

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

- *... **Caitlyn Kroeker**
- *... Health, healing, comfort: **Irene Ascough, Cody Burnett, Pat Dyck, Rudy Engbrecht, Marg Kroeker, John Reimer,**
- *... **Condolences** to the family of **Irene Dyck**
Funeral card is on the West bulletin board
- *... **Cody Burnett** could use bagged leaves and firewood.
- *... We are thankful for all who work in health care. Their/your service amidst the Covid crisis has truly been a gift to us all.
- *... **We are grateful** to the Whitewater Church family for all the prayer support, well wishes and gift card during our six weeks of treatment in Winnipeg. Love, Marg and Jack

Wider Church....

... Prayers for African churches dealing with COVID-19

Our partner in ministry AIMM (Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission) asks us to pray for our African brothers and sisters in this time of COVID-19. Pray for those struggling to find resources to buy food. Pray that hospitals and medical staff will still provide care to the best of their ability even though ventilators and other important medical tools are almost nonexistent in most African countries

World

... We acknowledge our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871.

... Wildfires on the west coast. Lord have mercy! Come speedily to save!

Stewardship: E-transfer wmcstewardship@gmail.com Thank you for your gifts!

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



September 27, 2020

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

Music: Heather Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say 'From heaven', he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things." ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered 'I will go, sir', but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Supporting texts: Phil 2:1-13, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-35, Psalm 25:1-8



Please remember to practice frequent handwashing and sanitizing. Avoid handshakes and the touching of one's face. Wear your mask in public.

Bible reading for Monday, 7 Sep.: Is 49-50, Job 21, Rev 1

Bible Project Video: Grace https://youtu.be/ABPVVw_aw44

Pastor's Corner:

In our readings from last week, Job hints at resurrection. **Job 19:25^{NIV}** "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. 26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; 27 I myself will see him with my own eyes-- I, and not another." Note where this happens. Not in heaven. As Mike Mason puts it, "Here is where death occurs; here is where the dead will rise." *Here* (material creation, human action) matters into eternity.



- September 29 - ReNew: a conversation with Gordon Zerbe
- November 8 - Prairie Partners Fall Supper (take out/delivery)

Activities & Interests:

Connect with Mennonite Women Manitoba on Facebook...an online location for connection, resource sharing and encouragement; posting of Global, National and Regional news and events. <https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteWomen.MB>

ReNew: a conversation with Gordon Zerbe, author of the BCBC Phillipians commentary will take place on **Tuesday, Sept. 29, 11:00am-12:00 noon** (Winnipeg time). Visit www.cmu.ca/renew to learn more and to register.

Mennonite Women Manitoba

<https://mennochurch.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ad5b62cc11dbd51616d36b2e2&id=861344b290&e=18b56ddb5e>

Help match Mennonite Church Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund! This spring [Mennonite Church Canada](#) donated \$50,000 to MWC's [Global Church Sharing Fund](#) to help our sister churches around the world to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now MC Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations go through regional churches.

Westview and Evergreen residents would benefit from some sort of devotional delivered electronically during the pandemic. You could read a devotional, sing/play a hymn, preach a little meditation, tell a story, send greetings, or offer a prayer while being filmed. Thus, you would bless the residents in their fairly isolated state. *Talk to Pastor Wes if you need help. (I can do fairly basic editing and filming.)*

Camp Koinonia Basement Reno Interested in helping? Please talk to Matt Heide @ 204 534-8268 or campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com.