

**World Communion Sunday;
eating at the table with others.**



Jan Richardson

October 6, 2019

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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World Communion Sunday

Welcome

I owe my Lord a morning song STJ# 112

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

For the beauty of the earth HWB# 89

Just a closer walk with thee STJ# 106

Genesis 12:1-3

Isaiah 2:2-3

Isaiah 2:4-5

Peter Dick, *German*

Freddy / Detty Muganza, *French*

Freddy / Detty Muganza, *Swahili*

Time with Children

Children ages 3 through grade 8 may leave for children's church

Contemplative Prayer & Offering

My Wordless Prayer

Acts 10:24-29,

Acts 10:30-33,

Acts 10:34-36, Galatians 3:26-28

Dora Ferreira, *Portuguese*

Cynthia Lestari Putri, *Indonesian*

Mark Reimer, *Spanish*

Sharing our story: Freddy Muganza

For we are strangers no more HWB# 322

Communion

Rebel Heart

I could sing of your love forever

Benediction

Please observe a moment of reflection after the Benediction.

All are welcome to join us for coffee in the foyer, following the worship service.

Baskets for non perishable donations for Southeast helping hands will be at the front of the sanctuary for the Fall Season.

Question for the Foyer: Have you experienced worship/communion in a church other than your own? What was it like?

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, 11:15 am

We invite all women at Grace for a time of sharing and prayer, reading the book 'Prayer' by Richard Foster. Please meet in the lounge, in the lower level.

Fall Worship at Grace

Sunday, October 13

Please read Mark 4:26-32

'What small seeds have you planted lately?'



Sunday, October 20

Grace Church Thanksgiving Service & Lunch

We will be sharing a casserole potluck lunch following the worship service. Please bring a casserole or a salad. Buns and dessert will be provided.

Volunteers will be needed to set up tables on October 18, 7:00 pm and at 9:00 am Sunday the 20th. If you are able to help, please email Joy @ soupsongjoy@hotmail.com.

We Gather and Pray

Prayer this Week

Pray that the **new Canadians** moving to Steinbach will feel at home.

Our Congregation

Pray for **Linda Martens**, that she will continue to enjoy life at Bethesda Care Home where she lives.

Pray for **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers**, as they prepare to move to a new home in Nairobi, when construction is completed.

Pray that **Tina Rempel** will continue to recover from her illness, so she can return home from Bethesda Hospital.

Our Community

Pray that Agape house will be able to meet the needs of the women and children that are in need of shelter.

Our World:

Take time to pray for Christians in another country, celebrating communion with you this Sunday.

Our Condolences go out to Sarah Neufeld and family on the passing of their dear husband, father, grandfather, John Neufeld, Friday, October 4. John was a long time member at Grace. May you find God's love as you spend time remembering him this week. Funeral arrangements are pending.

This week at Grace:

Monday: Red River English Fall Classes and Childcare (Mon.-Thur.)
Tuesday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Thursday: Stories with Seniors, 2:00 pm
Friday: Soup's On, 5:00 pm
Saturday: Grace youth and families, Bomber game
Sunday:^{13th} Worship at Cedarwood, 9:30 am
Church Rental, 12-5 pm

Opportunities at Grace

Please see the bulletin board for MDS, Conference and Community events.

Interested in being part of 'Small Groups at Grace'? Here at Grace we have close to 100 people who are part of a Small Group, usually 8-10 people, who meet monthly. It's a good way to create new relationships or build on old ones, getting to know other Gracers in a smaller setting. If you might be interested in being part of a group, or would like to know more about them, be in touch with Mel or the office.

Grace Mennonite goes to the Bomber game! This is their "family" game featuring mascots and family activities, but is open to everyone! **October 12.** Kickoff is at 3pm. Tickets are \$35/adults, \$22 for youth (under 16). RSVP with Kyle.

If you are interested in setting up donations to Grace through **preauthorized bank transfers**, we can accommodate you. Please contact our church office for a form you can fill out to set this up.

Make & Take: Next Sunday, October 13

we would like to have a **Thanksgiving Make & Take.**

Bring something you have grown, or canned or made, to

create our Thanksgiving display to visualize Mel's sermon at the front. After the worship service take home something to replace that which you brought.



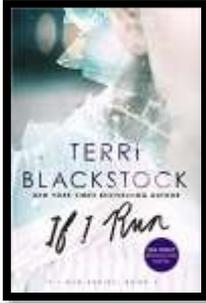
Participants in today's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Freddy Muganza
Worship Leader:	Tara Klassen
Song Leaders:	Katie Smith-Schroeder, Melissa Taylor, Gary Bergman, Scott Jodoin
Accompanist:	Karen Toews
Children's Time:	Jennifer Rogalsky, Kyle Penner
Children's Church:	Leni Schroeder, Tom Wiebe, Regon & John Barkman, Rebeka Schroeder, Joy Neufeld
Ushers:	Garry Barkman, Shannon Gerbrandt
Coffee Servers:	Audrey & Bernie Brandt
Sound Tec:	Bruce Blatz
Computer Tec:	Matt/Jess Boese

Grace Mennonite Church Library

We are excited to continue expanding our library with new, current and relevant books. Please check out these new additions.

New Adult Books



If I Run, Terri Blackstock



Fire Storm, Nancy Mehl

New Children's Books



The Thanksgiving Blessing
By Meadow Rue Merrill and Drew Krevi



Maybe God Is Like That Too
by Jennifer Grant Benjamin Schippe

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Congregational Conversations

Grace has changed significantly in the past number of years.

We've become a bit larger, have taken on new projects and have even had a building change. Through it all, we hope that Grace has continued to be and become a place of Worship, Service and Community for us all.

Spiritual Guidance consists of the deacons of Grace together with the Pastors and is tasked with, among other things, 'overseeing' Grace, it's vision and 'who we are'. We do that by talking with each other and God as we meet, trying to discern what we need to be paying attention to as a congregation.

This year we'd like you to join that conversation by participating in a one-hour conversation during Formation, after Worship. We'll be dividing the congregation into groups. We will send out an invitation regarding the group you're invited to join, as well as questions which will guide the conversation.

If you can't make the date you're invited to, let us know and we'll invite you for a different Sunday. And, while sharing in a group could feel somewhat intimidating, I'd encourage you to consider attending regardless. While seemingly formal, the gatherings will be informal, relaxed and non threatening, simply giving room to both talk and listen.

We look forward to our conversations together.
Any questions, just ask...

Mel Letkeman
on behalf of Spiritual Guidance