

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: Colin Reimer

*... Health, healing, comfort: **Cody Burnett, John Reimer, Laura Willis** (John A & Hedy's grand daughter), **Brenda Neufeld** (Jake & Anne), **Trish** (ALS diagnosis - friend of Heather H.), **Anne Neufeld** (stomach cancer diagnosis), **Marg K** (waiting MRI results)

*... Condolences to Jessie Tiessen and the family of her cousin, Harry.

*...We welcome baby **Asher** into Marg's family and our own.

*...For those in hospitals, schools and government during Code Red

Wider Church....

...The Joint Council of Mennonite Church Canada are meeting virtually this weekend to give attention to our beloved church. Pray for Gerald Gerbrandt (MCM Moderator), Andrea De Avila (2nd rep), Rick Neufeld (Interim EM) as they give direction and counsel to the work that we share together.

World ...

...**Mennonite Church Canada calls for prayer for Ethiopia and Eritrea**
Mennonite Church Canada has just under a dozen congregations across Canada with roots in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia is the largest Anabaptist community worldwide with whom we have an intentional, sister-church relationship.

...Pray for strength and wisdom as PeaceBuilders Community, Inc. (PBCI), together with Witness workers *Dann and Joji Pantoj*, respond to the disaster of the latest typhoon in the Philippines. Typhoon Ulysses hit the north island of Luzon leaving an entire city submerged with more than 28,000 family homes under water. May God's love be shown through them to people in need.

... 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



December 6, 2020

Zoom Service

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: Heather Heide

Monologue: Mark Loewen

Children's Story: Marg Kroeker

Sermon: Nora Carmi

NRSV **Mark 1:1-8**

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight';" ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

NRSV **Isaiah 40:1-11**

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough place a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" and I said "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"
¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Supporting Texts: Ps 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15



\$2600 was raised for the Missions Fund in November!

Leadership Discernment - Your prayerful discernment begins 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.

We are excited to announce this year's upcoming **Community Christmas Eve virtual service!** AND you get to be involved in 1, 2, or 3 ways! For more info on how to get involved visit: www.mbchurch.ca/christmas. We need everything in by Dec 13, so sign up early! Contact Steve Buhler (steve@mbchurch.ca or 2045736194) if you have any questions.

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 Dec. 15!
Please email mcmfriendsofpalestine@gmail.com to register.

Wrongs to Rights: Over the next few weeks the Government of Canada will likely table legislation to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This is huge! According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Declaration is "the framework for reconciliation" for Canadian society. But what exactly is the Declaration? What does it mean for the church? Short articles, poetry, artwork and a study guide make this resource perfect for individual or (online) group reflection. Order through CommonWord.

ZOOM link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86845404173>

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