

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Reimer, John and Lorraine

Health, healing, comfort:

...Randy Sawatzky, Tara Cassils, Jake Neufeld, Elizabeth Kuhl (Hedy & Edith's sister), Marc and Chars Willerton (Neufeld) and their baby, Rita's nephew Tony and his family (Parents Karen and Phil)

...Camp Koinonia and Camp Assiniboia are heading into another week of camp! Prayers for energy and excitement as they greet new campers.

World...

...Residential school survivors and their communities as they grieve and process the apology given by Pope Francis in Canada this past week. P

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



July 31st, 2022

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Terrell Wiebe
When The Good News Becomes Bad News

Nehemiah 1 NRSV

Nehemiah Prays for His People

1 The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, **2** one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah, and I asked them about the Jews who escaped, those who had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem. **3** They replied, “The remnant there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.”

4 When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. **5** I said, “O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **6** let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the Israelites, confessing the sins of the Israelites, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. **7** We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded Moses your servant. **8** Remember the word that you commanded Moses your servant, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, **9** but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place where I have chosen to establish my name.’ **10** They are your servants and your people whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand. **11** O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!”

Announcements and Upcoming Events

August 14-19 – Pastor Terrell at Camp Koinonia

August 16 – Devotions at Westview and Evergreen (Volunteers needed! Please contact Heather Heide if you’re willing to help)

There will be a short worship and pastoral update to the congregation after the service today.

58th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mennonite Central Committee

Manitoba will be held in Sterling Mennonite Fellowship (1008 Dakota St, Winnipeg, MB R2N 1P2) on the date of **Sep 22, 2022** from 7–9 pm.

Boissevain VBS will be held August 22-26 at the Boissevain MB Church! Ages 4-11, Register at MBChurch.ca/vbs or contact Darci Hildebrand @ 204-534-8701. If you are willing to be a volunteer please contact Tanya Dueck @ 204-573-2496

A do-it-yourself fundraiser for everyone! Join Go!100 and raise money for MCC this summer by doing 100 of the activities of your choice throughout July and August. Whether you choose to bike 100 km, make 100 perogies or donate 100 items to an MCC Thrift shop, you’ll bring tangible relief to refugees and displaced people around the world. Visit mccmb.ca/go-100 for more information and to sign up.

Volunteers needed! The **MCC Thrift Shop** in Brandon is experiencing a backlog of donations, and would really appreciate more volunteers to process and price the many donated items. Come and be part of our volunteer team: meet new people and contribute to MCC’s ministries, which offer help worldwide to those who need it! Please contact **Shelly Burrows** at 204-727-1162 or brandonmccthrift@wcgwave.ca.

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