

# WHITEWATER MENNONITE CHURCH

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## BULLETIN



### FROM THE PASTOR'S Desk:

- ❖ Bible Readings: Monday, May 18: Judges 14-15, Acts 24, Psalm 114  
Bible Project videos: Romans [https://youtu.be/ej\\_6dVdJSIU](https://youtu.be/ej_6dVdJSIU)  
Ruth <https://youtu.be/Oh1eoBeR4Jk>
- ❖ May 17<sup>th</sup> WMC Video Service: P Wes will send out a link via e-mail & WMC's Facebook page.  
Participants: **Lorraine & Peter Neufeld, Catherine & George Heide, Sheldon Dyck & P Wes.**  
Scripture: Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
- ❖ The church carpets are clean and new electrical outlets in the balcony. Thanks to the hard work of Herman, Peter (Candy-Man), Matt, P. Wes, Jake N, Ed, Don N., Anaïs and Maeve. What fun! And thanks!
- ❖ Ministry opportunity: How could we honor our high school grads? Ideas?
- ❖ Boissevain Ministerial: - Suggested 9 am prayers for health, community, nation, world.
- ❖ Current Covid-19 updates, Manitoba Health's website. <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/>



There's been this tiny Sticky Note™ clinging valiantly to my wall for 5 years or so. It reads: On Complaining, Judges 6:12-24. "But sir, if the LORD is with us why has all this happened to us. Then the LORD turned to [Gideon] and said, 'Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel . . . I hereby commission you.'" The vignette makes me laugh and marvel and almost cry at the same time.

*(Cheeky) responses (R) to common Bible reading protestations (P):*

P: It's boring. R: Uh, Ehud and Jael. (Judges 3:12-25 and 4:1-24)

P: It's bloody violent. R: Yes it is...See: 'human history.'

P: The law stuff is really complicated and bloody. R: Try immigrating or rezoning your property or addressing systematic, age-old injustices. The law is all the more complicated today and costly depending on which side of the tracks you're from.

P: The Bible says X, but we're--or they're--not doing it. What are you, Pastor/Leadership/Conference, going to do about it? R: "Go in this might of yours . . . I hereby commission you." (Judges 6:12-24) See too: the 'Great Commission.'

My point is that the Bible both reflects and addresses our human condition, if not, always directly your or my personal, specific question. The Bible is not meant to be an answer book to your questions, but a guide (and goad), a narrator of our lives whether we do or do not walk in God's way. It is not all about me/us. I think there was a nicer way to have said all this, but / often fail to heed guidance unless its sharp and pointy-like.

**Stewardship: New way to give!** - Send E-transfer to [wmcstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:wmcstewardship@gmail.com) This option is for those with internet banking, offering envelopes may continue to be dropped in **Peter Neufeld's** mailbox or mailed to Box 715.

**Thank you for your gifts!**

### PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

- Health, healing, comfort: **Ernie** - Lena Franz's son, **Sheldon Dyck**  
**Mel & Lynn**, brother & sis in law - **Catherine Heide**
- Communicate with residents @ **Evergreen & Westview** via I-Pad.  
To make arrangements and connect: **Westview** - 204 534 2455, **Evergreen** - 204 534 3337

- Local government, businesses, recreation facilities & individuals are all concerned with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. May wisdom, patience and understanding be prominent in the coming days.
- This year's spring planting season is bringing challenges and optimism in the fields and gardens. May the Spirit abound and grant spring renewal to nature around us and to the efforts put forth in this sowing season.



- ✚ May 20 ~ MCC Webinar, 11:00am, see how MCC resources make a difference \*\*\* see address below
- ✚ 21 ~ Ascension Day
- ✚ 31 ~ Pentecost
- ✚ June 7 ~ Trinity Sunday
- ✚ 25 ~ MCC 56<sup>th</sup> AGM via Zoom, notice of meeting, details coming soon
- ✚ Return to normal church scheduling is directly related to government guidelines.

### COMMUNITY AND MORE:

- Ω For Services, Sermons & other, visit: YouTube – **P Wes** will send YouTube link prior to Sunday's **WMC service**  
 Whitewater M C Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/whitewatermc/>  
 MCI Chamber Choir 'North' <https://youtu.be/R7TCos06SZY> Natasha & Andrew Heide  
 MCCan Servcie <https://www.hmc.on.ca/mc-canada> begins 9:45 EDT  
 From Holyrood M C, Edmonton, AB, John 14:15-21
- MCM - <https://mennochurch.mb.ca/>  
 - [Hope Unleashed page](#) collection of singing, children's story, sermonette
- Sunday School Resources <https://shinecurriculum.com/shineathome/free-resources/>
- CommonWord Resources [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca)
- MWC [www.mwc-cmm.org/courier](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/courier)
- MCC - 100 stories <https://mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/through-lens-mcc-100>  
 - Centennial Colouring Book [mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10546](http://mcccanada.ca/media/resources/10546)  
 - Abuse response & Prevention [www.abuseresponseandprevention.ca](http://www.abuseresponseandprevention.ca)
- MDS (activities suspended) <https://mds.mennonite.net/>
- Ω **Boissevain Food Pantry:** Donations graciously & gratefully accepted.  
 Cereal, canned veggies, rice, pasta, tomato sauce, canned fruit, \$\$\$, etc
- Ω **Camp Koinonia Inc.** is very pleased to announce that **Evan Laramee** and **Meara Sparling** have recently moved to Camp Koinonia. Once Camp is reopened, *currently closed due to Covid 19*, Evan and Meara will be employed by the camp as *Onsite Caretakers*. We are very excited to have Evan and Meara on our Camp Koinonia Team.
- Ω **MCMb Board:** Praying for wisdom as the process of reviewing applications for Executive Minister begins.
- Ω **MCM** Info re Pandemic Responses; [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/virusresponse](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/virusresponse)
- Ω **MCC:** - \*\*\* Webinar <https://mennonitecentralcommittee.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xdlhrut-jtukmjkh-y/> \*\*\*  
 See how MCC distribution of MCC materials affect many throughout the world.  
 Preregistration required  
 - **Brandon Thrift Store** is again accepting donations, Covid-19 conditions will be applied re delivery and prepping for in store display. Please contact the store prior to delivery. If you are wishing to volunteer, contact Amy Loewen regarding necessary precautions.
- Ω **WMC History:** 60 years ago, 2 lots for a new church building in Boissevain were purchased from the Mrs. George Strong for \$2,393.45, town frontage fees \$129.15 and lawyer's fees of \$23.50 concluded this purchase.

*"We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito."* — C.S. Lewis