

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

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... Robert Bergman**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,  
Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Randy Sawatzky, Ron Goertzen

### **Wider Church...**

..."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](#)

### **World...**

...**Prayer for Burkina Faso** Calixte Bananzaro, president of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, has shared that terrorists have chased habitants in the northwest regions of the country from their villages, stolen their livestock and burned their stores of grain. Pray for an end to the violence in Burkina Faso.

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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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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 19th, 2021**

Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Music & Children's Story: Meara Sparling

Sermon: Heather Goertzen

"Moses and Mary are the ones who made most room in their lives and therefore in our world for God's dramatically new work of deliverance. Knowingly and willingly, they welcomed God as God is, utterly demanding and utterly loving. That is why God could come so close, 'mouth-to-mouth.'" (Num 12:8) (Davis, "I've got to turn aside" in *GIWG*, 46.)

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### Luke 1:39-55 NRSV

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

### *Mary's Song of Praise*

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and Holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good thing,

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> According to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**Supporting Texts: Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 5:5-10**

## *Announcements and Upcoming Events*

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Service

**December 27 - January 8** - Pastor Wes is on holidays

**January 18** - WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen (*Please talk to P Wes if you are able to help serve*)

**January 27** - Congregation Annual Meeting

**March 4 & 5** - MCM Gathering

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

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 by the end of today (December 19th)\***

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

Watch MCI's addition of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' for the Messiah Project here: <https://youtu.be/Fouv1IAZ8cl> (*Andrew Heide and Micah Loewen both sing in it!*)

**Opportunity for students: Is our climate polarized?** Join young people across the country, MCC staff, civil servants and development professionals in a conversation on climate, advocacy and building bridges for a shared future. The Peace & Justice Office student seminar is February 22-24, 2022, with a location in Winnipeg. [Learn more](#) and register at [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/peace-justice-student-seminar](https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/peace-justice-student-seminar).

**Save the dates for the MCM Gathering 2022- March 4 & 5, 2022**

Details are still being ironed out, but we are hoping for an in-person Leadership event and our delegate gathering to take place at Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. More details will be available shortly.

**Faith and Life Choir online Christmas Concert.** Join the Male Choir, Women's Chorus and MCM Staff in a 23 min Christmas Concert online. [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/flchoirs](https://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/flchoirs)

**Whitewater Church Website:** <https://whitewatermc.ca/>