



# Millwoods Community Church

## October 2022

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### **Dear Millwoods Community Church,**

It has been two weeks since I was in Birmingham Alabama for the racial justice pilgrimage. A lot was packed into that three day experience. One of the challenges I face is sharing that experience with you.

One challenge is that we live in Alberta, and much of the pilgrimage focused on the manifestations of racism in Birmingham. The specifics might be different here, but from what I have learned of Canada and Alberta, the generalities and white deflections are similar. The bigger challenge for me is continuing to process the pilgrimage and choosing to let it guide my ministry. That is challenging because I have a lot to unpack when it comes to understanding the ways I am complicit with racism, the ways I have benefitted from racism, and the ways I have been wounded by racism.

Two moments from that pilgrimage keep coming to mind as I think about those challenges. One was a sermon my friend, Bevon, preached for our celebration of Holy Communion. He preached on Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" He said, "We cannot walk humbly with God without first enacting justice and loving mercy." He later said, "We cannot have peace without justice." That verse from Micah is a favorite of mine, and Bevon's sermon startled me into realizing that we cannot walk humbly with God while we tolerate, perpetuate, ignore, or deny the very real injustice people of color have and continue to experience around us. That verse took on new meaning for me two weeks ago.

The other moment that continues to stand out for me is when our keynote speaker, Dr. Catherine Meeks, a woman whose wisdom and clarity inspires wonder, said that managing racism and its many and increasingly subtle and invisible manifestations, is like managing a chronic illness. It requires daily and ongoing attention, care, and treatment, and it takes precisely one lifetime for one person to manage it. That reminds me of the race we run as followers of Christ our whole life. It too takes daily, ongoing attention. Managing racism and taking steps towards racial healing are part of that race we are to run with perseverance in the faith that at the end of our lives we will hear the voice from heaven saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labors.'"

That quote is one of the more meaningful lines in our funeral liturgy for me. I look forward to the day that hope is shared about my life when I rest from my labors of enacting justice and mercy and daily management of my relationship with the sin of racism in my life and in our world. Such labor can be daunting, fearful, and unnerving, but I believe it is the labor we are called to do in this time and in this place. I pray you will walk with me on this journey, hopeful of healing, enacting justice, and loving mercy.

**Peace to you, Pastor Aaron**

## F.Y.I Corner



### Unity Prayer Watch

Please see the Sunday sign up binder for Millwoods Community Church Unity Prayer times. Write your name on the time slot you are able to pray at. Melanie will be sure to get you a prayer package. This is a meaningful service that Moravians are known for, and it is noticed by non Moravians around the world.

### Women's Fellowship Book Study

#### **JOSEPH: THE JOURNEY TO FORGIVENESS BY: MELISSA SPOELSTRA**

This six-week study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. The workbook contains 5 studies for each week along with a viewer guide for taking notes from the weekly video sessions.



Held @ Millwoods Community Church , Fireside Room, 2304 - 38 Street, Edmonton, AB  
From: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Thursday Sept. 22, 2022; then on Wednesday's, Oct. 5, 19; Nov. 2, 16, 30 Inquires to Britt Wudel: gbwudel@gmail.com or 780-218-6385

### Support a WINGMAN! through October 15!

September is WINGMAN month for WINGS. WINGMEN are men who support WINGS and advocate for men to be part of the conversation around, and solution to, domestic violence and gender based violence. You can sponsor a WINGMAN by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code with your phone. They hope to raise \$20,000 this September and EPCOR will match each of those dollars. By the way, Pastor Aaron is a WINGMAN this month. You can read why on our facebook page and MWCC Online. As of September 26th, the WINGMEN have raised \$6,739.95!



Link: <https://raisefundswithease.com/Donate?a=166A926B-1FAE-4BDA-B7CC-28D373638567&c=WMDON>

## PRAISING GOD THROUGH PRAYER AND WORSHIP: PSALMS

BIBLE STUDY SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH 12:30-1:30

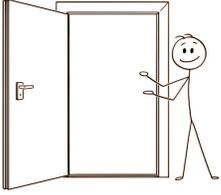
### Praising God Through Prayer and Worship: Psalms - Kay Arthur, Pete DeLacy

Join Katie and Aaron in this inductive study of the Psalms. We will be starting on **October 2nd after church** and as a group we can either bring food for a potluck or bring our own lunch. *We will be meeting every other week* for this bible study. Those who join will “discover and experience the psalmists’ beautiful, heartfelt expressions - in prayer, in confession, in grief and in praise - of their love and devotion to God. As readers learn to observe, interpret, and apply the text themselves, their personal prayer times grow more profound and worship experiences more fulfilling.” Sign up today to join us!

You can purchase the book on Amazon for \$13.00, please email Katie for the link.

*If you have any questions, please contact Katie at [tilbury@ualberta.ca](mailto:tilbury@ualberta.ca).*

# Community Care & Connection



## **Visitations**

Need a visit or call from your Pastor or know someone who does? Just let him know. If you or someone you care about would appreciate a pastoral call or visit please give Pastor Aaron a call at 780-862-9453 any time!

