PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Engbrecht, Susan

Health, healing, comfort: John Reimer, family of Ron Morissette

Marg and Amy welcome baby Kiarah into their home!

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 traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are all 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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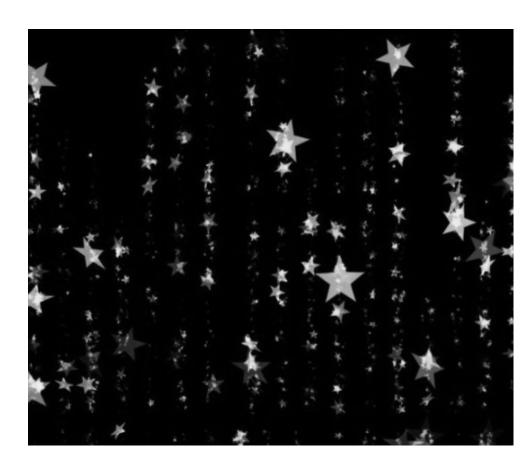
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Whitewater Mennonite Church



January 8th, 2023

Worship Leader: Heather Goertzen

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Matthew 2:1-23

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around

Ephesians 3:5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to



humankind, as it has now been revealed to

his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

6 that is, the Gentiles have become

fellow heirs,

members of the same body,

and sharers¹ in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

January? - Time to take down the Christmas decor. Will you help?

January 9 - MCM Mondays - 8pm Cong. Care Resources w Kathy G!

January 29 - Congregational Annual Meeting after church

January 31 - Whitewater is leading devotions at Westview, Evergreen and Cherry Creek Place. Please contact Heather H or Laura D if you're available to help lead. Pastor Wes will be at CMU's *ReNew* in Winnipeg.

MCM Winter Youth Retreats - Great leadership news! Three great Camps with Meaning Leadership Staff have stepped up to direct the 2 MCM winter retreats for grades 7-12. For more info on the January and February retreats, click www.mennochurch.mb.ca

The 10-minute Bible Hour Podcast will be doing a book of the Bible each day in the new year. To follow along, visit https://www.thetmbh.com/podcast

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Consider participating in local efforts around this, or plan a service yourselves if there is nothing happening in your area. Each MC Canada regional church has taken a day of the week to focus on this. For MCM this is Monday, January 23. Register here.

Celebrate powerful women leaders from both biblical testaments to inspire a new generation of women and girls to risk, scheme, defy and preach God's truth and liberation in the footsteps of their spiritual foremothers – https://www.commonword.ca/go/3245.

MCM Mondays - Jan 9, 8:00pm online. Join Kathy Giesbrecht for Congregational Care: Responsive and Proactive. This 45 minute online workshop will introduce a resource tool that helps congregations reflect upon and perhaps re-imagine their expressions of congregational care, in particular the ministry of Deacons and Care Committees. All are welcome. Visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for link

¹ Threefold repetition of Grk prefix sun- → fellow, same, sharers.