

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Kroeker, Marg, Amy, Caitlin, Julianna & Kiarah

...Health, healing, comfort: Esther (Betty A's sister), George Heide, Heather Heide's Oma

...Please keep the family of Agnes Epp in your prayers

...Bernie & Jessie's niece, Betty Dyck, passed away after a battle with cancer. Please pray for Randy and the family.

World...

...Pray for Jesus followers around the world who commit to learn and walk together in faithful response to the climate crisis. Pray for open ears and hearts, and for willingness to move as the hands and feet of Christ. Newcomers to the climate conversation who wish to explore with others are invited to check out this conversation guide from "For the Love of Creation:" <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/26193>

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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Whitewater Mennonite Church



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March 12th, 2023

Worship Leader: Ben Heide

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

John 4:5-42 NRSV

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, **“Give me a drink.”** 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” 10 Jesus answered her, **“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”** 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” 13 Jesus said to her, **“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”** 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 Jesus said to her, **“Go, call your husband, and come back.”** 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, **“You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”** 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus said to her, **“Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”** 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming”. “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, **“I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”**

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, **“I have food to eat that you do not know about.”** 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, **“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”**

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Supporting texts: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11

Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 14 – 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.

March 19 – Alternative Worship Service

March 19 – Festival Awards Concert at Whitewater 3pm

March 23 – WMC Mission Sale – 6:30 pm.

April 7 – Good Friday service at WMC

The Mission Sale is fast approaching! Please continue preparing for a fun time of fundraising and creative merry making. Only 11 days until the Sale!

March 23 6:30 pm. **Everyone welcome.**

Alternative Service – March 19th The question is “*What does Resurrection mean to you?*”. Volunteers needed – if you are willing to share, please talk to Lorraine R.

Steve Bell fundraising concert for Jamie and Kim Arpin-Ricci and their ministry with MCM congregation Little Flowers and Peace and Justice Initiatives. MCM’s Kathy G will MC. March 17, 7:30pm. Douglas Mennonite Church. No tickets: donations welcome. Visit their website for more info:

<http://peacejustice.ca/steve-bell/>

MCM Mondays – March 13, 8:00pm online. **Congregational Health: In every corner.** Join Kathy Giesbrecht for this conversation. Find the Zoom link and future topics at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

Spring is around the corner – will you help us Grow Hope? Global hunger is an ongoing crisis, and we need you to join with MCC and Manitoba farmers to help provide food where it’s most needed. Through sponsoring acres on a local farm a \$1 donation can grow, and then through government matching, could become as much as \$5! Visit mccmb.ca/GrowHope for more information and to donate!

Turtle Mountain Souris Plains Heritage Association is hosting their 9th Annual Local History Seminar on March 16th from 10am-3:30pm at Mountview Centre in Deloraine. Contact Laura D. if you’d like more info.