

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *George Neufeld*

- *... Health, healing, comfort: **Cody Burnett, John Reimer, Shirley Stow**
- *... We are thankful for all who work in health care and education. Their/your service amidst the Covid crisis has truly been a gift to us all.
- *...For those in Winnipeg and Manitoba as Covid-19 cases continue to rise

Wider Church....

...November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE: *Cody Burnett* has a new cell number and the number in the directory connects to an understandably annoyed young woman. On the bright side, y'all are trying to get ahold of him! (It's 215 *not* 305.)

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



November 8, 2020

Re-Imagining What Can Be

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Because of the spike in Covid cases and Manitoba's Orange status,
please refrain from congregational singing

Sermon: Pastor Rick Neufeld

Joining us via zoom

NRSV Genesis 8:20-22

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

²²As long as the earth endures,
Seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
Summer and winter, day and night
Shall not cease.

NRSV 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

¹⁴But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; ¹⁶to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many; but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence.

Notes:

Bible reading for Monday, 9 Nov: Ezekiel 29-30, Habakkuk 1-2

Pastor's Corner: I. I spoke against the *Cannabis shop* variance at the town council meeting on Thursday. Here, *briefly*, is why: 1) Legalized Cannabis is a societal experiment. As such, it needs to be out in the open, transparent, fair and not hidden away and given special exemptions. The question to ask is whether/how its use leads us to flourish together. 2) Bundling addictive products under one roof (alcohol, gambling, cannabis) seems imprudent. 3) Rurally, mental health and addictions resources are more difficult to access. **II.** WMC is having a wreath laid at the *Remembrance Day* service at the Legion. Honor and grieve the lives of those killed in war. As part of your contemplation of the day, remember that Jesus Christ is the last sacrifice. What is really meant by the language of the sacrifice of our veterans? Does it square with faith in Christ Jesus, the Lamb that was slain and Prince of Peace? Work for peace!



- November 8 - Rick Neufeld, conference minister, preaching via ZOOM
- November 11 - MCM Youth Peace Witness Event 2020
- November 12 - MCI Fall Showcase
- November 14 - Men: Finding Success Zoom Workshop
- November 18 - Congregational Meeting 7pm (Wednesday)
- November 21 - MCC Centennial Celebration (online)

Activities & Interests:

Men: Remember Movember - Grow that moustache in support of Men's health or ransom your face for \$10/day in support of the Mission Fund. "**Movember**" Check out ca.movember.com for more info or talk to Andy Neufeld or Matt Heide.

Prairie Partners Fall Supper (Sunday, November 8) - Enjoy your supper!

Mennonite Collegiate Institute invites you to join us on Thursday, November 12th at 7:30pm for the **MCI Fall Showcase**, a short online fundraising event! Visit the [MCI YouTube channel](#) on the 12th to join us. The Showcase will also be available for viewing after the event.

MCM Youth Peace Witness Event 2020 Edition - Nov.11 @ 7pm on zoom - contact Kathy Giesbrecht, kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca for a link.

Men: Finding Success ZOOM Workshop by Al Rutan of Promise Keepers **Nov. 14th, 9-11:30 @ Family Worship \$15.**

Join the MCC Centennial Celebration, virtually on Saturday, Nov 21 at 7pm.

Westview and Evergreen:Talk to Pastor Wes if you need help if you can help provide a virtual devotional for residents in Westview and Evergreen. *Thank you to all you who've helped so far! If you'd like to try your hand at video editing...*