

## **PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION**

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... Tinie Sawatzky**

Health, healing, comfort:

**...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld, Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Lynette Stow (Lorraine R's sister-in-law)**

### **Wider Community...**

...This week George and Tobia Veith begin speaking and connecting with congregations across Canada every week, giving witness to God's work in the world through the eyes of our Chinese siblings in faith. Pray for strength, inspiration and listening ears.

...Boissevain Resettlement Committee welcomed Awet, her two sons, Natan and Noh and her sister, Gezina on October 21st

### **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!

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### **WMC's Identity Statement:**

‘With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginning, 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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*How have we lived into this statement? How has God been shaping our understanding? Who are we? And, who are we called to be?*

(If you'd like to be apart of this ongoing conversation, talk to Ben Heide)

# **Whitewater Mennonite Church**



**October 24th, 2021**

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: Heather Heide

Faith-Sharing Moment: Peter Neufeld

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

The essence of the gospel is heard already from the burning bush: God has come down to holy ground to deliver us and to bring us up to a land of promise.

(Ellen Davis, "I've got to turn aside" in *Getting Involved with God*, 45.)

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2 Corinthians 5:13-6:1

13 If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[b]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**October 26** - WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen - Please talk to Pastor Wes if you are willing to help.

**October 30** - Woodcutters at Camp Koinonia

**November 3** - YFC's Gala of Hope

**December 7** - WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen- Please talk to Pastor Wes if you are willing to help.

We are still in *urgent* need of people to bring devotions to Evergreen (10:00) and Westview (10:40) on October 26th. Prepare a poem or quotation or devotional or scripture reading, or record a piece of worship music.

**Camp Koinonia Annual Woodcutters Retreat** will be held Saturday October 30th, starting at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided. For more information please call or text Matthew Heide 204-534-8268

**Youth for Christ Gala** on the evening of Nov 3. We have a table of 8 filled and have a couple spots left to fill a 2nd table. Please let Andy Neufeld know ASAP if you'd like to join. Vaccinations required.

**The Boissevain Resettlement Committee (BRC) is happy to be welcoming two families from Eritrea to Boissevain** in the next few weeks. Awet, her two sons, Natan and Noh and her sister, Gezina arrived on October 21st and are being sponsored by the BRC. Adiam and her son, Eyosab arrive in early November, and are sponsored by an independent group of five.

**YOUTH: Amplify! giving voice to what we've seen and heard** - introducing our theme for the Mennonite Church Canada nationwide youth (gr. 6-12) gathering, **July 31- August 4, 2022, at Camp Valaqua, AB.** Isaiah 40:3-5 will guide us as we spend time in the tall trees, meeting God in nature and creation: A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord". Together, youth from across Canada will find their voices and raise them in raucous joy during worship, games and prayer. <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/amplify> for the latest updates and news or contact the Amplify!

**Woven (Mennonite Women MB) is kicking off another Woven Wednesday Series**, Knowing Circle, on Wednesday Oct.27th at 8pm. This series is hosted by Tina Fehr Kehler and on Wednesday our guest, Lilli Williams, will introduce us to and engage us in the use of Mandalas as a spiritual practice. Join us and have your pencil crayons/crayons/pastels and some 8 1/2"x 11" paper ready for your participation. Link to Zoom Room on Woven Facebook Page or email [kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca)