

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Burnett, Cody, Reid & Vivian

Health, healing, comfort:

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

International Witness...

Mennonite Church Canada is urgently appealing for relief funds for Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) in Ethiopia. MKC leaders and adherents have lost their lives in the crossfire of a violent tribal conflict that began in the western region of Ethiopia in 2018. Civil war, drought and continuing violence have led to severe hardship for MKC congregations and leaders in the area.

Myanmar. There have been two days of fighting in the city of Kalay, Myanmar near the Bible Missionary Church (Mennonite) Head Office and two Mennonite congregations. People have been ordered to leave. Mennonite families including the elderly and children have been displaced amid death, grief, and food shortages. The aerial bombardment was unexpected and sudden. It is not known how long the conflict will last.

Ukraine. Church and Christian leaders of Canada call for peace as war in Ukraine enters its third year. Please join the Canadian Council of Churches in united prayer and action for peace in Ukraine.

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



March 10th, 2024

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

John 3: 14-19 NRSV

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. [a]

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18** Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **19** And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

Supporting Texts:

Numbers 21: 4-9, Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2: 1-10

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MCM Mondays - Mar 11 - What community really looks like at Camps with

Meaning With host Nadya Langelotz: "Preparing for the theme of this summer, "God's Community," I've been thinking about the way Camp does community in very distinct ways. This Monday evening, I'll share these things I've been brainstorming and reflecting on, and suggest some ways they could translate into your children and youth programming! And - I'll hear from you - what are your congregations, Sunday school classes, and youth programs doing that relate to God's community...and could any of those find their way to camp? Come ready to listen, learn and share - so that camp can learn from your communities as well!"

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 12 - Pastoral Review Meeting 7pm

March 13 - Prayer meeting for WMC at 9am

March 13 - 10am Salvation Study 4: The Story of Salvation

March 13 - Pastoral Review Meeting 1:30pm

March 17 - Festival of the Arts awards ceremony

April 6 - Youth Orbit at MCI

April 11 - WMC Mission Sale 7pm

The Pastoral/Congregational review committee strongly encourages you to attend 1 of 2 meetings to engage in the process. These meeting times are: Tuesday March 12th 7pm or Wednesday March 13th 1:30pm at the church and would be approximately 60-90 minutes.

Light the Fire Launch Party. Your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign is launching on April 14, 2024, 7:00pm, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Food, drink, news, and of course an invitation to think about how you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

In this season of Lent, pilgrims in 125 cities are mapping the length of the Gaza Strip onto their bodies by walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. Join Winnipeg's walk on Saturday, March 16. It begins in the Medicine Garden at St. John's Park, 1 Fowler St., at 7:30 a.m. The 42-kilometer pilgrimage consists of seven segments; walk the entire length, or one or more of the segments. For more info:

www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com

Camps with Meaning. Summer Bible camp for kids finished Gr. 1 - Gr.

12. Two locations: Camp Assiniboia; Camp Koinonia.

Camp Koinonia invites applications for the Camp Manager and Food Services Coordinator positions. Visit www.campkoino.ca/opportunities for more info.