

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

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

Health, healing, comfort:

...Valentine Zacharias (Bernie T's sister), Edith and Hedy along with their families, Peter and Lorraine Neufeld, Chars and Marc Willerton, Tara Cassels, Tony (Rita's nephew), Russ Dyck (Sheldon's cousin)

Wider church...

...**Permits finalized for De Jongs** Praise God that the work permits and visas for Werner and Joanne De Jong have been finalized! Pray that their presence at Meserete Kristos Seminary blesses those that they serve.

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.

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Whitewater Mennonite Church



October 23rd, 2022

Worship Leader: Pastor Terrell Wiebe

Music: Heather Heide

Sermon: Kerry Saner-Harvey (MCC - Manitoba)

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Announcements and Upcoming Events

October 29 – Woodcutters at Camp Koinonia

October 30 – Alternative worship service

November 2 – YFC Gala – Contact Andy if you’d like to attend

November 4 – Soup & Pie Fall Concert at MCI – from 5–7pm and concert at 7:30pm (by donation)

November 8 – Devotions at Westview, Evergreen, and Cherry Creek Place – [volunteers needed](#)

A four week Bible Study open to all ages will begin next weekend. This study is part of the *Anabaptism at 500* project which recognizes the upcoming 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025. One of the projects is an Anabaptist Study Bible that will feature marginal notes and commentary from 500 Bible study groups from a wide spectrum of Anabaptist faith communities. If there is interest, we will form one of those groups and be given a number of scripture passages to study. There are two proposed weekly times: Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 or Saturday mornings from 10:30 – 11:45. Please let pastor Terrell know in the next couple days if you are interested and which date suits you best.

Next Sunday (Oct.30) will be our second Alternative Service. The question for discussion is “How do our different views on the creation story impact the rest of our theology?”. Please contact Lorraine Reimer if you are able to volunteer to lead this discussion.

Missing the Camps with Meaning Celebration Fundraising Banquets this weekend? You can still help send more kids to camp with a donation, either online, via e-transfer, or by cheque. Visit the Banquet event at www.campswithmeaning.org for all the details. Thank you for your support.

All are welcome to join us for the woodcutters retreat at Camp Koinonia on Oct 29th starting at 9am, lunch provided. For more information or If you wish to come out the night before please contact Matt Heide at campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com

Want to learn more about how you and your church can respond to the climate crisis? The MCM Climate Action Working Group invites you to Hope & Courage: Mennonites Gathering for Climate Action. Come learn about a Just Transition, have conversations about Living More with Less, and be inspired to take action on climate within your church or community. The event will take place at Canadian Mennonite University on October 29 from 1 – 5 pm. Register here: mennochurch.mb.ca/cawg

First Mennonite Church invites all to an in person and online Queer Theology and the Church lecture series. This series will explore how queer theology can lead the church beyond a framework of inclusion and into larger questions of justice and transformation. First of four Sunday evening lectures begins October 23. <https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/special-events/>

Join us for [Healing and Hope in the Home](#). This free domestic violence awareness series will deepen your understanding of intimate partner and childhood abuse, equipping you to offer a hopeful response to victim-survivors. Sessions take place at 7 pm on November 7 and 21 at the Pat Porter Active Living Centre in Steinbach. For more details, visit mccmb.ca/events.