

Grace Mennonite Church
Thanksgiving Worship Service
Sunday, October 14
10:00 am



...thankful at grace

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10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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 204-326-3707

Thankful at Grace

Call to Worship

Praise with joy the world's Creator STJ# 16

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

I sing the mighty power of God HWB# 46
Immortal, invisible, God only wise HWB# 70

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the Beauty of the Earth, John Rutter

Time with Children

Children's Church for age 3 through grade 8 will meet in the foyer

Psalm 138:1-8

God of the earth, the sky, the sea HWB# 53
Sing to the Lord of harvest HWB# 98

Responsive Reading HWB# 721 (revised)

Sanctus, Andrea Klouse

Congregational Prayer & Offering
 Songs without words, *Felix Mendelssohn*

Now thank we all are God HWB# 85
We sing to you, O God STJ# 1

Praise Christ, Alleluia, Eugene Butler

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB# 37

Benediction & Prayer

All creatures of our God and King HWB# 48

All are welcome to join us for a
 Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
 following the worship service.



Participants in today's Worship Service:

Song Leader:	David Klassen
Worship Music:	Grace Choir led by David Klassen
Violin:	Alex Nikkel
Piano:	Emmy Friesen
Organ:	Roxanne Klassen
Percussion:	David Graham
Children's Church:	Leni Schroeder, Kristy Rempel, Blayne Stobbe-Wiebe, Audrey Brandt
Children's Time:	Kyle Penner, Garth Allan
Ushers:	Mary Doerksen, Cam Barkman, Bob Schmor
Sound Tec:	Bruce Blatz
Computer Tec:	Tim Schmitt

Sunday, October 21

2 Samuel 11-12:1-9, Psalm 51:1-9.

How does this story make you feel?

with Kyle Penner.

Grade 5 – 8 children will be serving cookies following the worship service.

Fall Worship at Grace

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 is held during the worship service.

You may pick up your children following the worship service in the upper level, classrooms 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.

***Content Warning - On Oct 21, I will be preaching about David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11) sexual assault, and #metoo. Given the nature of the topic, I wanted to give you ample notice. As we look ahead to that Sunday, be sure to take care of yourself. Please feel free to come to church or stay at home, sit in the front or sit in the back, come late that morning or leave early.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks. - Kyle

We Pray

We pray for our house bound and care home residents:

Nancy Pauls, Jake Penner, Frank & Martha Plett, Linda Martens.

We pray for continued patience for these residents and their families, as they live their lives with varied challenges.

Prayer for this week:

Pray that gratitude will fill your life.

Our condolences go out to **Debbie Giesbrecht** on the passing of her father, **Herman Loewen**, who passed away on October 9. The funeral will be held on October 15 in Winnipeg. May God be with you as you remember your father and your life with him.

Charles Loewen has requested a transfer to Fort Gary Mennonite Fellowship Church. We are glad that he will be joining a community of faith where he will be supported, encouraged and challenged in his journey with God.

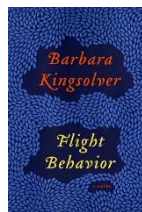
Opportunities at Grace

Grace Women's Coffee: October 17, 10 am

All ladies who attend Grace Mennonite Church are invited to a monthly Ladies Coffee on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in the church basement. Moms with kids are most welcome to come too.

All who attend Grace Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to **Canadian Mennonite**. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Grace Mennonite. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact the office (204-326-3707) or email cathy@gracesteinbach.ca by October 24.

Grace library is hosting a book club this fall. It will meet during a week day. The book is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. The books will be available for pick up at the church office. There will be only 2 books available but if anyone would like to read it from their iPad or Kindle that would be an option. We will meet in the church library on Tuesday, October 16th at 2pm for kick-off. Please come with your book, prepared to start. The goal will be to meet at the beginning and end of the book for discussion.



Vi Brown and Patty Penner

Grace is part of the CARE program...

The program provides professional counseling for any person, couple, or family in our congregation. See the poster in the foyer for information if you would like to make an appointment. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to one of the pastors.

Save the date - Grace Church Auction, Thursday November 8, 2018.

