

## ***PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION***

### **WMC FAMILY:**

- \*... **Jessie & Bernie Tiessen**
- \*... Health, healing, comfort: **Melissa Engbrecht**,  
**Katrina** (*Peter & Elsie Dyck's* granddaughter)
- \*... Good news on **Kyle & Nicole Reimer's** pregnancy.
- \*... Condolences to the family on the passing of **Jessie Neufeld**  
(Tenley's mom), memorial service, Dec 9, 1pm Trinity UC, Brandon.

**Our Community... School Christmas Concerts** are quickly approaching, may the staff and students share the joy of the season as they prepare and perform.

### **Wider Church....**

... **Bolivia** is a country in turmoil. The misdirected election and subsequent resignation of President Morales' has sparked protests and violence. Praying for interim leaders as they work toward peace and stability.

... Praying for: **Jeannette Hanson**, MC Canada Interim Witness Director, and **Darryl Neustaedter Barg**, MCM Assoc. Director of Communications, have safely arrived in Southeast Asia, where they will visit Myanmar, Thailand and South Korea They will be videoing some of the work of our International Witness Workers.

... Transitions: **Ken Warkentin** has announced his resignation as Executive Minister, MCM, effective June 2020. Ken's will have served 9.5 years in this capacity

### **WMC's Identity Statement:**

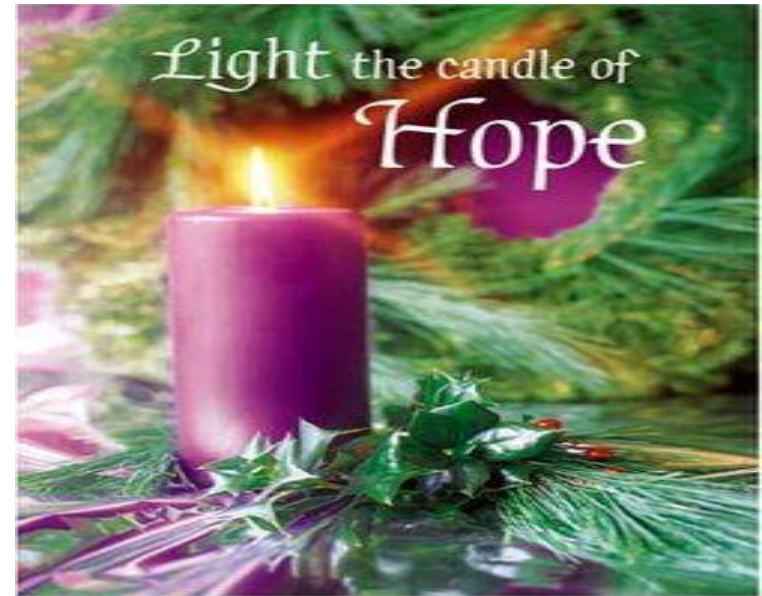
'With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginnings, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity **and to take amazing risks for God!**

#### **Whitewater Mennonite Church**

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## ***Whitewater Mennonite Church***



Worship Leader:

Heather Goertzen

Message:

Pastor Wes

Music:

Catherine & George Heide

***December 1st, 2019 @ 10:45 a.m.***

*Church Booking? Contact Matt or Herman*

## Isaiah 2:1-5 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Supporting Texts: Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

### ISAIAH CHAPTER TWO

T I L F O N D O D L E H A D I D	ABOLISH	JACOB
S H R I A L A H P E C L E F E D	ABOVE	JUDGE
S U G H R R A T A A L T P T O S	AMONG	LEBANON
P E S U I T E E E M F B L O E M	ARISETH	LIFTED
F A S S O V S T H I O A M V E R	BASHAN	MAJESTY
B E E R O R B O L D X N A U M P	BECAUSE	NATIONS
S T A B O M B B N E T C G O H O	BOWETH	NOSTRIL
H W A R E H O P S N O I T A N G	BROUGHT	PEOPLE
A N O N A B E L Y E S O W H A Y	CAVES	RAGGED
L A I R S O B I T W E P T A L K	CEDARS	SHAKE
R O B H D E A S S T O R E R L S	CLEFTS	SPEARS
B A A O C S R U E J O R E A T K	EXALTED	SWORDS
I K G A L A N G J F A T S F R Y	FEAR	TEACH
E B U G D I D R A N T C E H I S	FORTH	UTTERLY
A S P E E U S A M U E L O B I T	HORSES	WALK
E A C H J D E H E A C K S B A P	HUMBLED	WORSHIP



This year, starting today, the lectionary focuses our gospel readings in Matthew (Year A). Matthew wrote for a Jewish audience, framing Jesus as the new Moses, dividing his telling into a Torah-like 5 parts with lots of practical instruction. But be warned: the Advent passages from Matthew get a little weird. Podcast: "The Ten Minute Bible Hour," Matt Whitman's daily podcast is working through Matthew. He offers a deep dive into historical and contextual background in 10 minute chunks. Very engaging. (Wherever you get your podcasts.)



**TODAY** ~ **First Advent! Welcome!**  
 ~ Community Choir Concert, 7 pm  
 Dec 5 ~ WMC Sewing Circle Christmas Program, **ALL** Invited  
 13 ~ WMC Christmas Banquet, 6 pm  
 21 & 22 ~ Faith & Life Choirs Christmas Concerts **#3**  
 24 ~ Christmas Eve Special, 6:30pm, come join us @ WMC

### Activities & Interests ...

#### WMC:

- WMC Christmas Banquet:** Dec 13, 6 pm. Call Walter and Betty Albrecht @534-6923 before Dec 9 to reserve. Feel free to invite a guest.
- WMC Annual reports and budget** considerations should be happening, due in 23 days.

#### Community....

- Boissevain Community Choir Concert – tonite @ 7 pm.** Come and share the joy & excitement of the coming Advent season.
- Boissevain Christmas Cheer** – Donations welcomed, collection container under mailboxes.
- Faith & Life Choirs Christmas Concerts:** Dec 21, 7pm @ Bethel MC Wpg  
Dec 22, 3 pm Altona Berghthaler MC
- Mennonite Heritage Archives:** NEW! Website: [www.mharchives.ca](http://www.mharchives.ca)  
Check this out, a treasure chest of mennonite history and tons of stories.

Boissevain Youth: Stuart Burnett 557-7486 [stuart\\_burnett@live.com](mailto:stuart_burnett@live.com)  
 Bible Studies Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm  
 Announcements not available at time of printing.

*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."* Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)