

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

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... Bernie and Jessie Tiessen**

Health, healing, comfort:

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

...Safe travels for Bernie and Jessie Tiessen as they head to their winter residence in Arizona

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

...Peace is more than a wish, it's what we do. This phrase feels especially poignant this week as we reflect and commemorate Remembrance Day. It is my prayer that you and your church would be able to meditate on Jesus' message of peace and share that love in your communities. -Grace and peace, Simone Thiessen (MCC)

### **World...**

...Pray for nation leaders around the world as they gather in Glasgow, Scotland from Oct.31-Nov.12 for the COP25 Climate Summit.

...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 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?*

# **Whitewater Mennonite Church**



**November 7th, 2021**

*'Faith is complicated, but so is a star'*

Worship Leader: Heather Goertzen

Music: Meara Sparling

Sermon & Children's Story: Lisa Heide

## Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another; and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the most important of all?' 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

## 1 Corinthians 3:11

11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

*A message from Camps with Meaning:*

Summer 2021 was a fun and meaningful year for camp. Due to the pandemic, there was limited programming, but we were able to offer three weeks of day camp and one week of youth camp at Assiniboia, as well as one week of day camp at Koinonia. In addition, we held single-day Pop-Up events at Morden MC, Grace MC Steinbach, Bethel



MC, and Camp Assiniboia. In total, 249 campers participated in one of our programs this summer. Our leadership and staff training programs also went well with good participation. Leadership training began in June, and staff training was

held the following month. In all, 49 staff gathered for training in July. During this time, we also had three day-events for ADV campers. It was good to be together in community, and to have kitchen, maintenance, health and pastoral volunteers join us. We are so grateful for the commitment and passion of our volunteers, staff, campers and families – Thank you!

Augustine of Hippo: Of *sapientia* -

“True wisdom is such that no evil use can ever be made of it”.  
“*Scientia* is not inherently evil; it is problematic only in that abstract knowledge has no intrinsic relationship with goodness. No other generation has been so successful at using its technological knowledge in order to manipulate the world and satisfy its own appetites. The ecological crisis is essentially a crisis of knowledge run amok.”

(Ellen Davis, Wise Ignorance in *GIWG*, 96.)

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

**The Brandon MCC Thrift Shop** is expecting to hire a full time cashier for approximately 15 weeks starting in early November. Please contact the manager, Shelly, at 204-727-1162 if you are interested.

**November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** And MCC Manitoba is inviting church leaders to a two-part webinar series, offering responses to domestic violence in Christian contexts that open doors to healing and hope. Morning webinar sessions will take place on November 17 and 24. For more information click [here](#) or visit [mccmb.ca/events](http://mccmb.ca/events).

**Break the Bank-uet 2. Camps with Meaning Online Fundraising Event.** November 14, 2021. 7:00pm. Join camp staff for music, updates, a celebration of Summer 2021 ministry, and of course, breaking the bank. [www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet)

**Explore the interactive MCC Annual Impact Report!** During this difficult year, as we faced nearly unprecedented challenges, your congregation gave to those in need. Your generosity had an impact in countries across the globe and here at home. Visit [mccmb.ca/annual-impact-report-2021](http://mccmb.ca/annual-impact-report-2021) and take a minute to reflect and celebrate the work that your congregation helped make happen!

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