This week at Grace:

- Monday:** Red River English classes (Monday thru Thursday)
Sandwich preparation for HSD students, 9:00 am
- Tuesday:** Soup's On, 5:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Grace Women's coffee, 10 am
Grace Council, 7:00 pm
- Friday:** Soup's On, 5:00 pm
- Sunday:** Worship at Resthaven, 2:30 pm

Community Opportunities

Singin' in the Grain is celebrating the 35th anniversary of Canadian Foodgrains Bank and you are invited! Come enjoy two fantastic male choirs led by a father and son team, Ben Pauls with the Faith and Life Male Choir and Matt Pauls with the CMU Men's Choir. These fundraising concerts to help provide food for Syrians in refugee camp will take place on October 27th at the Springfield Heights Mennonite Church at 7 - 00 and October 28th, and at Emmanuel Mennonite in Winkler at 3. That's 'Singin' in the Grain, October 27th at 7 and 28th at 3.

Speaking Our Peace - from Israel Palestine. Come join in or listen to a conversation with Sahar Vardi, a Jerusalem based activist and military refusnik (conscientious objector) and Tarek Zoughbi, a Christian Palestinian. They are in Canada touring with MCC Manitoba and will be sharing their stories about daily life in Israel and occupied Palestine and their hopes for peace in their States. Come and hear about what is really going on in Israel Palestine on **Sunday Oct 28th and 7 p.m at Grace Mennonite Church.**

Constable Ricky Perkins will be presenting and answering questions regarding **Sexually Exploited Children and Teens (SECAT), Oct 16 at 1:00pm at the Pat Porter Center.** A local group has already formed to build awareness and offer support to individuals and families affected. Please contact Lynda Goulet at the Pat Porter Centre to RSVP.

An invitation from St. Paul's Lutheran Church: As you are well aware, in 2005 New Orleans and area were hit by Hurricane Katrina. What you may not be aware of is that the city is still in the rebuilding stage. Over the last 13 years, St. Paul's Lutheran Men in Mission of Steinbach have organized more than a dozen trips to help rebuild homes in that area. We are planning to return to **New Orleans, March 22-30, 2019 and would love to have volunteers from your congregation join us.** Youth, women and men have been blessed as they have helped rebuild homes, lives and community. For more information, please contact Ben nickel, 204-371-5104 or email bnickel@stacoop.com.

Please consider serving as an **MDS volunteer** as there is an urgent need at this time. Pray for volunteers and organizers of MDS as well as those suffering from so many disasters. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact **Larry Friesen** or Mennonite Disaster Service directly <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>.

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Please see the bulletin board located by the mailboxes for information and events.

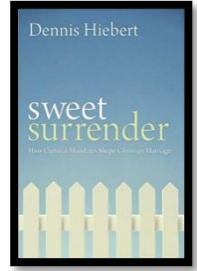
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Book Discussion

Topic: Marriage

Discussion Leader: Dennis Hiebert



The book considers Christian and cultural aspects of marriage.
It will run Thursday's November 1 – December 6, 7:30 – 9:00 pm.
Read 2 Chapters per week.

The Book

Sweet Surrender: How Cultural Mandates Shape Christian Marriage by Dennis Hiebert

Many contemporary Western Christians mistake what their culture prescribes regarding marriage with what the Bible portrays, and thereby take as biblical what is merely cultural. Uncritical conformity to cultural imperatives of marriage then becomes a Christian virtue, and a sweet surrender. Gaining greater awareness can free marriages from the control of culture for something more simply but deeply Christian. This book is for Christians who are ready to rethink their assumptions about marriage.

Schedule of Discussions:

November 1

Prologue: Forms of Surrender
Reading Culture and the Bible
Mandate 1: Mate Selection – *Should marital partners select each other?*

November 8

Mandate 2: Connectedness – *Should marriage be a separate social unit?*
Mandate 3: Calling – *Should our marriage be our primary calling in life?*

November 15

Mandate 4: Need Fulfilment - *Should our spouse be our primary source of personal need fulfilment?*
Mandate 5: Love – *Should marital love be romantic?*

November 22

Mandate 6: Intimacy – *Should the goal of marriage be intimacy?*
Mandate 7: Sex – *Should sex be primarily the pursuit of physical pleasure?*

November 29

Mandate 8: Conflict – *Should conflict in marriage be understood as relational weakness?*
Mandate 9: Dissolution – *Should marital dissolution be understood as personal failure?*

December 6

Mandate 10: Commitment – *Should marriage be a commitment to an institution?*
Epilogue: Reclaiming Christian Marriage

All are welcome! Pre-marital, non –marital, marital, post-marital, of all ages.