

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Julius Bergman

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,
Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Randy Sawatzky, Ron Goertzen
...Praise: arrival of baby Morris Darko (Dave & Edith's grandson)

World...

...**Mennonite World Conference Indonesia.** Please keep the leaders and staff of Mennonite World Conference in your prayers as they plan for the July 2022 gathering in Indonesia amidst uncertainty of worldwide travel. They will decide in February 2022 how those meetings will take place, on site or online. Pray for strength, grace and wisdom as they find ways for us to be church together in this way.

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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.'

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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Whitewater Mennonite Church



December 12th, 2021

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: Heather Heide

Faith Sharing Time: Marg Kroeker

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A Song of Joy

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
He has turned away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will renew you in his love;
He will exult over you with loud singing
18 as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

19 I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Supporting Texts: Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

"Mary and Moses have this in common: in the history of the world, they are the only two people who have known God most intimately, known God in ways that mortal flesh ordinarily could not tolerate without burning to a cinder." (Davis, GIwG, 46)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

December 15 - *Handel's Messiah* in Winnipeg

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

January 18 - WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen

January 27 - Congregation Annual Meeting

Our Daily Bread Dec/Jan/Feb are available by the mailboxes

There are 7 copies of the red 'History of Whitewater Mennonite Church 1927-1987' available in the admin office. Please talk to Laura if you'd like one.

The missions committee would like to remind you that the mission sausages are ready for each family to pick up! The sausages are in the church freezer and there are still some containers of Laird, crackles and some soup bones in the fridge. We would remind you that these items are a gift to you and all we ask is a donation of what you feel appropriate towards the missions committee.

Please return Values surveys and discernment forms by December 19th

All committee members: please let the treasurer know your budget requirements for 2022.

"May our hearts reflect the hope and generosity of the shepherds, the magi, and most of all our God, who came to us this season in Jesus Christ" Advent greetings from Mennonite Church Canada. Watch the video: [here](#)

Watch this year's Christmas at CMU program from the comfort of your own home on Saturday, December 11th (or anytime after). Christmas favourites performed by current CMU instrumental and choral ensembles, this is CMU's gift of glad tidings and joy to you! Visit cmu.ca/christmas.

Wet-suwet-ten Solidarity webinar – Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 – 7 p.m. CST Register: [here](#). Join Esther Kern and David Janzen (Valleyview Mennonite Church, London, Ontario), and Allegra Friesen Epp (Home Street Mennonite Church, Winnipeg), who recently spent time in Wet'suwet'en territory in northwestern B.C.

MDS Canada calling for volunteers to help with B.C. flood clean-up. MDS Canada is calling for volunteers to help with cleaning out homes in Princeton, B.C. following the catastrophic flood that hit that town in mid-November. [Read the full MDS News Release on the MCBC site.](#)