

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

- *... **Cody Burnett**
- *... Health, healing, comfort: **K C** (John R's friend), **Kristen Nikkel**
- *... WMC Residents @ Westview & Evergreen: **Agnes Epp, Betty Engbrecht, Kay Stow, Peter Neufeld, Elfrieda Epp, George J Neufeld**
- *... **Ron** (P Wes' dad) - journeying to the Congo.
- *... **P Wes**, attending ReNew sessions @ CMU Feb 11-12

Wider Church....

- ... **MCMb Annual Delegate Gathering:** prayers for those who are planning, prospective delegates and the hosts. May this time of discernment be filled with wisdom and understanding.
- ... **George & Tobia Veith** remain in Malaysia after a conference because of travel restrictions. The scope of the **corona virus** has gone worldwide, difficulties prevail; patience, understanding and healing energy are focal points for prayer.
- ... the following from a friend in the **Word Made Flesh** community:

All across China, people are talking about **Li Wen Liang**, the doctor who discovered the novel coronavirus and last night he passed away. In December he was arrested for being a whistle blower 'spreading rumors' about a mysterious pneumonia like virus. This morning we found out he was in fact a fellow brother in Christ. Our hearts are deeply moved by his sacrificial choice to spread awareness about the virus despite the risks he faced, especially to his reputation and to his own health. He continued to care for patients up until he was infected himself. What a legacy to leave behind of what it means to be like Jesus to those hurting in a time of crisis. He chose to be an example of Immanuel, 'God with us' to the people of Wuhan. Can you imagine the joy he must have felt as he entered into eternity and heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant"? Please pray for his family, especially his wife who is infected and 8 months pregnant with their second child. May God give them peace and comfort during this time. #jjayouwuhan

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.**'

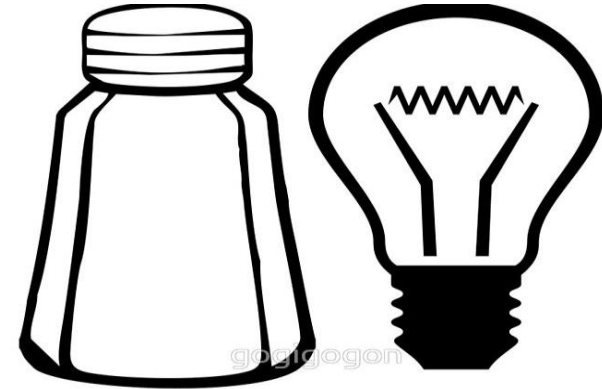
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Whitewater Mennonite Church



Worship Leader:

Heather Heide

Message:

Pastor Wes Goertzen

Music:

Sheldon Dyck

Children's Feature:

Lisa Heide

February 9th, 2020 @ 10:45 a.m.

Matthew 5:13-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot." You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 112, Isaiah 58:1-12, 1Corinthians 2:1-12

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Boissevain Youth: Stuart Burnett 557-7486 stuart_burnett@live.com
 Bible Studies resume January 7, 2020: Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm
 Feb 14 - Jr ~ Lake Adam
 Youth are looking for snacks, contact Stuart!



According to www.ourworldindata.org global literacy rates in 1812 were 14%. Now, roughly 86%! Widespread basic literacy is a decidedly recent phenomenon. Interestingly, for centuries, starting around 1650, the Netherlands (the Mennonite homeland) was the most literate country in the world. All that to say, widespread private Bible reading is a modern innovation and luxury. A blessing, but not a requirement for deep fellowship with God! For millennia, the faithful listened to the scripture read or recited and sought to practice what they heard.



- TODAY** ~ **Welcome!**
- Feb ~ WMC supporting Boissevain Food Pantry
- 20 ~ Prayer / Scripture Reading, 7pm @ WMC
- 26 ~ Ash Wednesday
- 27 ~ WMC Sewing Circle meeting, 1:30pm #a
- Mar 5-7 ~ MCI Musical Production, 'Annie' #1
- 4-5 ~ Boissevain Festival Choral, Millie Hildebrand adjudicating
- 7 ~ MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020, Altona Bergthaler MC

Activities & Interests ...

WMC:

- Piano humidifier** works better and lasts longer using distilled water. **Contact Matt** if you can help with supplying this commodity.
- WMC Sewing Circle:** Seeking encouragement & prayerful reflection of past accomplishments and future direction.

Community....

- MCI Musical** March 5-7 presenting Annie. Need a ride? Bus transportation may be available. Contact **Matt Heide** for more information.
- CommonWord & MCC resources:** Abuse response & prevention abuseresponseandprevention.ca.
- MCC 100 Year Celebration** – Highlites on CJRB every Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 9:20am <https://www.mharchives.ca/features/still-speaking/>
MCC 'Great Winter Warm-up': Comforters collected to date – Manitoba ~ 3,141, Grand total ~ N America + Europe = 9,500+ mccmb.ca/GreatWinterWarmup for updates and photos

"We should not ask, "What is wrong with the world?" for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather, we should ask, "What has happened to the salt and light?"
 John Stott

Given the rapid international reach of the corona virus, immediate precautions include frequent handwashing, avoiding handshakes, and diligent cleaning of public areas.