

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

**WMC FAMILY: \*... Dyck, John A. & Hedy**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,  
Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Randy Sawatzky  
...Health care workers and all those affected by the recent rise in  
Covid-19 cases across the province.

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

**...New Witness workers on their way to Ethiopia this January -**

Join in praise and prayer with Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong as they make their way to Ethiopia to serve with the Meserete Kristos Seminary on January 16, 2022. After waiting the fall semester for visas, they are finally able to travel.

**...Vaccines finally available in northeast Thailand...**After months of waiting, vaccines are now readily available in the Issan northeast area of Thailand where Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong live and serve. Praise God that people can get this help as the Omicron variant catches hold in the area.

**...Conflict at Wet'suwet'en continues** Please pray for Wet'suwet'en water protectors who are currently asserting their sovereignty in the face of yet another large-scale mobilization of militarized police.

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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.

# **Whitewater Mennonite Church**



**January 9th, 2022**

***Epiphany Sunday***

Worship Leader: Clarice Martens

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

## Matthew 2: 1-12 NRSV

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### Supporting Texts: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7 & 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**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

### 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.

**Raffle tickets are available for Prairie Partners Fundraiser** - prize is a Westjet Voucher of \$600! Stop by the sawmill or email [ceo@prairiepartners.ca](mailto:ceo@prairiepartners.ca) for tickets. 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25.

**Registration for MWC Assembly opens for online participation.** Starting December 24th, 2021, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is accepting registration for online participants for Indonesia 2022 through its registration site: [www.indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org)

**I am a Mennonite film available now** Paul Plett is a filmmaker from Home Street Mennonite Church. Join him on his journey (yes, this includes traveling to the Ukraine) making sense of his Mennonite identity. Visit his website for more information:

<https://odeprod.com/i-am-a-mennonite>

**MCM Youth Jr. High Day - Saturday Jan.22** 10am-4pm at Camp Assiniboia. Lots of outdoor fun, in the Lodge Worship Time, Lunch and Snacks! For all the Details and to Register contact; Kathy Giesbrecht [kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca) Sr. High Day will be Feb.12, more details coming soon.

**Collecting stories of people's experiences with Spiritual Direction.** If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Laura Funk, Spiritual Director in Residence at Mennonite Church Manitoba.

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To see the latest public health orders for churches (as of Dec.21/21) click [here](#)