PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: Herman and Tenley Dyck

*... Health, healing, comfort:

Anne & Jake Neufeld, Matt Heide, George Heide, Matt (John Reimer's nephew), Rudy Engbrecht, Tinie S

Wider Church....

...Camps with Meaning is pleased to announce the Leadership Team for their 2021 Summer Camp program - SPDS Nic Harder and Katie Wilson, Bible Instructor Johanna Klassen, Nature Instructor Scott Warkentin. Please pray for these young leaders as they begin to prepare for another interesting summer.

World ...

... We acknowledge our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

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.'

How have we lived into this statement? How has God been shaping our understanding? Who are we? And, who are we called to be?

Whitewater Mennonite Church



March 21, 2021

Worship Leader: Amy Loewen

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Children's Story: Lisa Neufeld

Sermon: Lisa Heide

John 12:20-33 NRSV

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine, 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10 NRSV

s So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; **6** as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. **7** In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8** Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; **9** and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, **10** having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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You and Pastor Wes need **administrative help** in the office. *Duties negotiable*, but generally include getting mail, filing/keeping records updated, scheduling, bulletin & PowerPoint (these are covered at the moment), website updates and holding of details.

You're invited to a theatre performance like never before! UNMUTE is a Zoom theatre piece that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19. Registration is free. Find out more at mcccanada.ca/unmute.

Break Every Yoke is a conversation on Guaranteed Basic Income and the church's response hosted by First Mennonite Church and sponsored by MCM, MCC and others March 24, 7pm. Visit https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/break-every-yoke/ for more information.

Good Friday Communion - 10:30am. Come for a service of communion, singing, and hearing the story of Jesus' Passion.

As of March 17th, **people aged 71+ are eligible for the vaccine.** The vaccine call centre phone number is 1-844-626-8222. Daily hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The reports and recordings from <u>MCM Gathering 2021</u> are available online.

Please use this ZOOM link for Sunday, March 14

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86845404173 ZOOM Call in: 1 204 272 7920 Canada

Meeting ID: 868 4540 4173