 10, 7-9: Senior Youth - Can I Ask That? Is Jesus really the only way to God?

Wed. Feb. 11, 7-8:30: Junior Youth - Everybody's Birthday!!!

Wed. Feb. 11, 7-8:15 pm: Ventures

Thur. Feb. 12, 2 pm: Book study at Gardens on Tenth

After the worship service today there will be a Ventures cookie bake sale. The Ventures kids will have cookies ready to sell (cash or cheque – price by donation) and the proceeds will go to make the MCC school kits. The Ventures leaders are also asking for volunteers (with sewing machines) to help us with our MCC school kit night on March 4. We ask volunteers to help kids sew, iron, and fill the "backpacks". Our goal is to make 60 backpacks in one evening!

Pastor Mark will be on vacation from February 7-23. You are welcome to reach out to Pastor Terrell during this time if you need to be in touch with a pastor.

Save the Date: March 1 is our church AGM.

ABC AUCTION UPDATE

Friday, March 20, at 7 pm in the church basement.

It would be helpful (but not necessary) to let Byron or Ang Loeppky know what items you are planning to bring. Items may be brought to the church basement starting on *Monday, March 16 for storing*. If you need help with transporting an object to the church, please let us know as well and we will arrange this. We welcome auction items in good shape. Items to donate for the auction sale could include: *items* from your home/garage/yard, *services* that would be helpful to others (like snow clearing, lawn mowing, IT services, music lessons, etc.), *baked goods* – either brought to the auction or donated as a “coupon”. *handi-work*, crafts, etc. These are just ideas – we welcome creativity! Please note there will not be tax receipts available for auction purchases or donations. Donations are set to go to the ABC camp ministry. **Contact options:** Loeppkyangela@gmail.com, office@abchurch.ca or call/text **204.304.0282**.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MCM Monday. Feb. 9, 7:30-8:30pm. The story of God’s people: Archiving congregational records. Conrad Stoesz will talk about the creation and care of congregational records and the relationship between congregations and the Mennonite Heritage Archives. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for the the Zoom link.

MCC: It’s your last week to take advantage of the opportunity to see the world, serve others and gain hands-on experience with SALT. This FREE, year-long cross-cultural service program is for young adults between 18-30 years old who are ready to make a difference. Explore [unique opportunities](#), [read the FAQs](#) and don’t forget to [apply before Feb. 15, 2026!](#)

FROM THE PASTOR – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Last week a man named Chris Meyers died. Chris was regularly involved at The Community Exchange (TCE) and I had the opportunity to speak with him a few times over the last couple years during my monthly mornings at TCE. Despite having lived through significant difficulties, Chris’ life was headed in the right direction, in part because of the community and opportunities to contribute that he found at TCE. He was a much-loved presence, helped organize an addictions support group at TCE, and worked at the car wash. I even included Chris in a sermon a few months back (name withheld) because he forgave the man who stabbed him.

Since Chris loved to cook chili, TCE served chili for their regular Thursday lunch this week. After the meal people gathered in a circle to share stories of Chris and what he meant to them. Even though I did not know him well, it was an honour to cross paths with him, witness a life transformed, eat some chili, and listen to stories. Rest in peace, Chris.

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