

Grace Mennonite Church

Worship Service

Sunday, November 4

10:00 am



... do justice,
love mercy,
walk humbly

Grace Mennonite Church

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner
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Peace Sunday

That where I am there you may also be

Welcome and Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

When peace, like a river HWB# 336

Being part of Grace Mennonite with John & Connie Peters
 1980's

Time with Children

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

Unity

Lectio Divina, Micah 6:6-8

Lobsters, Reservoirs, Eye Rolls

Go in peace

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Peace Prayer

Dona Nobis Pacem

Benediction

Participants in today's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader:	Enid Letkeman
Song Leaders:	Jennifer Rogalsky, David Graham, Shara Dueck
Accompanist:	Darren Reimer
Children's Church:	Leni Schroeder, Rebeka Schroeder, Audrey Brandt, Blayne Stobbe-Wiebe
Children's Time:	Puppets
Ushers:	Vi Brown, Thanh Trinh, Brenda Penner
Coffee Servers:	Sharon Reimer, Trudi Graham
Sound Tec:	Matt Boese
Computer Tec:	Jessica Boese

Sunday, November 11

‘What can “peace” mean this “Peace Day”?’
with Dr. Lois Edmunds

Sunday’s 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.

Sisters of Grace & Adult Formation – 11:15
All are welcome to meet with Dr. Lois Edmunds
to discuss Individual and family patterns of conflict.
We will meet in the room adjacent to the sanctuary.

We Pray

We pray for **Gavin and Mandy Barkman** as Gavin recovers from an
emergency liver transplant in Toronto this past week.
Gavin is the son to **Gary & Sylvia Barkman**.

We Pray for those that serve Internationally
Mike & Cheryl Nimz in the UK,
Daniel and Damaris Loewen-Rudgers and their family in Kenya;
John & Karen Friesen, in Egypt.

In the wake of the Pittsburgh massacre of Jewish worshipers this week,
all congregations in **MC Canada are being asked to pray this Sunday for Jewish faith
communities that have been impacted by this act of violence.**

We lament all forms of violence against those who are different from us.
We pray that those who grieve may be enfolded in God’s comforting embrace
and that God’s healing power might restore shalom in communities
whose peace has been shattered by violence.

**May our prayers stand in solidarity with all who call on God
in this time of sorrow and grief.**

We pray for MCC’s continued presence in Israel/Palestine as they work for peace.

Prayer for this week:

“As the morning casts off the darkness, Lord, help us to cast aside any feelings
Of ill will we have might harbour against those who have hurt us.
Soften our hearts to work toward their conversion and ours. Amen.”

**Congratulations go out to Margaret Blatz and Ernie Toews
on their recent marriage, October 28.**

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Grace Financial Update:

General giving budget for 2018 - \$404,305.

Actual giving to Oct.31 - \$284,719

There are some extra expenses associated with opening up our building during the renovation that will need to be paid for. If you would like to receive a report on your individual giving to date, please contact Phil Guenther.

Opportunities at Grace

Grace is planning **child dedication** in the next 3 months. If you are attending Grace and would like to dedicate your child, please contact Mel Letkeman.

A note from Mennonite Disaster Service: A scholarship fund has been established for young adults furthering their education at Columbia Bible College or CMU. For criteria and more information please see **Sheep & Goats MDS Service Scholarship/Bursary** on the MDS website www.mds.mennonite.net.

Community Opportunities

Vespers choir will have a service on Sunday, November 4, at 7:00 pm at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum. All are welcome, freewill offering will be taken.

Unveiling of the iconic Dirk Willems' life-size bronze statue will take place on Mennonite Heritage Village grounds this Saturday, November 10 at 2 pm. This statue, created by Peter Sawatzky, world renowned bronze sculptor, represents the centrepiece of a major new project by the Peace Exhibit Committee of MHV. All are invited to attend this unveiling. (Taking place outdoors, dress appropriately.) (More information on the total project will be shared at our Worship Service, Nov. 25.)

Please see the bulletin board for more community events.

This week at Grace:

- Sunday: (4th) Worship at Bethesda Place 9:00am
- Monday: Red River English classes (Monday thru Thursday)
Sandwich preparation for HSD students, 9:00 am
- Tuesday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
- Wednesday: Little Bits of Grace, 9:30 – noon.
Sweet Surrender book study, 7:30 – 9:00 pm **Note date change.**
Mandate 2: Connectedness – Should marriage be a separate social unit?
Mandate 3: Calling – Should our marriage be our primary calling in life?
- Thursday: Stories with Seniors, 2:00 pm
Grace Church Annual Auction 5:45
- Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: Worship at Bridgepark Manor, 9:30 am

Grace contacts:

Pastor:	Mel Letkeman	mel@gracesteinbach.ca
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Bulletin submissions are due Thursday 9 am

**Grace Mennonite Church
Formation Series
with Dr. Lois Edmunds**

**Thriving in a Firestorm:
Conflict and Conflict Resolution in a Community of Faith**

For many generations, Mennonites have experienced the devastating consequences of conflict. We learned to avoid conflict to minimize the damages, but this also deprived us of some

marvellous learnings that can arise from conflict!

In this brief series, we will explore ideas and Scripture that focus on conflict and on peace-building.

November 11 Worship Service - What can “peace” mean this “Peace Day”?

November 11 Formation, 11:15 - Individual and family patterns of conflict

November 18 Formation, 11:15 - Working with conflict as a community

In Preparation, you may want to do the following:

1. Think about one specific experience of conflict that troubles you

- what happened, from your perspective?
- what didn't happen that could or should have happened?
- are there issues from this experience that remain unfinished?
- in this experience, were there some peace-builders who helped?

2. Access and study Mennonite Church Canada

“Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love” at Common Word.

Background:

In response to the insight that conflict can possibly be creative rather than destructive, Menno Simons College and Canadian Mennonite University established programs of Conflict Resolution Studies and Peace Studies.

Dr. Lois Edmund, C. Psych., is a Clinical Psychologist who provides conflict mediation, taught in these programs, and serves on the congregational mediation team of the Mennonite Church Manitoba. Together with other mediators, she has actively intervened in many conflicts within Christian organizations.

She was born a “MK” (missionary kid) and is a member of Mennonite Church Canada.



**The Annual Grace Church Auction
will be held on
Thursday, Nov 8, 2018
Supper will be served from
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
Auction
will begin at 6:45 p.m.**

Please see your church box for a list of donations.

If you have any questions or donations contact:

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*100% of the proceeds from the church auction are being used
for the new addition at Grace.*