PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Plett, Tom & Luanne, Lilia and Sophie

Health, healing, comfort:

...Dave Reimer & family, Esther (Betty A's sister), Randy Sawatzky, Joan West

Pray for the Pinawa Christian Fellowship...

The Pinawa Christian Fellowship is a unique multi-denominational congregation recognized by the Anglican Church of Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the United Church of Canada. They welcome all people in worship and service and encourage people to retain their denominational identity within their worshipping community. They have been called together as God's people ever since the community of Pinawa was established in 1963. They are an aging congregation in a town that is currently experiencing a demographic renewal of sorts, with new young families moving to Pinawa. Please pray for them as they endeavour to find ways to remain relevant and serve their community in practical ways that point to God as their Inspiration and Guide.

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



January 21st, 2024

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

Sermon: Spotlight on Mission

2 Corinthians 9:6-14 NRSV

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

January 21 - Soup & Pie Fundraiser for Boissevain Youth Group

January 23 - Update on witness workers in China (online) 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting: click here

Meeting ID: 861 9229 7454

Passcode: 805788

January 28 - WMC Annual Congregational Meeting

January 31 - Be It Resolved book club - Don E's house, 7pm

February 27-28 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

March 4-7 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

March 17 - Festival of the Arts awards ceremony

The Boissevain Youth Mission Team will be hosting a Soup & Pie

Fundraiser after church on <u>Sunday, January 21st</u> at Boissevain MB Church. We will start to serve lunch around 12:15pm. You are invited to join us for delicious homemade soup and dessert to support a great cause. This will be our final fundraiser for our upcoming Mission Trip. There will be a gluten-free option for soup and dessert! All Funds raised will be allocated to our Spring Break Mission Trip to Florida!

Be It Resolved Book Club, Session #5

Wednesday, January 31st, 7:00pm at Don's house **All are welcome**, books are free (provided by Common Word)

MCM Mondays. Jan 22, 7:30pm on Zoom. These sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is interested in the topic."Conversation on Homelessness with Al Wiebe". Breaking down myths of homelessness, Al Wiebe will share from his lived experience and help us understand what is needed to help get people off the streets. Hosted by Melanie Neufeld.

<u>www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays</u> for more info and the Zoom link.