

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Joan West

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), Heather H's Aunt Trudy

Wider Community...

...Please be in prayer for the people of BC. Intensive rainfall over the weekend has closed all major highways leading into and out of Vancouver and Fraser Valley, flooding in lower areas has meant evacuations for many people, other people have been stranded away from home because of impassable roads. MCBC has one church (Yarrow) in an evacuated area. Some other churches are dealing with flooding in basements and leaking roofs. *From Ken Dueck, MCBC*

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 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.’

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 21st, 2021

Memorial Sunday

Worship Leader: Heather Heide

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

This week I attended a seminar on domestic violence and the church given by MCC. Let us be clear, no matter where you land on marriage and gender roles there is no biblical justification for violence and certainly no Christian (Christ-like) justification. Physical, sexual, verbal, emotional and spiritual violences are all abusive and *not ok*. If you need help, I'm here, we're here, and there are also outside resources: Domestic Violence toll-free crisis line 1-877-977-0007.

Today we are drawn into remembrance.
The complexity of love and loss
both warms our hearts and chills our bones.
Invisible connections are revealed
just as the light of the sun illuminates the lines of a web,
we see that our lives are connected to those
who are no longer here.
Blessed are we who acknowledge the impressions
made by those who've passed.
A child's nose, a joke carried on,
a chair left in our name, a story that we now tell.
Blessed are you who have learned
to make sense of a world
that doesn't make sense without them.
And blessed are you with grief present still,
who carry the weight of surviving a loved one,
of keeping the memories and sharing the stories.
O God, you alone know the whole of it.
you know their sufferings, their joys, their hopes,
their winding paths and every movement of their souls.
God, restore our souls, even as you receive theirs.
Welcome them in with the kind of embrace we wish
we could give them.
Blessed is the time they were given
and the time you now have.
*Whether in life or in death,
love is there.*

-Kate Bowler

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

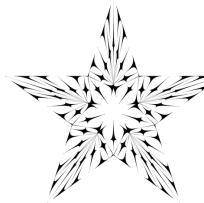
November 24 – Christmas Decorating at the church

November 27 – Christmas Caroling – more details to come

December 3 – Congregational Meeting 6:30pm at WMC

December 7 – WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen ****You are invited to come serve! Please contact P. Wes if you're able****

December 15 – *Handel's Messiah* in Winnipeg



We are looking for a few vintage suitcases for our advent display, if you have any to lend please bring them to the church. Volunteers are needed for planning and organizing the **Christmas Eve service**. If you are able to help with this, please contact Lorraine Reimer.

Deck the Halls – *Christmas tree decorating will take place this Wednesday, November 24th*. The carols will be playing and treats will be provided as we decorate the tree! Starting at 2pm,

contact Laura Dyck for more info.

New additions to the Whitewater Library: 'How God became King' by N.T. Wright and 'A road to fossil fuel free farming: an example and a challenge' by David Rourke

If anyone is interested in going to see *Handel's Messiah*, performed by the WSO and the CMU festival chorus (formerly known as the Mennonite festival chorus), click on the link below for more information and to buy tickets. The discount code is: HANDEL <https://wso.ca/blog/concerts/handels-messiah-2/> Thanks! –Meara

Camps with Meaning's "Break the Bank-uet" fundraiser happened on Nov.14, the video is still available online with a link to donate. It also features the 2021 promo video half way through – *watch carefully and you'll see a few Whitewater kids!* <https://campswithmeaning.org/banquet>

Watch MCI's recent music video of Resonate's beautiful rendition of *Amazing Grace* (*My Chains are Gone*) on the MCI youtube channel, or by following this link [MCI's Amazing Grace](#)

Delight your loved ones this Christmas by sharing God's love on a global scale. Free MCC worksheets, activity ideas and crafts on generosity, available at mccmb.ca/kids-learning-about-generosity.

Amplify! – introducing our theme for the MCC nationwide youth (gr. 6-12) gathering, **July 31- August 4, 2022, at Camp Valaqua, AB**. Together, youth from across Canada will find their voices and raise them in raucous joy during worship, games and prayer. Follow us online at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/amplify> for the latest updates and news.