

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Loewen, Marc & Amy, Micah and Justice

Health, healing, comfort:

...Dave Reimer & family, Esther (Betty A's sister)

International Witness...

On 3 April 2024, Taiwan was struck by its most powerful earthquake in 25 years...which measured 7.5 in magnitude.

Leaders of FOMCIT (the Mennonite church in Taiwan) report that no members were injured. However, at least nine people have been reported killed, more than 900 injured, and property damage is widespread. The Mennonite hospital in Hualien is prepared to receive emergency patients. Let us pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the people who are suffering after the earthquake. Pray for the rescuers searching for trapped people in unstable wreckage with the possibility of aftershocks. Pray for medical teams that are helping the victims. (Source: MWC prayers <https://mwc-cmm.org/id/prayers>)

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.

Whitewater Mennonite Church



April 14th, 2024

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor West Goertzen

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **37** They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. **38** He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? **39** Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." **40** And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. **41** Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 14 – Potluck and Congregational meeting

April 21 – BMW Foodgrains Grow Project Spring Fundraiser (details below)

April 28 – Come and Go Tea for Lena Franz

BMW Foodgrains Grow Project Spring Fundraiser – you're invited to an evening of sharing (Guest speakers: Dan and Heather Penner, Killarney), coffee and trifle. 7pm on April 21st at the Boissevain MB Church.

Come celebrate Lena Franz on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Come and Go Tea,

April 28, 1:30 – 3:30 at Cherry Creek Place

Save the date for MCI's Spring Fundraiser Coffee House! Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm in Buhler Hall foyer. Come for a variety of musical

performances, including current student groups and local artists/alumni, such as Orlando and Grace Sukkau! There will also be tasty desserts. See you there!

Annual Birding Retreat. May 24–26. Camp Koinonia. No experience required. Visit the webpage for more information and to register.

www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat.

Sunday, May 5th is Red Dress Day across Canada A day to name violence against Indigenous Women and Girls – and commit to the ending cycles of gender-based violence in our communities.

CommonWord has curated worship and learning resources (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3877>) for the church that can be used May 5th or any time of the year.

Volunteer health officers, kitchen staff, and maintenance needed for Summer 2024. Consider giving a week or more to make a difference with our camping ministry. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff or contact the office at 204-895-2267.