

Grace Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany

10:00 am



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Grace Mennonite Church

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

Epiphany

Longing for light STJ# 54

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Come, thou fount HWB# 521

Peace Prayer

Waiting

Poetry/Worship Music

The Magi, Alana Levandoski

Children's Time

Children may leave for children's church.

Breath Prayer

Matthew 2:1-18

Fruit Cake, Street Cred, & Throwing Food at King Herod

Prayer & Offering

What child is this?

Gloria HWB# 204

Benediction

All are welcome to join us for coffee and New Years Cookies in the foyer,
 following the worship service this morning.

Participants in today's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader:	Brenda Penner
Song Leaders:	Jennifer Rogalsky, David Graham, Shara Dueck
Accompanist:	Darren Reimer
Poetry:	Gary Bergman
Children's Time:	Kyle Penner & Jenn Rogalsky
Ushers:	Garry Barkman, Shannon Gerbrandt
Coffee Servers:	Doug & Elsie Kathler
Sound Tec:	Bruce Blatz
Computer Tec:	Kurt Barz

Sunday, January 13

Matthew 13:1-17

Have you been baptized? Why or why not?

Why do you think Jesus got baptized?

with Kyle Penner

***Thank you to Holly Sobering and staff for providing
New Years Cookies this morning.***

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***We would like to thank Grace Church for the Christmas gifts we
received this year. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.***

Mel, Kyle, Mike, Cathy, Audrey

Sunday's at Grace

**Children's church will pause for Christmas Break
(December 30th & January 6th) and resume on Sunday January 13th.**

Thanks to the support of the congregation, the Children's Church hygiene kit "store" was able to donate 231 kits to MCC! Thank you for your generosity and for giving our children an opportunity to be leaders.

The Children's Church program is looking for a teacher to help lead the grade 5-8 class on Sunday mornings (approx. every third).

If you're interested or have questions please contact Ange at angeneufed@hotmail.com or 204-791-7442.

Sisters of Grace

11:15 am

We invite all women for a time of sharing and prayer as we read the book:

We Make the Road by Walking (Brian McLaren)

We will meet in the lounge located in the lower level.

We Pray

We pray for those that serve Internationally:

Mike & Cheryl Nimz in the UK

Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers and their family in Kenya

John & Karen Friesen in the Middle East

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Prayer for this week:

God, help us to see who you are through the lens of Jesus.

A note from Grace Council:

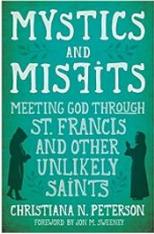
Save the date! The Grace AGM will be January 27th starting at 11:15 am, with lunch being served. "Who can attend the AGM?" "If you consider yourself part of Grace, you can attend the AGM."

Our condolences go out to **Ron and Andrea Dick and their family** on the passing of Ron's step father, **Peter Dyck** who passed away on December 22, 2018. The funeral was held on December 28, in Steinbach.

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
- Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm

The Grace library is constantly adding new books and here are a few to start the year.



With untested ideals and a thirst for adventure, Christiana Peterson and her family moved to an intentional Christian farming community in the rural Midwest. It sounded like a simple and faithful way to follow Jesus, not to mention a great place to raise kids. In *Mystics and Misfits*, Peterson discovers that community life is never really simple and that she needs resources beyond her own to weather the anxiety and exhaustion of trying to save a dying farm and a floundering congregation. She turns to Christian mystics like Francis of Assisi, Simone Weil, and Dorothy Day to find sustenance for the everyday struggles and unique hardships of community life. With a contemplative's spirit and poet's eye, Peterson leads readers into an encounter with the God of the wild mystics and the weird misfits.



On the News gently introduces young children to the realities of natural disasters, terrorism and other forms of tragedy. The book's question-and-answer format will help parents have a meaningful conversation about these difficult topics with their children and equip them to better handle questions that arise when children are exposed to the news. Illustrated by Jane Heinrichs.

Please see the bulletin board for:

- December 2018 Newsletter from Damaris and Daniel Loewen-Rudgers
- Christmas letter from John and Karen Friesen
- Information on MCM, MCC, church & community events.

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The Three Wise Kings

*My name is Kaspar. I the incense bear.
The glamour of the Star has made me wise.
I say that love is vaster than the skies.
And God exists. And Life is pure and fair.*

*My name is Melchior. And my myrrh scents all.
There is God. He is the light of morn.
The fairest blossoms from the dust are born,
And joy is shadowed by a threatful pall.*

*My name is Balthasar. I bring a wreath
Of Orient gold, my gift. I come to say
That God exists. I know all by the ray
Of starry light upon the crown of Death.*

*Balthasar, Melchior, Kaspar, be ye still.
Love triumphs and has bid you to his feast.
Radiance has filled the void, the night has ceased:
Wearing Life's crown, Christ comes to work His Will!*

by Ruben Dario