

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

January 12, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Joanna Hiebert Bergen

Worship Leader: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Hilda Franz, Ang Loeppky, Tami Franz Martin, Andrew Richert

Scripture Reader: Dayna Wahl

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free”. ~ Luke 4:18

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Interlude *Thou didst leave Thy throne*

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn **Arise, your light is come! STS 30**

GIVING THANKS

Prayer for the Offering

Offering

LISTENING

Children’s Story **We will follow STS 40**

Scripture **Luke 4: 14-21**

Sermon **“The Good News – mystery of God’s love for all”**

RESPONDING

Song of Response *I can not tell*

Prayer of the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Hymn **Your will be done STJ 57 / Guide my feet HWB 546**

Welcome to Joanna Hiebert Bergen, MCC Manitoba.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Rick Friesen at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **New address:** Chris Penner had moved to 222 Eastview Place.
- ~ **Congratulations** to new grandparents Tom & Gail Braun. Zoey Mackenzie was born to Dustin & Melissa Braun on December 31, 2019. She weighed in at 9 lbs. 6 oz and is a welcome sister to Milla and Ellianna.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Anne Schellenberg, and family, at the passing of her sister in-law Veronica [Vernon] Nickel of Brandon. Anne thanks you for your expressions of sympathy and asks that you pray for safety as they travel to Brandon for the funeral on Tuesday, Jan 14.
- ~ **“My Coins Count”** collection last Sunday raised \$224.80. Thanks!
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
Every year Korea Anabaptist Centre celebrates the anniversary of the Grebel/Blaurock baptism on Jan. 21, 1525, by holding an Anabaptist conference on the nearest Saturday. This year the theme is discipleship and will be held on Jan. 18. Please pray for speakers and participants. May this conference will transform the lives of those involved.
News from our partners: From Jan. 17 to 24 teachers, student interns and staff of Mennonite Partners in China will gather for their annual conference. Those gathered include George and Tobia Veith, Mennonite Church Canada International Witness workers. This is a time of worship, learning, sharing and resourcing. Please pray that God will lead in the discussions taking place and give peace, joy and renewed strength to those gathered.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Next Sunday, January 19, we begin a worship series on the book of James called, **A Faith that Works: Following Jesus Wholeheartedly and Concretely.**

January 19: Trials and temptations. James 1:1-18

January 26: Faith and works. James 1:22-26, 2:14-26

February 2: Favouritism and oppression. James 2:1-7, 5:1-6

February 9: The tongue. James 3:1-11, 1:19, 5:12

February 16: Wisdom for living. James 3:13-4:17

February 23: The power of patience and prayer. James 5:7-20

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From the Congregation

Name: *Milly*

Let's join in prayer – who can we pray for this week?

Those who cannot join us in morning worship because of health issues that keep them housebound.

Think back to a memorable service, what was it and what made it so memorable?

Last Easter when Pastor Mark proclaimed “Jesus is NOT dead, He is alive!” Those words keep ringing in my mind.

Where do you see/feel God?

When I can sit beside a garden or flower bed - seeing the miracle of growth and colourful flowers around me.

What is one way you most enjoy spending time with God?

At the end of the day - praying and telling the Lord about the day - asking for His care and protection for family and friends, God's children around the world.

What are you thankful for?

God's continued presence with me, especially this last year after Andy's passing; my ladies group; family; friends; opportunity to share music at Eastview.

Looking ahead – what is a hope you have for our church, our congregation?

Pastor Mark said it so well “unity and reconciled people” as God's people accept each other as sisters and brothers in God's family and serve Him together as best we can.

What is your favorite hymn/worship song?

*I have many favorites, some are: HWB 124 - O Worship the Lord
STJ 14 - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
STS 121 - Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God*

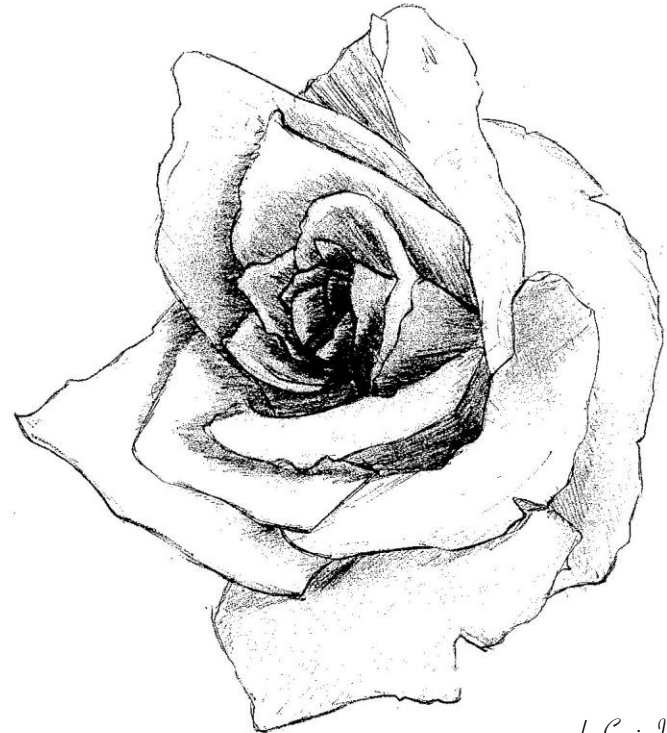
What is your favorite Bible Verse and why?

