

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Herman & Tenley Dyck

...Health, healing, comfort:

...George Engbrecht, Baby Nyla & Juliana (Marg K), Esther (Betty A's sister), Karen Klassen (Rita E's sister), Lynette Stow, Kay Stow, Chars and Marc Willerton

International Witness...

Join the Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission group of churches in praying for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso.

Violent attacks and political unrest continue in the country, there is a great need for prayer support. Pray that our brothers and sisters there will know how best to create space for peace in their local communities, especially in the Kéné Dougou region. Thank God for their witness and for God's provision and protection during this challenging time.

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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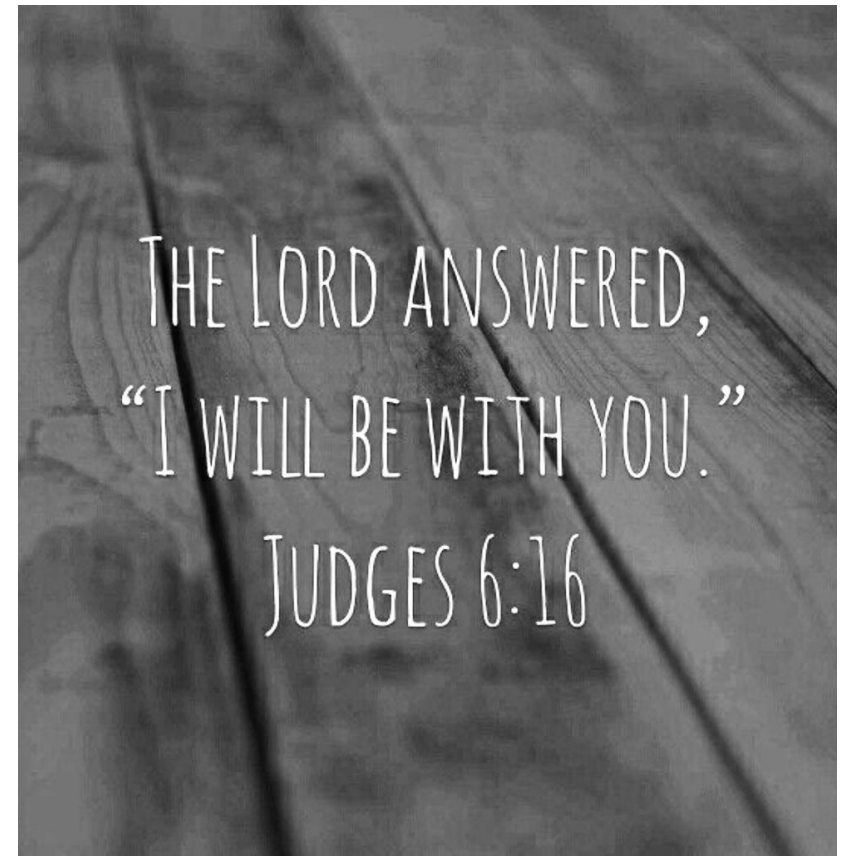
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We acknowledge our presence on the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are all guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

Whitewater Mennonite Church



July 23rd, 2023

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Judges 13: 1-9 NRSV

The Birth of Samson

13 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren, having borne no children. **3** And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son. **4** Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink or to eat anything unclean, **5** for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines." **6** Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like that of an angel of God, most awe-inspiring; I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not tell me his name, **7** but he said to me, 'You shall conceive and bear a son. So then, drink no wine or strong drink and eat nothing unclean, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death.' "

8 Then Manoah entreated the LORD and said, "O my Lord, I pray, let the man of God whom you sent come to us again and teach us what we are to do concerning the boy who will be born." **9** God listened to Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field, but her husband Manoah was not with her.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

July 30 – Gerald Gerbrandt speaking at WMC

When you are finished with your Baby Bottle donation for the **Westman Pregnancy Support Centre, please drop your bottle off directly with Laura D.** The bottles will be returned to the Centre in August.

We would like to **thank the congregation** for the lovely and long lasting flowers we received in Memory of George. –Helmut & Lois Neufeld

Grace Mennonite and Paungassi re-connect in-person

Pray for the 26 people from Grace Mennonite Church (Steinbach) and the people of Paungassi First Nation as they rekindle in-person relationships July 25–30. Circumstances have prevented the Grace folks from getting there since 2019. The good news is that the family camp didn't die with Grace not being there... if anything, it has grown, and Grace is being welcomed back into it. They expect up to 100 people per day.

Save the date! Sunday, September 17 for We Are All Treaty People

Celebration, 1:00–4:00pm at Forks Centre Field in Winnipeg. Come out for an afternoon of music and dance by Indigenous and non-Indigenous performers, information about Treaties, Indigenous arts and crafts, free food, family-friendly games, and fun! For more event information visit mccmb.ca/events.

Camps with Meaning. Praying for the weeks of kids camp...

July 23–28 Koinonia – Jr High & Out-trip & Assiniboia – Jr-Int. & Day Camp

July 30 – Aug 4 Assiniboia – Intermediate and Pre-Junior

Aug 7 –11 Koinonia – Junior-Intermediate

Aug 13 – 18 Assiniboia – Junior High Adventure & Farm Camp

Aug 20 – 25 Koinonia – Youth