

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: Elfrieda Epp

*... Health, healing, comfort:

Anne & Jake Neufeld, Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Matt Heide and family, Tinie Sawatzky, Ed Dyck, the family of Rudy Engbrecht, Matt (Reimer nephew), Bob Sitko (John + Lorraine's brother-in-law)

Wider Church....

...Pray and act for peace in the Holy Land. In recent days, hundreds of people have been killed and injured in fresh violence fueled by pent-up hatred and ongoing injustice. Pray for our partners at Bethlehem Bible College and for all Palestinian Christians as they bear witness to Jesus' way of peace. Contact your MP to ask Canada to take a clearer stand for justice and international law. For more, please visit:

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>.

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.

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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



May 23rd, 2021

Worship Leader: Bernie Tiessen

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Children's Story: Jessie Tiessen

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Psalm 104: 24-35b

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. 26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. 27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season; 28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 When you send forth your spirit, [a] they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. 31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

John 15:26-27

26 "When the Advocate [a] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:4-15

4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them" I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate [a] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about [b] sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Please use this ZOOM link for May 23rd service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012508328>

ZOOM Call in: 1 204 272 7920 Canada

New Meeting ID: 870 1250 8328

As of May 12th, **people aged 18+ are eligible for the vaccine.** For love, please get yourselves vaccinated!

Students, you could earn \$1,000 or more toward your ongoing studies.

MCC is awarding scholarships to students working toward post-secondary degrees. Learn more [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/studentawards.

[MCI mini concerts](#) drop Mondays at 7pm on YouTube.

Hear stories from MCC projects around the world through our webinar series.

Join us on May 26 at 7:00pm for *The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration and Human Dignity*. Learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Register [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

Click link to access the [Volunteer Application](#) for **Koinonia July 19-23**

For MCC, peace is more than a wish, it's what we do. Peace means something different to each person. Help us answer the question "What is peace?" by sharing what peace means to you – it can be an idea, a poem, a memory or just a few words. We're collecting submissions for a creative art piece that celebrates the beauty of peace in action. You can contribute [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/what-is-peace.

Boissevain Morton Grow Project 2021 has a [new fundraiser!](#)

Books! Perhaps with the rain & serious restrictions you're looking for something to read. We have a dozen books on loan from *CommonWord* until June 17 ranging from Anabaptist theology & history to picture & children's books. Sign them out from in front of the office.

Remember, as long as Covid-19 is affecting school and childcare Pastor Wes' weekly office hours are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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