

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Dyck, Peter and Elsie

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,
Randy Sawatzky, Ben, Lisa, Reid, Dexter and Zane Heide, Ed
Albrecht

...Heather Heide on the passing of her friend, Trish Wiens

...Continued prayer for all those working in health care and the
schools/childcare programs as Covid-19 case numbers remain
high

Wider Church...

...Call to prayer for Burkina Faso

The Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso (Mennonite
Church Canada's sibling church through Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission)
is calling Mennonite Church Canada to pray for security and peace in
their country. Violence has escalated since 2016, as terrorist attacks
wreak havoc in many of the northern and eastern areas, killing as many
as 2,000 and displacing 1.5 million people from their homes.

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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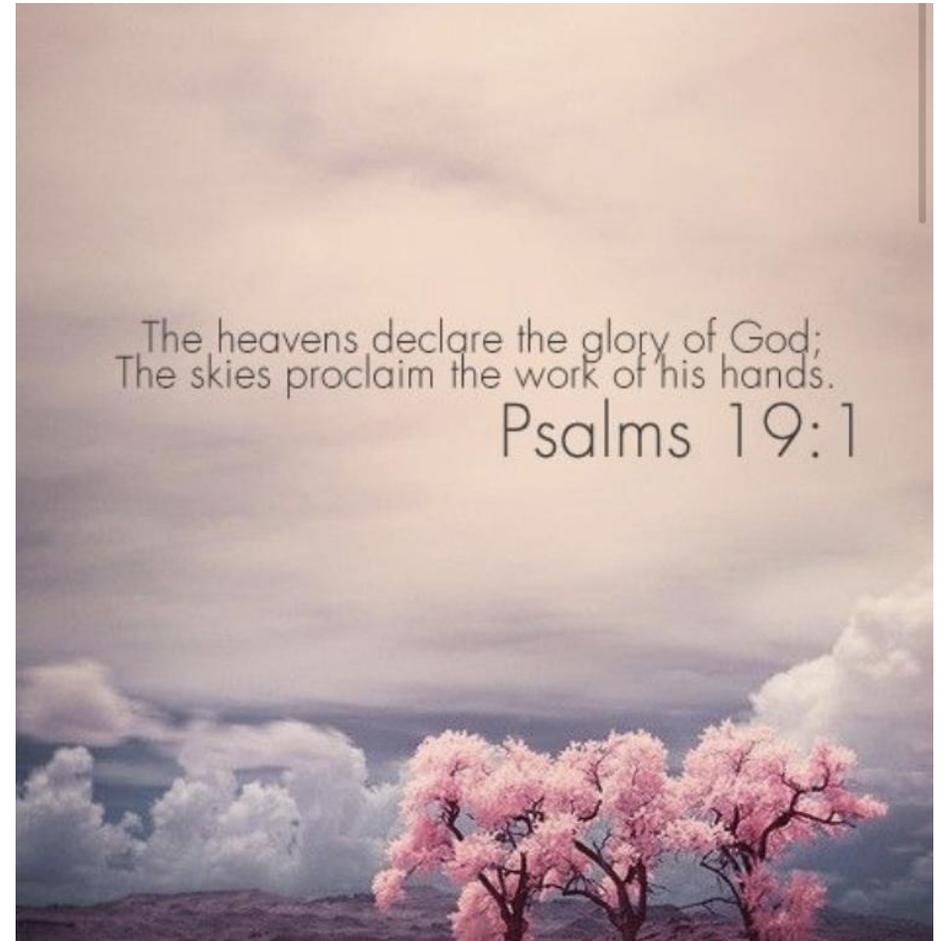
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Whitewater Mennonite Church



January 23rd, 2022

Worship Leader: Heather Goertzen

Music & Children's Story: Meara Sparling

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Luke 4:14-21 NRSV

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. **15** He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Supporting Texts: Psalm 19, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:13-31a

Please use this link for the Sunday Service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012508328>

ZOOM by Phone: 1-204-272-7920 Canada

New Meeting ID: 870 1250 8328

Announcements and Upcoming Events

January 27 – Congregation Annual Meeting

January 30 – Guest speakers – George and Tobia Veith

February 6 – Guest speaker – Terrell Wiebe

March 5 – MCM Gathering (see new information below!)

Whitewater’s Annual Meeting is taking place on Thursday, January 27th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held over ZOOM – the church will be open for those unable to join online or by phone. Annual Report books will be in your church mailbox by Sunday, January 23rd – please pick up your copy before the 27th.

As part of our preparation for Pastor Wes’ sabbatical leave later this year, the Leadership Team is working towards having a part-time interim pastor in place during that time. Towards that end, *Terrell Wiebe of Altona, MB* has been invited to join our congregation on Feb. 6th as the guest speaker. Terrell and his family look forward to meeting our church family.

Four new books are available from Common Word (on the table outside Pastor Wes’ office), there is a sign up sheet if you’re interested in any of the following:

- Germinating Conversations: Stories from a sustained rural-urban dialogue on food, faith, farming and the land, Edited by Marta Bunnett Wiebe
- How to have an enemy: Righteous anger & the work of peace by Melissa Florer-Bixler
- Tongue-Tied: Learning the lost art of talking about faith by Sara Wenger Shenk
- Words for a Dying World: Stories of grief and courage from the global church, Edited by Hannah Malcolm

Camps with Meaning is now accepting applications for Summer Staff

They can be found at www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

MCM Gathering and Leadership Day 2022 – Date/Time/Theme Name Change We are gathering under the theme: **"Shared Life: Together with God"** based on 1 John 1:3. Please note the new times for the Gathering: March 5, 9:00am-1:30pm (with break)

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