



Millwoods Community Church Newsletter

February 2021

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Millwoods Community Church 2020 Watchword

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Dear Millwoods Community Church,

I hope all of you have enjoyed the gift of warmer than seasonal weather we had for most of December and January. It looks like winter has finally arrived. I'm sure there is a good explanation, but it baffles me how the coldest weather comes in the months *following* the shortest day of the year. It seems to me that since the sun is responsible for warming the earth, the weeks and months of least daylight would be coldest. They are not. I do not know why, and I'm OK not knowing this.

There are other things I am not OK not knowing. I'm not OK with not knowing when we will be able to safely lessen or even remove COVID restrictions. I'm not OK not knowing when the vaccine will be widely available. I am not OK with not knowing how to turn injustice into justice, mend the brokenness of people I love, restore relationship and respect across social, economic, and political divides, etc, etc. I am confident all of us experience the same dynamic: being comfortable not knowing somethings and being uncomfortable not knowing others.

Maybe we should all take a little direction from Paul. Towards the end of 1 Corinthians 13 (you know, the chapter read at most every wedding) Paul starts talking about when he was a child, he used to speak and reason like a child, but that he no longer speaks or reasons like a child as an adult. A few words later and he writes, "now I know partially, but then I will know completely" in reference to when the perfect comes and the partial is no more. He's talking about the Day of the Lord when God's kingdom is real on earth.

Paul seems rather comfortable with not knowing or understanding fully because he is confident that loving one another can help us cope with not knowing. The very next thing he says is the punch line of the chapter, "faith, love, and hope remain, and the greatest is love." So, the next time we find ourselves experiencing anxiety because we don't know something, Maybe asking, "how can I do something loving for someone else or myself" might be a good idea.

One thing I do know is that we will have a plethora of opportunities in the coming months because there's still a lot we do not know.

Peace to you,
Pastor Aaron

F.Y.I Corner

To our Church family

Thank you all for your love and kindness to me and my family these past few years and now, in the recent passing of our dear Ray.

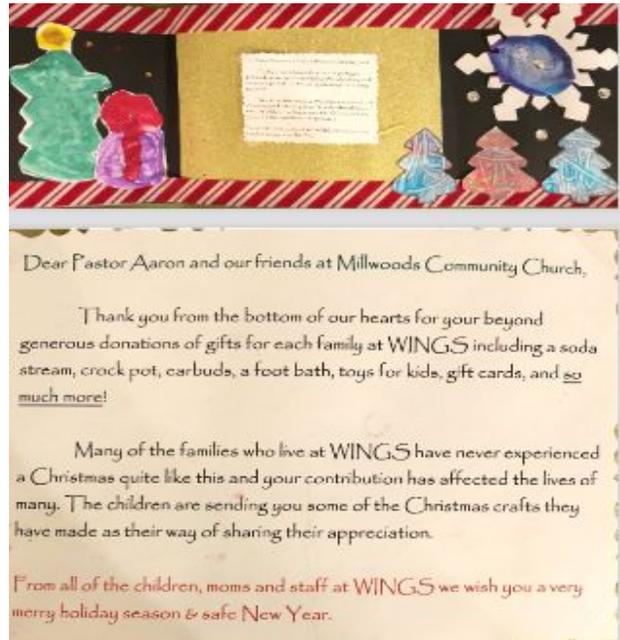
Your cards, messages, and phone calls continue to be of great comfort and support.

We have been blessed through your thoughtfulness and your prayers.

May God continue to bless each one of you as we together, lean on His everlasting promises and love.

In Christ's love,
Jennie and family

Thank you card from WINGS ↓



Christmas Eve Offering

Thank you for all your support in our Christmas Eve mission. We were able to donate \$710 to WINGS, Boyle Street, and YESS.

Seven Last Words of Christ

This year for our Lenten Series we are going to focus on the seven last words of Christ. Please use this for your personal devotional life, and join us on Wednesdays here - [zoom invitation](#).

Join Topic: MWCC Lenten Series

Time: Feb 17, 2021 06:00 PM Edmonton Every week on Wed, until Mar 24, 2021,

Feb 17, 2021 06:00 PM

Mar 10, 2021 06:00 PM

Feb 24, 2021 06:00 PM

Mar 17, 2021 06:00 PM

Mar 3, 2021 06:00 PM

Mar 24, 2021 06:00 PM

A New Way of Being: From Confession to Hope

Wednesday Lenten Series Featuring Moravian Stories and Racial Justice

The Provincial Racial Justice Team is pleased to announce a 2021 Lenten Series called “A New Way of Being: From Confession to Hope”. This series builds on the Advent material offered last year. Each session will include a reflection on the lectionary texts for the preceding Sunday, conversations among Moravians as they discuss their journey toward a growing awareness of racial justice and healing, and discussion questions. The series is offered on five Wednesday evenings in Lent, starting after Ash Wednesday and concluding before Holy Week. All sessions begin at 7 pm ET/ 6 pm CT/ 5 pm MT/ 4 pm PT and will be led by:

February 24

Mark Breland and Betsy Miller

March 3

Bevon White and Frank Crouch

March 10

Rhonda and Tracy Robinson

March 17

Amy Gohdes-Luhman and Tim Berry

March 24

Bruce Nelson and Riddick Weber

Participants may participate live, via [Zoom](#) here Meeting ID: 856 2960 0721

Passcode: 734018, or access the [recordings of the material that will be posted here](#).

Community Care & Connection

Millwoods Prayer List

Jennie Riske, Bill and Gladys Bartz, Velma & Lawrence Seutter, Elizabeth & Audie Schotte, Carol & Irene Martin, those who are affected by Covid-19, and MWCC Joint Board.



Visitations

If you or someone you care about would appreciate a pastoral visit, either at home, in the hospital, or over tea/coffee please give Pastor Aaron a call at 780-463-7427 any time!

MWCC Food Hamper

We have had many calls for help during this pandemic time and the calls keep coming. At the moment our little food hamper corner is completely empty. If you are interested in helping we appreciate any help you can get. Just contact the office by email or phone and Melanie will arrange a time for you to drop off your donation items at the church. Thank you for your continued support!

Great food hamper items are: peanut butter, jam, cereal, oatmeal, crackers, canned beans, canned fruit, canned veggies, powdered potatoes, soup, dry pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed granola bars, rice, diapers, baby wipes, toothbrushes (the ones you get from your dentist appointments are great), toothpaste, soap, lotion, shampoo and conditioner.

Worship

Musicians for Sunday Worship

Are you interested in joining us by using your talents and skills in music for our Sunday morning services? If you are interested in doing this please contact Katie with a few Sundays you are free to participate in.

Sunday Worship Service STREAM WITH US:

Sunday services will be streamed on Millwoods Community Church website .

We want to include you during this time, so we are asking if you would like to volunteer to read the scripture for any upcoming Sunday service. You just need to let Melanie know, she will send you the reading, you record it and then email it to office@mcchurch.ca. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Aaron.



February 2021 Event Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10:30am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 10:30am	15	16	17 Seven Last Words of Christ @ 6pm	18	19	20
21 Worship 10:30am	22	23	24 Seven Last Words of Christ @ 6pm	25	26	27
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