

WHITEWATER MENNONITE CHURCH

BULLETIN UPDATE

March 15th, 2020

FROM THE PASTOR'S Desk:

- ❖ Bible Reading: Monday, March 23rd readings: Lv 23-34, Ps 57, Lk 13
Numbers - Five minute video overview of Leviticus from the Bible Project. You can turn on subtitles by clicking "CC" on the bottom right of the video screen. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zebxH-5o-SQ>
- ❖ For current Covid-19 updates here is Manitoba Health's website. Please prioritize this source. Check it once a day before you leave the house but not first thing after waking up or last thing before going to bed. Give your first and last waking moments to our Savior. <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/>
- ❖ Here is a story with graphics that explain the 'why' of quarantine and social distancing. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/>
- ❖ Boissevain Ministerial: - is working at setting up a video streaming service which will bring live worship services to your computer screen. More information as it becomes available.
- suggest that prayer time be set aside at 9 am each morning; health, community, nation, world



Solidarity in a pandemic: the Good Book in our time.

Did you notice it? Marg and I noticed heightened hygiene and quarantining in our Leviticus 13-15 readings this week. Are we subject to those ceremonial laws? I don't think so. Do I have a good understanding of clean/unclean categories? No, I do not. Do we have a (much) better understanding for how skin (and all) illnesses spread? Yep. But, it was neat to open The Book and in the context of our situation to come to a new understanding of the hope inherent in the rules around washing and isolation of infected persons (then and now): a remedy exists! A cure is possible! A way of salvation is laid out. God's people, stiff necked though they were, could live with God, Holy though God is. The laws laid out in Leviticus around cleanliness and sin (a category separate from cleanliness) provided a way. Right now, our cleanliness rules and isolation of (possibly) infected people also provides a way for the community to continue to experience life with God. Of course, Jesus opened up that, the Spirit enlivens us in that Way, but for your neighbor's sake: wash your hands, love your neighbors, practice proper distancing. We're in this together, even from our separate huts. Don't be strangers. Now, I've got a little mold spot to scrape off the wall and pile up outside of town.

Stewardship: Please drop offering envelopes in *Peter Neufeld's* mailbox. Bills need to be paid.

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

- Health, healing, comfort: **Brenda Neufeld** (Jake & Anne's DIL)
- Welcome Home: **Marg, Amy & Caitlyn Kroeker**
- The efforts of the front line emergency workers cannot be overstated. Thanks to health care staff, RCMP, EMT's and the many others whom are dealing head on with covid-19 situations.



✚	April	5	~ Palm Sunday	9	~ Maundy Thursday
		10	~ Good Friday	12	~ Easter

COMMUNITY AND YONDER:

- Ω Visit Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM) website <https://mennochurch.mb.ca/>
- information on MCCan, video sermons, covid-19, international witness work.
- Ω **MCC Brandon Thrift Store:** adjusted hours of operation. Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm (shopping) 9am-5pm (donations). Sat, 11am-4:30pm (shopping), 9am-4pm (donations). Sun, closed.

Pain is breaking the shell that enclosed your understanding.'

Khalil Gibran