

-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:30 am

'For in Him we live and move and have our being'. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring'. - Acts 17:28

Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Hymn Praise the Lord Sing Hallelujah VT 95

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Christ Be All Around Me VT 848

Offering Be a Sower VT 789

Hearing God's Story

Children's story

Scripture Acts 17:16-34

Sermon Paul in Athens: The Necessity and Complexity of Mission

Living in Faith

Hymn My Love Colours Outside the Lines VT 582

ABC Conversation with Nick Rempel

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn We Are People of God's Peace VT 797

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Children's Story:** Kristin Falk

Worship Leading: Melissa Tiessen-Dyck

Music: ABC Ensemble

Worship Calendar:

May 10. Brunch Church

Brunch Church Potluck brunch begins at 9:15. Potluck contributions could include: muffins, baked goods, fruit, egg dishes, breakfast casserole, etc. Our worship time will be in the church basement beginning at approximately 10:30.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

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

Ben Rempel – May 5, Wilf Hiebert – May 7, Jake Sawatzky – May 7

Ann Enns – May 8, Nick Rempel – May 8

Hospitalized: Hugo Voth in Altona Health Centre.

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

Sun. May 3 , 9:15 am: Sunday school for all ages.

Sun. May 3, 10:30 am: Worship service.

Tue. May 5, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

Wed. May 6, 6:45-9 pm: Combined Youth- Food Drive

This Wednesday the junior and senior youth are participating in the Rhineland Area Food Drive. *Drop off is at the Church, pick up at YFC.* Most needed items include: peanut butter, oatmeal, canned meat, canned veggies, canned soup, canned fruit, rice, pasta and pasta sauce.

Sunday School – no Kid or Adult Sunday School on May 10 due to Church Brunch.

Some time ago, our church requested ordination for Pastor Terrell. Terrell has completed the necessary steps and Mennonite Church Manitoba has approved Terrell's ordination. This is a joyful occasion for our congregation and we look forward to an ordination service on October 18. Mark your Calendars!

Ang from the administration office will be away from April 28-May 13. Stephanie Rempel will be filling in and the hours may vary during this time.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Altona Health Care Auxiliary will have a taco buffet fundraiser on May 5, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Pioneer Centre.

Steps Towards Reconciliation: Please join us on Tuesday May 5, 7 pm at the Exchange for an evening with Elder David Scott from Swan Lake First Nation. David will be speaking to us about Ecological Reconciliation: How to Reconnect Our Lives with Nature.

Recovery of Hope Fundraiser "Humour for Healing" with Matt Falk on May 8, at 7 pm at the Laudamus Theater at CMU. Funds raised will help to support our Sliding Fee program. Registration is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your seats at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/humour-for-healing> or call our office at 204-477-4673.

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. 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 information

MCC - Become a part of sending resources to those in need around the world.

Our Plum Coulee Warehouse is looking for volunteers to help inspect and package donated kits and comforters before they're sent to MCC's international partners. Visit www.volgistics.com/od/695422/assignment/48/profile to learn more.

MCC Theatre of the Beat present the show "Invisible Threads" on Sat. May 23, 7 pm at the Exchange.

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FROM THE PASTOR – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Next Sunday, May 10, we continue our relatively new tradition of Brunch Church. We'll gather for brunch and fellowship followed by a time of worship and learning. Typically, our Brunch Church gatherings have an informal vibe and the teaching time is less like a traditional sermon and more story telling or presentation. We've often used Brunch Church as an opportunity to explore current issues or do something more active and this time is no exception.

When the United States and Israel initiated a war in Iran (and Lebanon) a couple months ago, I thought it would be important for our congregation to consider these events, and also the related conflict among Israelis and Palestinians, in light of Jesus. We have prayed for peace and will continue to do so. In addition to our prayers, this is a time to learn and respond. I invited my mom, Esther, to join us for Brunch Church. My mom is a lifelong peacemaker. For much of her life she did this work as an employee for Mennonite Central Committee but she continues the struggle in her retirement. She travelled in the Palestinian territory of the West Bank last fall and has been a volunteer and board member for [Canadian Friends of Sabeel](#) (a Palestinian theological organization).

Having already heard some of her stories and experiences, I can truthfully say it is not easy to hear. Esther will bring knowledge and experience that is typically not heard in our news reports. While I encourage everyone to come, I also ask for your awareness that this will be challenging. We continue to live in a world of war, suffering, and injustice and being confronted with these realities is unsettling for those of us who live in relative comfort and privilege.

In keeping with the less formal and interactive style of Brunch Church, there will be a time for questions. Dan, my dad and former Bible professor, will also be present and can answer questions related to how scripture speaks into the conflicts in the Middle East. He has also been researching anti-Semitism in the last few years.

Our gathering will conclude with an opportunity to respond. There will be letters prepared that we will send to our political leaders to advocate for peace. You will have the opportunity to add your signature if you choose or send a letter on your own (it's optional).