

WMBC

Won't You be my Neighbor?

NEIGHBORING RESOURCES



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In one of His most well-known parables, Jesus connects eternal life in His Kingdom to being a good neighbor. This spring, we want to grow as neighbors to the people who live near us, to the hurting and the broken in our community and around the world. To help us do that, we've put together a list of resources that will help us learn how to be, and inspire us to become, good neighbors.

Read through the booklet to learn about each of these resources, then put your knowledge to work by playing Neighboring Bingo, engaging with resources, practicing being neighborly, and supporting WMBC mission partners who practice being neighborly at home and around the world.

Scripture

The Bible holds many examples of Jesus and His disciples teaching and acting out the best way to live in right relationships with the people around us. By reading these stories, and inviting the Holy Spirit to make them take root in our hearts, we can grow in our understanding of what it means to be a neighbor.



To complete scripture spaces in Neighbor Bingo, read each story through twice, and spend 10 minutes asking The Spirit to show you what He wants you to learn or do with these stories.

Luke 10:25-37 - The Good Samaritan

Jesus' teaching on what it looks like to be a neighbor (not who is my neighbor).

Luke 14:15-24 – The Parable of the Great Banquet

A parable about how God extends hospitality, love, and His Kingdom to the poor, marginalized, and untouchable.

Mark 2:1-12 – Healing the Paralytic

A man is healed because of the faith, care, creativity, and courage of his friends.

Matthew 9:9-13 – The Calling of Matthew

Jesus associated with sinners, had a lot of parties, and the religious' looked down on Him for it.

Acts 15:1-35 – The Jerusalem Culture

The leaders of the Early Church opened the doors to people who didn't look or live like them, and risked the potential for theological and community issues.

Articles & Videos

The stories and experiences of others can teach us beyond our own experience. We've put together a handful of stories and videos that can help us understand more about our own struggles with caring for our neighbors, the struggles of people in need, and how we can learn how to be neighborly by looking at God's generosity and justice.



To complete an article/video space in Neighbor Bingo, read the article or watch the video and take 10 minutes to ask the Spirit what He wants you to learn or do with these stories and teachings.

Loving My Neighbor — by Releasing My Grip

This article challenges the limits we set on being neighbours to others, the things we won't give up, or the possessions we won't lend. It very simply disturbs our comfort in a way that everyone can relate to.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Moving Into the Neighborhood

Maurice Young is an advocate for the homeless, who chooses to live among them. Read this article to learn some insights about what hurting people need, and how we can best help them.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Bible Project Video: Generosity

Watch this video to learn how God's generosity should change the way we think about whether we can afford to be neighborly.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Bible Project Video: Justice

Justice plays an important role in being a good neighbor. Watch this video to learn about God's justice, and His call for us to bring justice to those who need it.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Community Connections

One of the ways we can grow as neighbors is by seeing our entire community as our neighbors and finding practical ways to be neighborly towards the greater community. There are some wonderful organizations that help us rub shoulders with others in our community, creating new relationships and giving us opportunities to be neighbors to our community, alongside our community.



To complete a community space in Neighbor Bingo, simply participate in the event or volunteer opportunity.

Community Cleanup Night – June 6

Come together with others in the community to make our city beautiful! On June 6, we'll join our students to walk through a section of Winkler picking up garbage and recycling left behind after the snow has melted. **To Participate meet at WMBC at 7:30 pm.** We will hand out routes and then go out together. Meet back at the church at 8:45-9:00 pm where snack will be provided for all those helping with the cleanup. Garbage bags are provided but please bring your own gloves.

[SEE THE EVENT](#)

Community Meal at Central Station – Mondays, 5-6:30

Café 545 is a free meal for the community, and everyone is welcome! It's a great way to build relationships with people you don't usually connect with, including those who might need a free meal.

[MORE INFO ON CAFE 545 MEALS](#)

G-Force Support

The G-Force program is shifting from giving vehicles to people in need who can't afford them to helping provide transit options for the City of Winkler. We will be looking for people to help volunteer to process donated vehicles, people to donate a vehicle to G-Force, and people to sign-up to be volunteer drivers for a new shuttle service.

Personal Initiatives

Being neighborly requires us to get closer to the people around us. Whether it's your actual neighbors, friends, family, or co-workers, let's love others and let them know they are seen and care for.



To complete a personal space in Neighbor Bingo, simply complete the action and fill in the space.

- 1. Bring some baking or snacks to a neighbor.**
- 2. Help a neighbor with a project.**
- 3. Pay for the person behind you in the drive-through.**
- 4. Bake some goodies to share after the church service.**
- 5. Ask God how He wants you to bless your neighbor, then do it!**
- 6. Tell a co-worker or friend what you appreciate about them.**
- 7. Put together a care package for someone who is sick.**

GO Partnerships

We partner together with several organizations to be neighborly beyond our own capacity. This year, our Global Outreach update highlights several ways that you can work together with our partners and missionaries, pray for, and encourage them.



To complete a GO Partnership space in Neighbor Bingo, simply complete the action and fill in the space.

GO Prayer & Encouragement Challenge

Use the Global Outreach Update to pray daily for our mission partnerships and missionaries and send them messages of encouragement. Names of people, organizations, and specific prayer requests can be found in the **GO Update**.

[DOWNLOAD THE GO UPDATE](#)

Sign Up for CarePortal

CarePortal connects the Church with the needs of the poor, broken, and marginalized in our community. By signing up for CarePortal, you'll be contacted when a need arises that you can contribute to.

[SIGN UP FOR CARE PORTAL](#)

Support Ancla de Amor

Help Brian & Clarissa Krahn care for orphans in Mexico by sponsoring a child or staff member.

[DONATE](#)

[CHILD SPONSORSHIP](#)

[STAFF SPONSORSHIP](#)

Central Station Tour - May 15, Main Plaza, 11:45

Central Station is moving to a new space, and they're inviting us to see their new digs! Join Central Station staff on a tour of their new building, get a sense of their mission to serve our community, and how this new building will enable them to do that better.

[SEE THE EVENT](#)

Camp Work Day – June 2-6

Winkler Bible Camp has several cabins in need of new shingles. Volunteers with or without shingling experience are welcome! Sign-up to support WBC and help these cabins bless the young people of Manitoba for years to come.

[SEE THE EVENT](#)

Neighbor Bingo

Join the WMBC family in playing Neighbouring BINGO!
Complete a BINGO line (or lines) by completing the
neighbouring exercises in the squares for a chance to win a
meal at Charley B's for you and a friend or neighbor!

Prizes will be awarded to the first three to complete a
BINGO line and the first one to complete all the activities!
(one prize per household.)



More information on each exercise, and how to complete them, is
included in this Resource Guide and the GO Update Booklet.



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