

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

*... **Tenley & Herman Dyck**

*... Health, healing, comfort: **Brenda Neufeld** (Jake & Anne's DIL)
Thankful for all aspects of health care this community provides.

Wider Church....

- ... **Camps with Meaning:** Accepting applications for summer staff and campers.
- ... Jubilee **M C: Ken Warkentin** beginning as Intentional Transitional Pastor Aug 20
- ... **Crystal City M C & Trinity M F (Mather)** are merging as one congregation beginning May 3rd, 2020. Change brings optimism and trepidation. May the Spirit shower this union with blessings.

World ... Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, Witness workers in Chuncheon, S Korea: "Most public systems have been closed. Including kindergarten, public libraries, public schools, universities and religious institutions. We have cancelled or postponed all our meetings, including Mennonite Seoul (our church group)."
"The coronavirus is overwhelming many people and many of us stay at home. The number of infected people is rapidly rising. Please pray for public health authorities in South Korea as they deal with the spread of the virus. Pray that Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung will be a presence of peace to their community.

... Acknowledging our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871 is vital to our understanding. These host nations have shown us much grace.

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 Goertzen

Music:

Catherine & George Heide

Following an abbreviated worship agenda:

Mental Health Presentation:

Luanne Dueck Plett

March 15th, 2020 @ 10:45 a.m.

Mark 2:15-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

MARK 12

D L D S E R A S S H D F H T A R	ANOTHER	PENNY
E E D E E G T T R P R E R H E T	BUILT	PERSON
A H T T D O D E C U O E G H U T	CAESAR	PLANTED
S T S N N N W E I M N K T G A O	CAUGHT	RECEIVE
R A H E A O U T H R P O E F I S	CERTAIN	RENDER
M T S G T L F O O E N E E N D D	CORNER	SEASON
K L A W U R P C W A P N N R O O	COUNTRY	SERVANT
T I T E E A C E W C I E O N S I	DIGGED	SOUGHT
W U O N H O C O S W E W R U Y N	DOING	SPOKEN
S B D E U E R E C S J R N S I G	EMPTY	STONES
D E T N P E M A L E E T T N O D	FEARED	TAUGHT
R E T H C E E P T B A R O A E N	FRUIT	TEMPT
L R L E G S S P T U A S V R I A	HEDGE	TOWER
Y S I L A U M E G Y A R A A O N	KILLED	WINEFAT
F V F R I E O H O E T E A S N A	MASTER	WORDS
E L E H T K T S S T F Y B P N T	PARABLE	WOUNDED

Activities & Interests:

WMC:

- a. **Wanted:** Worship leaders for March 22 & 29 contact Lisa Heide
- b. WMC **Logo:** Deadline to submit ideas – March 31, 2020 Herm
- c. **Annual Mission Auction Sale:** Wednesday, March 25th, @ 6:00 pm.
All items, offers of help, and prayers gratefully accepted. Items may be brought to the Church Sunday March 22, or prior to sale on 25th. Contact **Andy Neufeld** Thanks!
➤ Looking for containers for *Grüben* (crackles) and lard. Drop off at Admin Office

Boissevain Youth: *Stuart Burnett* 557-7486 *stuart_burnett@live.com*
Bible Studies Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm
March 20 - Jr & Sr ~ Nerf Night
Snacks gratefully accepted and appreciated. Contact Stuart

"People start to heal the moment they are heard". — Cheryl Richardson



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea." (Ps. 46:1-2). At the moment, with Covid-19 declared

a pandemic by the World Health Organization, the stock market and oil prices plummeting, these words may be more aspirational than truly what we feel. God understands and welcomes whatever outpour of emotion and need you might have. Two notes of caution during this time: **1)** scrutinize your sources of information--there are no infectious disease experts in our church nor at the coffee shop nor are the experts liable to be the first you hear from on the internet. These times call for trust that is rare now in systems of education and authorities. Pay attention to WHO and Manitoba Health public servants. **2)** Take care to obey the 9th commandment: "You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor." Shaming individuals publically and casting blame on foreigners or children or whoever for the virus' spread is evil (and unhelpful.) Facts and truth are shaky things in this post-truth era, take care you serve the Way, the Truth, and the Life with your communications, service, and love.

Finally, "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4.

And with Paul, "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38



TODAY

- ~ **3^d Lent!** *see Pastor's corner*
- ~ Welcome **Luanne Dueck Plett**,
- ~ Shared Lunch and **Congregation Meeting**
- March 19 ~ Prayer & Scripture Reading 7 pm
- 21 ~ 'Finding Success Workshop', Family Worship Ctr **B Board**
- 22 ~ Boissevain Festival Awards Concert 3pm
- 25 ~ Annual WMC Mission Sale **#d**
- 26 ~ Turtle Mtn Souris Plains Heritage History Seminar, Deloraine **#1**
- 5 ~ Palm Sunday
- 9 ~ Mandy Thursday Service
- 10 ~ Good Friday Community Service @ WMC 10am

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