

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

*... **Blessed Christmas to All!**

*... Health, healing, comfort:

Lisa Heide George J Neufeld Marg Kroeker

*...The family of **Jessie Neufeld**, thanks those who sent flowers, food, cards and condolences. Your prayers and presence at the Memorial Service are greatly appreciated.

*... Dear Church Family, We wish for each of you the joy and blessing of the Saviour who came at Christmas. God's love, sending His Son for our Salvation is the greatest gift ever given. Peace & Love, **Bernie & Jessie**

Our Community... Christmas; a wonderful reason to celebrate and share our blessings with families and our neighbors. Whether travelling or hosting, may the gatherings be filled with joy, the travels safe and may Christ be with each and everyone.

Wider Church....

... Christmas Greetings received from: **Mennonite Church Mb,
Mennonite Church Ca, Mennonite World Conference
Mennonite Central Committee Canadian Mennonite University**

...**Camps with Meaning:** staff applications www.campswithmeaning.org

... 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!**

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Whitewater Mennonite Church



Worship Leader:

Heather Heide

Message:

Heather Goertzen

Music:

Jo-Anne Neufeld

December 22nd, 2019 @ 10:45 a.m.

Church Booking? Contact Matt or Herman

Matthew 1:18-25 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7

MATTHEW CHAPTER ONE

M O R S E T U B A L F O R T H S	ABIUD	GHOST
C R E E P Y E V E N E D H O E S	ACHIM	HOLY
N O R T H G R E O W G G A L E D	AMON	JESUS
M E R E A T Z O O B U E P I E S	ANGEL	JOSEPH
E C K T H R O W S O V O L L E Y	AZOR	LORD
A F T O H T U M R H E G L A S S	BEGAT	MARY
D R I T P L O B O P O A N T E C	BEHOLD	MATTHEW
E R R W S S A M E P C L H I H O	BIRTH	MOTHER
V I E L S J O N D E R L Y I R K	BOOZ	PEOPLE
B E E A O M I T M E T I L E D B	BRING	PRIVILY
P E A S M G R A B S S D V E R Y	BROUGHT	RAISED
P O E M R A T S T E M I D I O S	CALLED	SLEEP
M P R I I T Z S U S H U A T L N	CHILD	SPOKEN
H A V S H H O O I S I O N R O Y	DREAM	VIRGIN
W A R E S H C A R B E A L M E T	ESROM	WIFE
S A W Y G L E A A M A J A D I O	FORTH	WOE



Merry Christmas, friends! Happy New Year! As I close out this year, I'm grateful to God and to you for your patience and kindness to me and my family. The incarnation--God taking on flesh--always works at my imagination, challenging me to think bigger, deeper, more hopefully. (Next year looks good.) Contemplating Christ's coming also works on my gratitude. My sincere thanks to you for showing up: to worship, to lead in worship, to serve, to eat. May the peace of Christ be with you.



- TODAY** ~ **Fourth Advent! Welcome!**
- ~ Faith & Life Choirs Christmas Concert #2
 - Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Special, 6:30pm, come join us @ WMC
 - Jan 6 ~ Epiphany
 - 18 ~ MCC Blanket Making @ WMC
 - 19 ~ WMC Annual Meeting & shared lunch

Activities & Interests ...

WMC:

- a. **WMC Annual Reports and Budget wish lists due in 1 day!** (Dec 23rd)
- b. **Thank you** for your giving so far this year. We have only forwarded a portion of the Missions part of our budget. **\$3,500.00** needed to meet budget commitments. Thank you, **Finance Committee**
- c. **Wanted!** 5 readers for next Sunday, Dec 29 contact Lisa Heide
- d. **ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN:** All the money you've been bringing to Sunday School since September has been collected & you've done an amazing job. It amounted to \$112.47 from the 3 classes. That means we now have about \$450 to spend on helping children, families & communities in countries poorer than ours to make a difference in their lives. Just think about that! It means a lot to our church when young people step up & offer to bring money to help others. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." That's what you did!
- e. **Rejoice Devotions** renewal: Annual Subscription cost - \$42.45 Please inform Herm if you wish to continue your subscription by January 1, 2020.

Community....

1. The New Year is almost here! Why not make a New Year's resolution and prayerfully consider to volunteer at the **Brandon MCC Thrift Shop**, 414 Pacific Avenue. Call Shelly - 204-727-1162 to make an appointment. Hope to see you soon!" Check out the new schedule on bulletin board. Contact Amy Loewen
2. **Faith & Life Choirs Christmas Concert:** "O Come Let Us Adore Him" Dec 22, 3 pm Altona Bergthaler MC

Boissevain Youth: Stuart Burnett 557-7486 stuart_burnett@live.com
 Bible Studies resume January 7, 2020: Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm

"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)