PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: Peter & Lorraine Neufeld

- *... Health, healing, comfort: *Cody Burnett, John Reimer, Shirley Stow,* Ron (John A & Hedy's son-in-law), Laura Willis (John A & Hedy's grand daughter), Brenda Neufeld (Jake & Anne)
 - *... 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
- ...Home Street Mennonite Church in Winnipeg is celebrating 100 years of worship
- ...Union Gospel Mission in Winnipeg has had a few members in their care test positive for Covid 19 prayers for recovery and safety of those involved
- **World ...** Pray that the *Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia*, the largest church in Mennonite World Conference, will be a strong voice for peace as ethnic tensions threaten civil war and nine million people are at risk of displacement due to increasing violence. Pray for unity and peace.
- ...Ethiopia is experiencing a threefold threat of pandemic, famine and war. Crops are devastated due to a locust infestation and Ethiopia is now in the midst of intense conflict, while in the grip of a global pandemic. Pray for peace and healing in Ethiopia. Pray especially for the children; 42% of the population is below the age of 15. Pray also for the congregations here in Canada in our nationwide community of faith who carry deep concern for Ethiopia and Eritrea and for loved ones.
- ... 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

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



November 29, 2020 Zoom Service

Worship Leader: Amy Loewen

Music: George and Catherine Heide
Please sing along from home!

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

NRSV Mark 13:24-37

²⁴"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learns its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Supporting Texts: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 8:1-7, 17-19



I believe these links should be good through Advent if we remain confined to quarters. You only need a telephone to participate. Long distance charges may apply.

ZOOM link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86845404173

ZOOM Call in:

1 204 272 7920 Canada Meeting ID: 868 4540 4173

NRSV Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name know to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides, you, who works for those who wait for him. 5You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.



Men: **Remember Movember** - Before you shave it off (it is going, right?) make sure to take a picture for Matt. Andy will, of course, still take checks for missions. **Current "Movember" Donations - \$850**

Leadership Discernment - Your prayerful discernment beings now for 2021 Leadership positions: Chair, Fellowship, Stewardship and Worship. Matt, Chris, Don and Lisa are stepping down. Thank them for their service! May God bless them. You should have the ballot in hand (or inbox) by middle of next week.

Missed the MCC Centennial Celebration last Saturday? The 75-minute program included storytelling, music and a time for reflection. View the recording at mccmb.ca/Centennial-Celebration.

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 or call 204-261-6381.

For Fair Trade Olive Oil from Palestine contact: Jan McIntyre ~ 204-245-0998 ~ zatoun.southMB@gmail.com

Meet-and-greet with friends in **Bethlehem University**-- online December 15! **Please email mcmfriendsofpalestine@gmail.com to register.**