

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...David & Edith Hammond

Health, healing, comfort:

...Keep George & Rita Engbrecht, as well as their family, in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their daughter, Melissa

...Dave Reimer & family, Baby Nyla (Marg K), Esther (Betty A's sister), Lynette Stow, Chars and Marc Willerton, Randy Sawatzky

...World

Recent violence in Israel and Gaza

We mourn with those who mourn, grieving the horrific violence and loss of life in Israel and Gaza in recent days. Let us pray and work for an end to this violence in all its forms, and for a just peace that allows both Israelis and Palestinians to live in freedom and safety.

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



October 15th, 2023

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Laura Funk
'The Times, They Are 'a-Changin'

Praying for MCM Congregations

Pembina Mennonite Fellowship is a house church in the Morden/Winkler area, formally organized in 1974. We are about 50 individuals in four house groups who meet weekly in our homes and gather together once a month in a community centre. In the summer we meet outside at the research station in Morden. Members take turns hosting and leading Sunday mornings. We are active in climate justice work, hosting newcomers to the area, and supporting Indigenous neighbour initiatives, along with other activities with Morden Mennonite Church (such as making blankets for MCC). Pray that we would continue to humbly care for each other and our neighbours, and that we would be strengthened in our faith. Pray for our young people who leave the area and sometimes have trouble finding community in churches that “do church” differently.

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.

WMC will be led in a Congregational Health Workday on Sunday, October 29th, following our 10am worship service.

Kathy Giesbrecht (Director of Congregational Ministries, MCM) will be leading and all Whitewater attendees are encouraged to participate.

Details regarding lunch to come.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

October 21 – Evangelism Workshop @ Boissevain MB Church (details below)

October 28 – Woodcutters Retreat @ Camp Koinonia

October 29 – Congregation Health Workday with Kathy G. at WMC. Details below.

November 4 – CwM Celebration Banquet @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler

November 5 – CwM Celebration Banquet @ Douglas Mennonite, Winnipeg

November 8 – Brandon YFC Gala

Interested in reading ‘Be It Resolved’? Join the book study group! Days/times to be decided. Talk to Clarice M or Laura D if you’d like to be on the list.

We invite you to join us on October 21 for an Evangelism Workshop. The event is free, and will be held at the Boissevain MB Church (700 Aikman Street, Boissevain) from 9am – noon. For more information visit:

www.sharewordglobal.com/ignite

Come and join us at Camp Koinonia on October 28 at 9:00am for our annual wood cutters retreat. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Matt Heide at campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com

November 3rd – MCI’s Soup & Pie and Fall Concert! Come for soup, buns and pie from 5:30–7:00 in the gymnasium, and stay for our fall concert, *What Wonderful Love is This*, at 7:30 in Buhler Hall with performances by MCI’s students. Meal is by donation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Camps with Meaning Celebration Banquets. Join us November 4th @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler and November 5th @ Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Contact the camp office to reserve your free spot. camps@mennochurch.mb.ca, 204-895-2267

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.

Returning Wealth: Land Reparations and the Church. Discerning collective opportunities for relationship healing, land repair, and land return. Keynote: Sarah Augustine; with Elder Rev Stan McKay and local contributors Adele Perry and Shelisa Klassen. 8:45am–4pm Saturday 11 November 2023, Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship. Register by Nov. 8 – \$10 for students, \$25 for non-students, \$15 for morning online. **Talk to Laura Dyck if you’re interested in participating (in person or online)**