

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Stow, Kay

...Health, healing, comfort: Esther (Betty A's sister), Jake and Anne Harms, Karen Klassen (Rita E's sister)

...Staff, students and board members of MCI - *You are welcome to join Pastor Wes in prayer for MCI every Wednesday during the lunch hour in May*

...Please pray that the woods, waters and open spaces of our summer campgrounds are filled with God's glory and that those who enter into them will understand their interconnectedness with creation in new ways!

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.

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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



May 14th, 2023

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Jeanette Hanson

Director of International Witness for Mennonite Church Canada

A Blessing for Mother's Day

Kate Bowler

O God of love, it is such a joy to bless our moms—those who have carried us in their bodies, and in their hearts, and in their minds, and all those who have mothered us in some form or fashion.

We thank them and honor them all, those we can hug today, and those who are now gone or distant from us.

We ask Your blessing too on those for whom mothering is complicated, difficult, heartbreaking, or incomplete.

Bless and heal and restore and rebuild all generations, forwards and backwards in time.

God, with all the genius of Your creative power, rain down Your blessing upon the mothering we give, and that which we have received.

Be to us the nurturing embrace we need to lead us to eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

May is mental health awareness month

May 23 – Open House for Youth Group (grades 6 and 8 invited)

June 4 – MCI's Saengerfest

June 10 – MCI's 9th Annual Golf Classic

June 18 – WMC picnic at Camp Koinonia

July 6 – MCC Golf Tournament

Join us at the 20th MCC Golf Tournament on July 6 at Bridges Golf Course! Gather your foursome to enjoy a Texas Scramble tournament, with food and prizes, in support of MCC's disaster responses and work with displaced people around the world. Visit mccmb.ca/golf for tournament information and registration!

You're invited to MCC's virtual launch for [Climate Action for Peace!](#) Join our Zoom event to hear about how people around the world, with the help of MCC's partners, are taking action to respond to the impacts of climate change and how you can get involved. [More information and register today](#) for the event on May 17th at 6:30pm CDT.

Peddle Dash Paddle: Father's Day Edition. June 18 starting at 2:00pm. Come out to Camp Assiniboia for an afternoon of visiting camp, eating, and/or doing a lite adventure race around the site (for competitive and not). Visit www.campswithmeaning.org/pdp for more info.

Save the date for **MCI's Saengerfest** on Sunday, June 4th in Buhler Hall, Gretna! Join us for a time of worship and a celebration of song. Worship service at 10:30 am, lunch (by donation) to follow, and concert at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for any or all of the day!

On Friday, May 26th, MCI will be hosting a Day in the Life for students in grade 8-11. DITL gives you the opportunity to experience life at MCI, from going to classes, meeting teachers, eating lunch in our dining hall, and going to chapel – all hosted by MCI students! To experience a DITL, contact Sophie at recruitment@mciblues.net or by calling the school (204-327-5891).

Register today for MCI's 9th Annual Golf Classic! Join us for a fun day of golf on June 10th at Minnewasta Golf & Country Club, with a shotgun start at 1pm. Registration is \$150 per player, with a \$35 donation receipt. Early bird registration ends May 19th, for a chance to win back your registration fee. Visit www.mciblues.net for more details. Register online by emailing info@mciblues.net or calling (204)327-5891.

Notes

Today's Texts: Matt. 17: 14-21; Luke 13: 18-21; John 12: 24-26