## **Food Pantry needs**

Our small food pantry has been used a lot this summer and we are running low on food. Please consider donating food items to your church hamper. Items we need are: pasta, pasta sauce, rice, beans, KD, canned vegetables, fruit, and meat, powdered milk, soups, cereal, almond (or shelf-stable) milk, oatmeal, and juice.

## **MWCC Digital Campus!**



The primary goal of Millwoods Community Church Online is to make Christ's love and community more accessible to everyone by providing a place to develop relationships, learn, and engage in ministry.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera and you'll be taken directly to the group. Click Join, accept the group rules, answer the membership questions, and then wait for an Administrator to let you in. The rules and the questions are to help ensure that MWCC Online is a safe space for its members to share and grow! Only members of the group will see what is in the group

**Van Es Capital Reserve Fund Update:** We have raised \$71,350.00. towards the retreat house renovation. Some of those funds were used to do the garage renovation. The garage was renovated to be our new craft room which was used during this summer camp. The target is to raise \$1,000,000 to address anticipated needs in the near future. Please donate to this cause. You can specify a project or give to the overall fund. VanEs mailing address is: VanEs Camp & Conference Centre PO Box 57063, Eastgate Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5L7.

We need to raise \$125,000.00 to finish the interior renovations, paint the house inside and out, top up the attic insulation, buy new appliances and furnish the house.

Donations can be sent to Van Es Camp & Conference Centre using our mailing address PO Box 57063 Eastgate, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8A 5L7, 780-922-2457 [www.van-es.ca](http://www.van-es.ca)

Please indicate "Retreat House" on the memo line of your cheque. Van Es Camp & Conference Centre can also accept E-transfers. If you choose to do an E-transfer, please use our email address [van-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:van-escamp@shaw.ca) and indicate that it is for the Retreat House. If you so desire, you can contact one of our board members who are listed below, contact Van Es at 780-922-2457 or email us at [van-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:van-escamp@shaw.ca). Thank you!

Lynne Hennig – 403-816-6742  
Randy Nehring – 780-446-2774  
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Neil Fenske – 780-996-9310  
Keith Wyllie – 780-916-932

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Pastor James Lavoy – 780-802-6189

## Millwoods Prayer List

Bill and Gladys, Velma & Lawrence, Audie, Carol & Irene, Carol & Bryan, BECD, the people of Ukraine, those affected by Hurricane Fiona, those who are affected by Covid-19, MWCC Unified Board.

## Worship

### Volunteers Needed! !

Help is needed in media, sound, reading, greeting, ushering, and coffee fellowship time. Please sign up in the sign up binder on Sunday mornings to help out. We are not able to do it without you and our services are better with your help!



### Communion Sunday Service dates

Here are our Communion Service Dates for 2022: November 13, December 4, 2022.

### Join us for Sunday Worship Service

All are welcome! We are excited to invite you to in person services on Sundays at 10:30am. We can't wait to see you here!

### 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.



### Donate

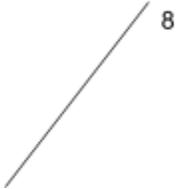
If you would like to give an offering to our church you may do so by: mailing in your offerings, sending an E-Transfer to [office@mcchurch.ca](mailto:office@mcchurch.ca), or go to [www.mcchurch.ca](http://www.mcchurch.ca) and click on the donate button on the top of the homepage, and choose which method of donation you wish to use.



### Celebration Choir Held on Thursday night for 2022!

Are you, or someone you know wanting to join the Celebration Choir this upcoming fall? We have our rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00pm where we will be doing some singing, snacking and chatting! We would love to welcome new members to the choir, even if they are not regular members who attend church on a weekly basis! Tell your friends and family! Contact Katie by emailing her at [tilbury.katie@gmail.com](mailto:tilbury.katie@gmail.com).

# October 2022 Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2 Communion</b> Sunday 10:30</p>  <p><b>Psalms Bible Study</b> 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5 Women's Fellowship Book Study</b> MWCC fireside rm. 1:30 to 3pm</p> 	<p><b>6 Choir rehearsal</b> 6pm</p>  <p><b>CHURCH CHOIR</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> 
<p><b>9 Worship</b> Sunday 10:30</p>	<p><b>10 Happy Thanksgiving</b></p> 	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13 No choir rehearsal</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15 Elizabeth Schotte</b> Celebration of Life Service 11am</p>
<p><b>16 Worship</b> Sunday 10:30</p> <p><b>Psalms Bible Study</b> 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19 Women's Fellowship Book Study</b> MWCC fireside rm. 1:30 to 3pm</p> 	<p><b>20 Choir rehearsal</b> 6pm</p>  <p><b>CHURCH CHOIR</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23 Worship</b> Sunday 10:30</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27 No Choir Rehearsal.</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30 Worship</b> Sunday 10:30</p> <p><b>Psalms Bible Study</b> 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>31 BOO!</b></p>  <p><b>Happy Halloween!</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 1</b></p>	<p><b>2 Women's Fellowship Book Study</b> MWCC fireside rm. 1:30 to 3pm</p> 	<p><b>3 Choir rehearsal</b> 6pm</p>  <p><b>CHURCH CHOIR</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>