

## **PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION**

### **WMC FAMILY: Helmut and Lois Neufeld**

\*... Health, healing, comfort: **Cody Burnett, John Reimer, Shirley Stow, Ray Hildebrandt, Ron** (John A & Hedy's son-in-law)

\*...*Congratulations to Colin Reimer and Laura Doerksen on their engagement!*

\*... 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 schools and government during Code Red

### **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](mailto: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**



***November 15, 2020***

***Zoom Service***

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: Heather Heide

Please sing along from home!

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

## NRSV Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants  
Look to the hand of their master,  
As the eyes of a maid  
To the hand of her mistress,  
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
Until he has mercy upon us.  
<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
For we have had more than enough of contempt  
<sup>4</sup>Our soul has had more that its fill  
Of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
Of the contempt of the proud.

## NRSV 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup> But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep and awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>7</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Supporting Texts: Judges 4:1-7, Mt 25:14-30**

**Bible reading for Monday, 16 Nov: Ezekiel 43-44, Zech 7-8**

Friday marks the end!

## Pastor's Corner:

I hear rather timely words in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians as restrictions tighten on an already virus-fatigued population. You don't need more words. We don't know the future, except that God's design is for our salvation through Jesus Christ. So encourage one another (in wise ways.)

As our Bible read through comes to an end, these last chapters of Ezekiel and the book of Zechariah are looking forward to a salvation--each book has a different take. While I studied both books in depth in seminary (even translated Zech 1-8), neither book are favorites of mine. What I find really cool though is that God's plan for salvation via Incarnation is so much weirder than Zechariah's dreams and more organic and beautiful than Ezekiel's love of order. What is the beautiful, surprising grace God is lavishing on us at this time? I don't see it yet, but I'd like to know!



- 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](http://ca.movember.com) for more info or talk to Andy Neufeld or Matt Heide.

**Current "Movember" Donations - \$300**

**Give the perfect Christmas gift this season.** Choose a goat, solar lanterns or a brood of chicks. Chickens provide eggs, meat and can boost income for families around the world. Purchase your Christmas Giving gift at [mccmb.ca/Christmas](http://mccmb.ca/Christmas) or call 204-261-6381.

**Don't miss the Centennial Celebration on Saturday, Nov 21 at 7pm!**

This memorable event will feature stories of MCC's work, music, prayer and a time of thanksgiving. We hope to see you there, virtually! Visit [mccmb.ca/Events](http://mccmb.ca/Events) to register.

**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...*