

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Susan Engbrecht

Health, healing, comfort:

...Melissa Engbrecht, Dave Reimer & family, Baby Nyla (Marg K), Esther (Betty A's sister), Karen Klassen (Rita E's sister), Lynette Stow, Chars and Marc Willerton

Praying for Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship

FGMF was formed in 1967. Its founding members adopted a "team ministry" model for their polity, and instead of a constitution formulated a "covenant." There are no hired pastors, but rather lay ministers who serve for set terms. Most (though not all) of our members fellowship in "K-Groups," ensuring that pastoral and other concerns do not easily fall between the cracks. While the pandemic reduced the scale of our programming, 60-100 people attend services every Sunday, along with a significant group on Zoom. The four-part harmony singing of hymns from Voices Together is a regular feature. We would appreciate prayers for those in our congregation who are unable to attend our worship service in person, and for our children's Sunday School leaders working through post-pandemic challenges.

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 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



September 17th, 2023

Worship Leader: Ben Heide

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen
Called By God in various ways

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. *Abram was seventy-five years old* when he departed from Haran.

Jeremiah 29:11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me;

Fall Series: Finding God's Calling all around us.

As the new school year begins, we seek to become better seekers, better listeners, more intimate partners with God and one another. We'll attempt this by looking at the prepositions¹ that tie us into God's story.

I am called
by God
to follow
as I am
from grief
for service
in suffering
through others
within God.

¹ (*preposition* -noun. A small connecting word)
Kathleen Cahalan, *The Stories We Live*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Today - Potluck and congregational meeting

September 23 - 50 years of MAF Canada (Invitation below)

September 24 - Steve Bell Concert Fundraiser for Brandon YFC

October 10 - WMC devos at Westview, Evergreen & Cherry Creek Place

November 8 - Brandon YFC Gala

Testimony: We are inviting you to share with us experiences of God's calling in your life. Talk to Lorraine R or Matt H to find a Sunday to share

WMC is in need of an extra \$1400 to cover our property taxes this month.

Monday, September 18 at noon - **BMW grow project Foodgrains harvest** - everyone welcome for a free lunch! And if anyone wants to bring a combine or semi, they would be welcome to join in the harvest!

Join MAF on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 6-9pm at the Royal Aviation Museum in Winnipeg, MB as we celebrate 50 years of MAF Canada! Bring family and friends (adults only please), dessert and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited. Please rsvp by Sept.11 by calling toll-free at 1-877-351-9344 or emailing events@mafc.org.

Steve Bell Concert in support of Westman Youth for Christ, Sunday September 24th at 7pm, McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church. Tickets are \$25. Call YFC at 204-727-1251 or visit www.stevebell.com/events

MCC Manitoba's in-person AGM will be on Thursday, September 28 from 7:00-7:30pm. You and your congregation are invited to join our brief meeting which will focus on required business items including audited financial statements and amendments to bylaws. In lieu of a keynote speaker, the AGM will take place during the MCC Manitoba Open House. Accredited voting delegates must register in order to vote during the meeting; please register by Tuesday, September 26 at mccm.org/events.

Brandon Youth For Christ Gala will be November 8th If anyone is interested in going we could sponsor a table. Please contact Andy for more information/to register.