

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

- *... **Hedy & Ed Albrecht**
- *... Health, healing, comfort: **Lisa Heide**
George J Neufeld in transition to Evergreen
- *... **Elfrieda Epp** and her request for a ride to church.
- *... 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
- ... **MCCa** encouraging congregations to join with MC USA in prayer for peace amidst this time of political turmoil.

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.**'

Whitewater Mennonite Church

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Church Booking? Contact Matt or Herman

Whitewater Mennonite Church



Worship Leader:	Pastor Wes Goertzen
Message:	Pastor Wes Goertzen
Music:	Catherine & George Heide

January 12th, 2020 @ 10:45 a.m.

Matthew 3:13-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Supporting Texts: Psalm 29, Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43

MATTHEW CHAPTER THREE

S O G E R S L N T K E S A I A S	BAPTIST	LOCUSTS
L K C N H O R R Y H T R O W E T	BAPTIZE	LOINS
E R I T I E L D R I G F O Z M S	BAPTIZED	OPENED
M D A N H H U D O S R I I E A U	CAMELS	PATHS
A P S T G S C S N A O T A D O C	CHILDREN	PHARISEES
C J A R T D S A S E P T D R J O	CRYING	PREACHING
R E U I A N O E E A K U S O T L	ESAIAS	PREPARE
L E U D O J E M B R C O R A O S	FRUITS	PROPHET
N R P I A S E E B E P D P P H D	GIRDLE	RAIMENT
F E G E I E R R E A A H E S E T	HEAVEN	REGION
T E R R N A A S U N P N T Z A E	HONEY	REPENT
R E A D P T E W W S E T I C V H	JERUSALEM	SADDUCEES
N H E E L S J O A D A T I C E P	JORDAN	SPOKEN
P D R G N I Y R C T P L N S N O	JUDAEA	STRAIGHT
I P Y E N O H F D A E E E O T R	KINGDOM	WATER
T N E M I A R C B N W R U M S P	LEATHERN	WORTHY



WMC Bible Read-Through! What better way to start the 2020's than to read God's story together as a people? Why? In order to build up your relationship with your God. Why all of it? In order to get the topography of the story. To clue in to the Bible's richness of connections. Because our theology (understanding / interpretation) has to be big enough to allow it all to work on us. Why read it together? Because its hard to read alone AND because Scripture isn't meant to be read alone. And, its good work to do together. Do you have to? Nope. But, it could be fun. It will be challenging and fruitful. Starting 27 January after the annual meeting (barring a revolt.) Details & plans to follow.



TODAY

- Jan 18 ~ **Welcome!**
- 23 ~ MCC 'Great Winter Warm-up' @ WMC *see wmc c*
- 26 ~ Prayer / Scripture Reading, 7pm *see wmc a*
- 26 ~ WMC Communion, Annual Meeting & shared lunch

Activities & Interests ...

WMC:

- a. Join in prayer and Bible reading sessions every other Thursday @ 7 pm, beginning January 23.
- b. **Elfrieda Epp** is asking for a ride to church , if able to help out, contact the front desk at Evergreen to coordinate.
- c. 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. Plan to join the blanket-tying adventure here at WMC, together with BMBC. 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!!!!
- d. From Admin Desk: contact Herm wmc.office.1927@gmail.com
Church Directory – update deadline Jan 15.

Community....

1. 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
2. Counseling for a broad range of mental health challenges is available from:
 - a. **Recovery of Hope. 204-325-5355 or ehcs@edenhealthcare.ca**
 - b. **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

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 18 ~ Sr - Blanket tying @ WMC – am, Lake Adam – pm
 19 ~ Youth Sunday @ BMBC

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