Isaiah 43:1b, 2, 3a “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire; you will not be scorched, nor will the flames burn you. For I am the Lord your God.” This has been the survival promise since our tragic loss of our son Curtis.

VENTURES – Wednesdays 7-8:15pm

- **Girls -**
- **Boys –** Father / Grandfather, and son crokinole tournament.

Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona



by Gavin Wiens

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The poinsettia plants** in the foyer have been placed there for people to take home and enjoy, first come-first served. Help yourself today!

55 Plus Dinner & Evening – January 17, 5:30 p.m.

Feature: Altona Youth for Christ – Marty Falk and Sheridan Sawatzky

Cost: \$16/person **Catered by:** New Style Catering

Please call or email the Church Office for reservations
by Tuesday, Jan 14, 2019.

- **Save the date:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held **February 23.**
- **Volunteer[s]** needed to open/close the church for Ida's weekend[s] off in January and February. Call the church office to volunteer. Thanks.
- **If you give to the church electronically**, you can still participate in our offering time by placing an "I'm Giving Electronically" card in the offering basket. You do not need to write on the card, the purpose of this card is to provide a tangible way for people who give electronically to participate in our time of offering. The offering is a time of worship, where we are invited to reflect upon the generosity of God and how we give to God.
- **Thank you** for your support of our Christmas giving projects. This year our November and December Sunday school offering as well as the offering received at our Christmas Eve service totaling \$780.75 was donated to MCC's *Meals at School* program. Our mitten tree project brought in 87 toques, 103 scarves, 38 pairs of mittens, 7 pairs of socks, 2 sweaters, & 3 blankets, and have been donated to Union Gospel Mission.
- **I'm inviting everyone**, people of all ages, to have a conversation with me about the next steps in your walk with God. For anyone interested in exploring and preparing for baptism, let's begin by having a conversation. I'd also welcome conversation with anyone who is pondering becoming a member of this church. And, of course, If you have been baptized some time ago and wish to study and explore our faith anew. I encourage you to be in touch with me. Yes, these conversations can be intimidating, but they need not be! In sharing together we will be encouraged and strengthened. I'd love to hear from you. ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- **Project: Josh & Stephanie Housewarming**
Our incoming Youth Pastor, Josh Janzen, will be moving to Altona in a few weeks and his future wife Stephanie will be joining him after the wedding in April. As an act of love and welcoming, it would be great if we could help furnish their first home together by sharing gently used furnishings we no longer need. Thank you to those of you who have already shared items! The remaining list of needed pieces is as follows:
 - 1 chest of drawers (vertical, please provide measurements)
 - 1 or 2 book shelves
 - 1 couch (neutral colour)
 - 1 floor lamp
 - 1 stool or chair

As you can see, the list includes a couch. In addition to checking at MCC, a decent neutral coloured used couch can be found for around \$150-\$200. If anyone feels so inclined, financial donations would also be accepted and a used couch would be purchased if the funds allowed. If there were to be excess funds, I would purchase a gift card for Co-op or IGA to go towards the first pantry and household items. Please contact Rachel Wahl for further details. Phone or text 204-216-0148 or email: rachel_wahl@hotmail.com

- **January 2020** newsletter from George & Tobia Veith available from the ushers table. Also posted on the foyer bulletin board.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study** has resumed on Wednesdays at Gardens On Tenth.
- **Mennonite Church Manitoba** www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616
- **Jan 21, 9am–3pm** - Enjoy a "**Day Away**" at Assiniboia Camp and Retreat Centre. Lunch, hiking, outdoor activities, music, sit by the fire, visit, play "Knipsbrat and other table games. Cost: \$20. Reserve a spot - call Linda at 204-864-2159 ext. 104 or Elizabeth at 204-895-2267.
- **Camp Koinonia** invites applications for a year-round onsite caretaker. **Please** visit www.campswithmeaning.org under "News" for information.
- **Summer is coming.** We are a people of hope. Camps with Meaning summer staff applications are available on the website. Note: Leadership applications are due Jan 17, 2020. www.campswithmeaning.org .
- **Canadian Mennonite University** – www.cmu.ca See foyer poster
- **Jan 31, 8:45am–2:45pm.** CMU Campus Visit Day. Explore CMU as a great university option! The day includes a campus and residence tour, interaction with faculty, participation in a class and chapel, free lunch, and more. Go to cmu.ca/campusvisit for details.
- **Jan 24** - MHC Gallery **opening exhibit** 'Mother Earth and Her Lovers: Repair and Maintenance', featuring new works by Bob Haverluck, Rhian Brynjolson, Sam Beardman, and poetry by Dennis Cooley, Lori Matties, and Gerry Wolfram, and runs til March 14 at the MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. See cmu.ca/events.
- **Jan 31 & Feb 1, 7pm** - CMU Opera & Musical Theatre Workshop present scenes from the *Broadway* musical 'Godspell'. See cmu.ca/events .
- **Feb 9, 3pm** – **CMU Choir Concert** at Altona Berghaler Church.
- **Mennonite Central Committee** <http://manitoba.mcc.org> 261-6381
- **MCC is celebrating** their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6,500 comforters across North America to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by making a comforter at our January 18 event. **Come "Stitch a stitch or two" at the Altona MCC on Jan 18, 9am-4pm**, or donate a handmade comforter. It's more than a warm blanket—it's a message of love and compassion; or **Attend** the Great Winter Warm-up comforter-tying event on Jan 18 at North Kildonan MB Church. All level of skills are welcome. Stay for food, kid's activities and a photobooth. Find out more at mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup