



Tree of Life, 2018
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Artist Statement

We gather at the Tree of Life, which was in the garden, and will be with us in the restored creation. Around the tree we rest and play; under its branches we belong. It is our source of wisdom, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. By the tree, we need not fear, for the lamb rests in the bosom of the lion, and the child and the adder play together. By the tree, we meet our friends—old and new, forgotten and familiar. And when we have gathered, we realize the tree has been with us all along. So come, friends, rest, play, and belong.

Wanner Mennonite Church

Sunday February 6 @ 11 am Speaker: KyongJung Kim

WORSHIP SERVICE IS ON ZOOM! The link is [here](#).

Worship Leaders: Tim Snider, John Hufnagel;
Accompanist: Anne Satory; A-V: Dave Wilson

Today we're continuing our worship series looking at healthy relationships. Jesus called his followers to love each other, but what does that look like?

Through the end of February, our worship services will focus on developing and maintaining healthy relationships with God and others. After worship the topic of the day will be discussed more informally (this will be the Faith Formation Discussion time) on the same zoom link as the service. Everyone is encouraged to participate! This week's discussion will begin with these questions:

1. In the parable of the unmerciful servant, why do you think the person who was forgiven ten thousand talents (billions of dollars) did not forgive the one who owed him 100 denarii (\$10,000)?
2. Have you ever felt like Jesus' condition (of us forgiving others or God won't forgive us) was unfair or unkind or unloving? If so, what made you feel that way? If not, what kept you from feeling that way?
3. Can you share any experiences where it was very difficult to forgive someone? How did you decide whether or not to forgive? What was the result? Were there any surprises? What do you think would have happened if you had chosen differently, and why?
4. What is the most significant benefit of forgiving others?

Worship Series Schedule through February 2022

- Feb. 13. *Forgiveness: How to get There*. (Both for ourselves and how to help others with it). Ken preaching.
- Feb. 20. *Boundaries, Part 1: discerning and protecting our own boundaries*. KyongJung preaching.
- Feb. 27. *Boundaries, Part 2: discerning and respecting the boundaries of God and others*. Ken preaching.

Boundaries Class

As we're all aware by now, we're in a series of sermons about healthy relationships that are followed by an hour of related discussion. On Feb. 20 and 27, we're planning to look at boundaries. *Boundaries* is the idea that each person has a set of things for which we are individually responsible, and that there are other things for which others (not us) are responsible. When we take responsibility that rightfully belongs to others, they often feel disrespected and disempowered, whether they are able to articulate that or not. And when we fail to take responsibility that rightfully belongs to us, we effectively offload that responsibility onto those around us, who again, easily feel disrespected and imposed upon. Healthy boundaries make fulfilling relationships much easier. Unhealthy boundaries predispose us to unhappy relationships. But how can we get from unhealthy boundaries to healthy ones? How can we even identify healthy and unhealthy boundaries?

Henry Cloud and John Townsend have developed this idea into a book and curricula entitled *Boundaries*, which have impacted our own lives more than any other book except for the Bible. So we're excited to share with you their **9-session** series of classes that will expand on those two sermons about healthy boundaries. We'll do this in the discussion hour after worship, beginning on Feb. 20 (if we can get the material in time, Feb. 27 if not), and continue for 9 weeks, taking a break on Easter Sunday. We've ordered a number of participant's guides (\$15+tax), as well as a few optional books, *Boundaries* (\$25+tax) that we'll have on display for you to consider. The earlier we know how many people would like a copy of one or both of these resources, the sooner we'll know whether we'll need to order more (they are also available on amazon.ca). So please let us know if you'd like us to reserve a participant's guide and/or a *Boundaries* book for you. If you would like to invite someone from outside the church, please feel free. We've already done so. And if you have any questions, please call or text us at 226-341-6706 or 226-350-6215 or email us at dawne.ken.pwchurches@gmail.com.

Dawne & Ken

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RELATED EVENTS

Lectio Divina Prayer meeting takes place every Thursday from **1pm to 2pm**. This week's scripture is Mark 14:27-42. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300

Wanner Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sun Feb 13 (in person or via Zoom TBD)

NOTE: Snow conditions are perfect on the toboggan hill in Wanner Woods!

Rockway's Founders' Day Chapel: to celebrate Rockway turning 77 this year, join online on Tues Feb 15 @10:45am for a special chapel featuring 2013 Alumna Anneli Loepp Thiessen. RSVP for the Zoom link: alumni@rockway.ca

OFFERING

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