

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

### **WMC FAMILY...Goertzen, P. Wes, Heather, Maeve & Anais**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Melissa Engbrecht, Dave Reimer & family, Baby Nyla (Marg K), Esther (Betty A's sister), Lynette Stow, Chars and Marc Willerton, Randy Sawatzky, Shannon Wiebe, Kristen Nikkel

#### **...Pray for the Home Street Mennonite Church**

*Home Street Mennonite is rooted in our neighbourhood, surrounded by reminders of both the beauty and the challenges of inner-city life. Our Coffee and Conversation group welcomes folks from the neighbourhood each Sunday for a time of fellowship, and our Manitoba Harvest depot (called Home Plate) helps us serve and form relationships with even more neighbours. Aware of the history of our property, Home Street's Indigenous Settler Relations Group works to make the building available to Indigenous groups for gatherings. In our worship life, we are blessed by gifted lay leaders, preachers, and musicians. In our community life, we are blessed with people who have the gifts of hospitality and friendship as we extend an inclusive welcome to all. Pray for Home Street as we seek to reach out to our neighbourhood with the love of Jesus.*

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#### **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**



**October 8th, 2023**

**Thanksgiving**

Worship Leader: Bernie Tiessen

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

**God calls us 'as we are'**

## Luke 17:11-19

**11** On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? **18** Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



I am called

**by** God  
**to** follow  
**as** I am  
**from** grief  
**for** service  
**in** suffering  
**through**  
others  
**within** God.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**October 15** - Laura Funk speaking at WMC on 'Hearing God's Voice', followed by a time of learning about spiritual practices during fellowship hour following the service.

**October 21** - Evangelism Workshop @ Boissevain MB Church (details below)

**October 28** - Woodcutters Retreat @ Camp Koinonia

**October 29** - Congregation Health Workday with Kathy G. at WMC. Details below.

**November 4** - CwM Celebration Banquet @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler

**November 5** - CwM Celebration Banquet @ Douglas Mennonite, Winnipeg

**November 8** - Brandon YFC Gala

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**WMC will be led in a Congregational Health Workday on Sunday, October 29th,** following our 10am worship service. Kathy Giesbrecht (Director of Congregational Ministries, MCM) will be leading and all Whitewater attendees are encouraged to participate. Details regarding lunch to come.

**Interested in reading 'Be It Resolved'?** Join the book study group! Days/times to be decided. Talk to Clarice M or Laura D if you'd like to be on the list.

We invite you to join us on October 21 for a workshop that will ignite your joy and passion for the Gospel and help build your confidence to share your faith with Scripture. The event is free, and will be held at the Boissevain MB Church (700 Aikman Street, Boissevain) from 9am - noon. For more information visit: [www.sharewordglobal.com/ignite](http://www.sharewordglobal.com/ignite)

**Camps with Meaning Celebration Banquets.** Join us November 4<sup>th</sup> @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler and November 5<sup>th</sup> @ Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Contact the camp office to reserve your free spot. [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca), 204-895-2267

**Brandon Youth For Christ Gala** will be November 8<sup>th</sup> If anyone is interested in going we could sponsor a table. Please contact Andy for more information/to register.

**Returning Wealth: Land Reparations and the Church.** Discerning collective opportunities for relationship healing, land repair, and land return. Keynote: Sarah Augustine; with Elder Rev Stan McKay and local contributors Adele Perry and Shelisa Klassen. 8:45am-4pm Saturday 11 November 2023, Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship. Register by Nov. 8 - \$10 for students, \$25 for non-students, \$15 for morning online. **Talk to Laura Dyck if you're interested in participating (in person or online)**