

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Albrecht, Ed & Hedy

Health, healing, comfort:

...Dave Reimer & family, Esther (Betty A's sister), Joan West, Helmut Neufeld, Art Peters (Jake Neufeld's brother-in-law)

...Kathy G is retiring! Kathy Giesbrecht, MCM Director of

Congregational Ministries, will be retiring at the end of April. We are grateful to God for her decades of service to the church. She has faithfully supported our pastors in their ministry to children, youth, and young adults. She has resourced our congregations in the areas of worship, faith formation, and congregational care. She has provided spaces for pastors, youth and young adults, women, and congregations to come together for encouragement, worship, and learning. And so much more!

...Praying for our congregations - Hope Mennonite Church meets in the West Broadway community of Winnipeg, gathering on Sunday mornings in the chapel of Thomson Funeral Home. We are a congregation of about 160 people, with a large number of young families and small children. We invite your prayers for our community, particularly our partners in Crossways in Common as we try to balance financial realities, the varying needs of each organization, limited volunteer energy, in the midst of a community of people who need support and care.

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



February 18th, 2024

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Worship Leader: Clare Martens

Sermon: Cynthia Duck
Mennonite World Conference, Paraguay

Genesis 9:8-17 NRSV

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.[a] 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Supporting Texts: Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3:18-22, and Mk 1:9-15. Mk 1 and 1 Peter 3

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MCM Mondays - Feb 19 - "Fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty: what is it, and should we endorse it?"

Our Climate Action Working Group has prepared a resolution for discussion and decision at our upcoming MCM Gathering. Delegates are urged to attend this session, bringing questions they may have from their congregations. Michael Pahl will host the conversation. [See the CAWG webpage](#) to read the resolution.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 18 - 2024 Budget Meeting after Church service

Sunday, February 18 - 1pm Louis Riel Day Celebration at Turtle Mountain Metis Local (Dromore Lake)

Monday, February 19 - MCM Mondays

Wednesday, February 21 - 9am Prayer for WMC

Wednesday, February 21 - 10am Salvation Video Series #2 - *Where do we go when we die?* To prepare for the study, read Jn 3:16-17, Luke 23:42-43, Phil 1:19-24

Sunday, February 25 - Whitewater Bowls! Details below.

February 27-28 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

February 28 - Boissevain Food Pantry annual meeting

March 4-7 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

March 17 - Festival of the Arts awards ceremony

2024 Budget Meeting

All members are invited to a short meeting following the service today to review revisions made to the budget per feedback from the January 28th meeting. See mailbox for proposed budget.

Whitewater Bowls! Join us at the Boissevain bowling alley @ 3pm on Sunday, February 25. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Pizza supper to follow at the church.

Boissevain Food Pantry will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Family Worship Center on February 28th, 2024 at 2:30pm.

MCM Gathering 2024 - All are welcome at worship. Friday, March 1. 7:00pm. Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. Theme: "From Every Nation: Living Into an Intercultural Church" Guest speaker Fanosie Legesse. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events