

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

### **WMC FAMILY... Jake Unger**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Thank you for all your love and support shown to us after the loss of our granddaughter – Peter and Lorraine. Please continue to keep Chars and Marc Willerton and their families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their daughter, Ava.

...An update on our sister, Liz Kuhl's, health: Liz's cancer has spread throughout her body. She is gravely ill. Please pray for her. Edith & Hedy.

...Tara Cassils, Rita's nephew Tony and his family (Parents Karen and Phil), Joan West

...An update on Jake and Brittany's baby: Poppy Hiebert continues to struggle with her immune system. Her numbers go both down and up which is really worrisome. Please pray for a stable increase in her ability to fight off disease.

...John and Lorraine are thrilled to announce the birth of our third grandchild, Kaylee Abigail, born to Kyle and Nicole on Thursday, August 18.

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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**



**September 4th, 2022**

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Terrell Wiebe  
*“The Problem with Jesus”*

## Philemon 1:1-21

**1** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, **2** to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **4** I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, **5** because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. **6** I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. **7** I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. **8** For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, **9** yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. **10** I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. **11** Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. **12** I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. **13** I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, **14** but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. **15** Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, **16** no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. **17** So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. **18** If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. **19** I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. **20** Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. **21** Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**September 11** – Return to regular service time at 10:45am. Fellowship time will continue in the basement at 9:45am.

**September 18** – Lunch and congregational meeting following the service

**September 27** – Devotions at Westview, Evergreen and Cherry Creek Place – please contact Heather Heide if you are able to volunteer

Anyone is invited to submit artwork to be used as future bulletin covers. Please submit your work to Laura D.

The alternative worship service will now be held on September 25th in the sanctuary. This is to allow for sufficient time for volunteers to come forward and prepare a response to the questions that will direct our service. Of the questions submitted, two have been chosen. *"Why was God around more in bible times, and not now?"* and *"How do our different views on the creation story impact the rest of our theology?"* **If you are interested in responding to one of those questions at the service, please speak with Lorraine or Terrell.**

**You are invited to MCC Manitoba's 58th Annual General Meeting.** Join us at Sterling Mennonite Church, Winnipeg on September 22 for an evening of storytelling and reporting on the work and growth of MCC Manitoba. For more details and to register, visit [mccmb.ca/agm](http://mccmb.ca/agm).

**Join the Pedal Dash Paddle Fundraiser for Camp Covid Recovery.** Sept 18 at Camp Assiniboia. This mini-adventure race is designed for competitive and less competitive racers. Visit [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org) to learn more and to register. Please pass this info on folks who might be interested.

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