

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Tiessen, Bernie & Jessie

Health, healing, comfort:

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

...Praise - Randy Sawatzky has improved without needing additional surgery! And is now home and recovering. Randy and Chris are very thankful for the prayers. - Catherine

World...

Israel's massive military campaign in Gaza has brought untold destruction and suffering. At least three-quarters of the population of 2.3 million have been internally displaced, and more than 26,000 have been killed (two-thirds women and children). Let us hold in prayer those who are witnessing to God's peace through the four regional working groups of Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>), and the many local initiatives of Mennonite Action (<https://www.mennoniteaction.org/>). On February 9, Mennonites will gather publicly in Ottawa and other centers around the country to sing hymns, pray, deliver petitions, and call on our political leaders to support a path forward based on justice, nonviolence, international law, and compassion.

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.

Whitewater Mennonite Church

he heals
THE BROKENHEARTED
and bandages
THEIR WOUNDS.
- psalm 147:3

February 4th, 2024

Communion

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Worship Leader: Clarice Martens

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Isaiah 40:21-31 NRSV

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 147:1-9, 20b, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23, Mark 1: 29-39



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

February 13 - St. Matthew's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

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

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)

February 13 - St. Matthew's is hosting a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday. It's from 5-7pm, rides are being offered by the handivan free of charge.

MCM Mondays - Feb 5, 7:30pm on Zoom. These sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is interested in the topic. "Responding to Clergy Misconduct". Join Jeff Friesen to talk about how MCM understands clergy misconduct and hear about the work being done to update our clergy misconduct policy and protocols. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

Join MCC Manitoba for "Creation, Climate, and your Church"

From MCC Manitoba for church leaders: Last year, MCC launched an advocacy campaign called Climate Action for Peace. We're speaking up and encouraging action because we love people, and we love God's good creation. Our partners are urging us to tell others how climate change is affecting their lives. So, we've created some activities around their experiences to help resource you and your congregation on creation and climate conversations. This in-person series is an opportunity for you to test out two activities to see what might fit in your church setting! [Click here for more info and to register.](#)