

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

- *... **Blessed New Year to All!**
- *... Health, healing, comfort:
George J Neufeld
- *... Our young people are heading back to classes in **Boissevain & MCI**.
May this coming semester bring challenges which inspire growth in knowledge as well as relationships.

Our Community... Good news! **The Boissevain-Morton Assisted Living Facility** is moving forward with construction beginning in Spring 2020.

Wider Church....

- ... **Camp Koinonia:** Searching for and accepting applications for onsite caretaker.
Matt Heide – campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com
- ... **Camps w Meaning:** Searching for and accepting summer staff applications.
www.campswithmeaning.org
- ... MCMb Transitions: **Jonathan Muehling** Assoc Pastor Sargent M C Wpg
Kevin Drudge Pastor Covenant M C, Winkler

WMC's Identity Statement:

'With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginnings, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity **and to take amazing risks for God.**'

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Whitewater Mennonite Church



Worship Leader:

Lorraine Reimer

Message:

Pastor Wes Goertzen

Music:

Catherine & George Heide

Children's Feature:

Lisa Heide

January 5th, 2020 @ 10:45 a.m.

Matthew 2:1-12 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Supporting Texts: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12

MATTHEW CHAPTER TWO

B T L E W D A G N I D N U O F K	AMONG	JUDAEA
F L A T E H S P E O P L E A P W	BEHOLD	LEAST
E E T L H T R A H W W O O R E N	BORN	MARY
I K L H T N D R I D H I I H S L	BRING	MYRRH
H A Y N I R A T Y N C V O O E C	CALLED	OPENED
C R E I R N E D H M I T F A H B	CHIEF	PEOPLE
O D S S I O G A U L H E S H T R	CHILD	PRIVILY
H T I O U T B S Y J W T T E M I	CHRIST	SEARCH
O E W C O S T A P G N U O Y N N	DWELT	STAR
H E R M D E E S O I A O O G L G	EAST	STOOD
C L A O R A A J T O H M D F E D	FOUND	THESE
R H M I D T E S Y A H S O T E L	GOLD	THINGS
A S R U I W O R T N R D R N Y I	HEROD	WHICH
E A J I S N A A M A L D E O G H	JESUS	WISE
S R A E S M H I E O M P I T W C	JOSEPH	WORSHIP
S G N I H T E N G J O S E P H O	JUDA	YOUNG

Boissevain Youth: Stuart Burnett 557-7486 stuart_burnett@live.com
 Bible Studies resume January 7, 2020: Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm
 Jan 7 ~ Sr - Watch Bronco game, hang out and games after.



Happy New Year! May the peace of Christ be with you.



TODAY ~ **Welcome!**

Jan 6 ~ Epiphany
 18 ~ MCC 'Great Winter Warm-up' @ WMC
 26 ~ WMC Annual Meeting & shared lunch

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Activities & Interests ...

WMC:

- This year is the 100th anniversary of MCC as they serve others "in the name of Christ". Celebrations in 2020 include "The Great Winter Warm-up" to be held across North America on January 18th. The goal is to collect 6,500 comforters to be distributed worldwide. Various locations in Manitoba are participating. Here at WMC, together with the BMBC, plan to join the blanket-tying adventure – a day of visiting, tying, eating & sharing. a practical way to reach out to so many refugees in this world.
Happy 100th Birthday to Mennonite Central Committee!!!!
- From Admin Desk: contact Herm wmc.office.1927@gmail.com
 Rejoice Devo's – only one renewal response to date!
 Church Directory – update deadline Jan 15. wmc c
- Rejoice Devotions** renewal: Annual Subscription cost - \$42.45
Please inform Herm if you wish to continue your subscription by January 1, 2020!

Community....

- The New Year is here! Why not make a New Year's resolution and prayerfully consider to volunteer at the **Brandon MCC Thrift Shop**, 414 Pacific Avenue. Call Shelly - 204-727-1162 to make an appointment. Hope to see you soon!" Check out the new schedule on bulletin board. Contact Amy Loewen
- Counseling for a broad range of mental health challenges is available from:
 - Recovery of Hope. 204-325-5355 or ehcs@edenhealthcare.ca**
 - The Counseling Centre 204-726-8706 or info@counsellingcentre.ca**
 WMC is willing to help lower the financial barriers preventing someone access to this benefit by covering 50% of the cost of the first 3 sessions to either of the counseling services listed. Contact Pastor Wes or Leadership.

"This is a new year, and a new beginning and things will change." Taylor Swift