

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: John A and Hedy Dyck

*... Health, healing, comfort:

Anne & Jake Neufeld, Matt Heide, George Heide, Matt (Reimer nephew), Rudy Engbrecht, Tinie Sawatzky

Wider Church....

...Colombia Mennonite Church asks for prayer amid violence Mennonite Church of Colombia (IMCOL) asks us to pray for them as they support congregations in areas of violence. "Violence is widespread and affects us all. There is not a day that goes by that we do not hear of deaths, fighting and coca crops and fear for the welfare of children, young people and the whole church. But as a Church we cannot fall into despair. These events pain us but we must strengthen our hope in God." Praise God for the witness of peace they bring to the region and the strong message of hope in darkness.

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 28, 2021
Palm Sunday**

Worship Leader: Hedy Dyck

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Isaiah 50:4-9a The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,¹ that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens -- awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2:5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was¹ in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12: 12-16 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Supporting Text: Psalm 118

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

Daily Bread for June-August are in the office. Early bird gets the worm.

Camps with Meaning article in the Canadian Mennonite highlighting Whitewater Church's involvement with Camp Koinonia summer camps: <https://canadianmennonite.org/stories/churches-helping-camps-helping-churches>

Festival of Biblical Storytelling For a stimulating and meaningful celebration of scripture, told by heart, join the network of biblical storytellers Canada for an online weekend festival gathering, April 9-11. You'll experience the telling of a large amount of Mark's gospel and other scripture accounts as well as worship services. For more information check out the website's link to the festival:

<https://www.nbscanada.org/festival-gathering> Contact Ken Quiring at Grace Mennonite, Brandon for personal testimony on the power of Biblical Storytelling.

As of March 25th, **people aged 65+ and First Nations aged 45+ 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 & recordings from [MCM Gathering 2021](#) are available [online](#).

Please use this ZOOM link for Sunday, March 28

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

ZOOM Call in: 1 204 272 7920 Canada

Meeting ID: 868 4540 4173