

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: Walter and Betty Albrecht

*... Health, healing, comfort:

Ed Albrecht, Anne & Jake Neufeld, Matt Heide, Shirley
(Lorraine R.), **Ed Dyck, Tinie S**

*...Marg and Amy K welcome baby Madden into their home!

*... Congratulations to Carson & Malorie Dyck at the birth of their daughter *Georgia Noel*

Wider Church....

...Prayer for new Mennonite Church Canada-CPT

Internship Please pray for Allegra Friesen Epp (Home Street Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Man.) as she begins a joint internship with Mennonite Church Canada and Christian Peacemaker Teams' Turtle Island Solidarity Network. Allegra will work out of Winnipeg (Treaty 1 & the Homeland of the Metis Nation). Pray for strength, wisdom and joy as she navigates this work and builds new relationships.

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.

... Praise God for four recently completed teacher training events for the Congo Literacy Project, held in Mutena, Kamiji, Kamayala and Bita in December and January.

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

Think and say a prayer over this statement. Ask God to speak to us of our identity and direction.

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.**'

Whitewater Mennonite Church



February 21st, 2021

Communion

Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Children's Story: Marg Kroeker

Sermon: Wes Goertzen

NRSV **Genesis 9:8-17**

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

NRSV **Mark 1:9-15**

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; [a] with you I am well pleased." 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Supporting Texts: Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22

Please use this ZOOM link for the following Sundays

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

ZOOM Call in: 1 204 272 7920 Canada

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Feb 21st - Communion

Feb 28th - Janet Peters from CwM guest speaking

March 6th - MCM Gathering 2021

There are some unfinished fleece blankets in the basement of the Church awaiting skilled or semi skilled hands to complete them. They will then be available to gift to someone of your choosing at one of our personal care homes here in town. Please talk to Chris Neufeld with any questions. Act now as they are moving fast and we have a limited supply.

Resuming in-person services- Contact Chris Neufeld to be one of the chosen 40. Please come *masked*. You can take them off in your seats. Singing will be limited to our song leader.

Lent at Home Worship guide is attached to the bulletin email. This resource provides weekly Lenten rituals that offer worship experiences that may enrich our collective Sunday practices during this Lenten season (pages 3 & 4).

Amplify Jesus: Sunday Night Worship...is a 6 week series of Lent Worship Services for MCM Youth, starting Feb. 21 8:00pm. Hosted by Kathy Giesbrecht these half hour services will include: special guests sharing about Jesus, songs led by Mackenzie Hildebrand, art and prayer. We are hoping to create a space for spiritual encouragement and connection. Contact Kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca for Zoom Link.

Camps with Meaning applications are now on the CwM website. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org and follow the Summer links.

MCM (Online) Gathering 2021 - March 6 - Save the date! Delegates (and friends, all are welcome) will gather around our shared MCM and MC Canada ministries from 9:00-12:30 on March 6. **Contact P. Wes or Ben Heide ASAP if you want to represent WMC as a delegate.**

Final February Book Study - *Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*. The final session is Feb.25 at 12:30pm.

Betty and Walter Albrecht have graciously taken on the **"Good Will Society's"** role in reaching out to the sick in our midst. If there's an illness, please contact either of them at 534-6923.