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Grace Mennonite Church

October 18, 2020

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

www.gracesteinbach.ca

204 326 3707

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World Communion II

My Chains Are Gone

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Congregational Prayer

Children aged 3 to Middle School may leave for children's church

Amazing Love

I Samuel 1:9-11, 19,20; 2:1-10

Bathroom Renovations, Goldfish & Being Wanted

Communion

Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song

My Soul Cries Out / Canticle of The Turning

Benediction

An audio recording of the service will be available
on the church website following the morning worship service.

Worship Services will be livestreamed in the near future.

Participants in Sunday's Worship Service:

Worship Speaker:	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader:	Enid Letkeman
Song Leaders:	Shara Dueck, Jenn Rogalsky
Accompanist:	Scott Jodoin
Children's Church:	Ashley Penner, Marian Hiebert, Tammy Schroeder
Ushers:	Mary Doerksen, Jon Barkman, Doug Kathler
Technology Technicians:	Chris Peters, Bruce Blatz

Fall Worship at Grace

Looking Ahead to Sunday October 25

II Samuel 7:1-17

Why do you think a building is so important for us,
as we worship God together?

*Please plan to take your coats/jackets with you to your seats.
The hangers in the foyer are not available, due to covid restrictions*

Our next Church Hike / Forest Church is on October 25th.

The plan is to visit the Senkiw Suspension Bridge in Roseau River at 10am.

RSVP with Kyle (kyle@gracesteinbach.ca).

Children's Church

Kids are starting in the pews with their families and we'll dismiss them.

We have age 3 to grade 4 classes every 1st and 3rd Sunday
of every month until we have more teachers.

We have middle school class every Sunday, except when we are hiking.

Please contact Ange Neufeld at angeneufeld@hotmail.com if you are
interested in volunteering approximately once a month.

Grace Zoom Formation

Racism and the Church

October 20, 27, November 3,10 7:30 pm

Other than the current pandemic, racial conflict has probably been the second leading human heartbreak of 2020. While eruptions of racial violence have been most acute in America, we Canadians have our own long history of practicing some of the most egregious forms of racism. Shamefully, white Christian settler denominations have been equally guilty of oppressing BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour). How well do we understand the enduring subtleties and depths of racism, even in our own churches? How can we play a positive part in what now appears to be a profound societal reckoning with racism?

This four-part Formation series will take place online via Zoom meetings on the following Tuesday evenings. **On October 20 and 27, [James Thunder](#), adjunct professor at Horizon College and Seminary, will join us to offer his Indigenous insights. On November 3 and 10, [Steve Heinrichs](#) from Mennonite Church Canada will join us to offer his denominational insights.** All sessions will be hosted by Monica Martens. To join our online "talking circle," click here at 7:30pm on those dates: <https://prov.zoom.us/j/95075079436>.
If you have any questions, contact Monica Martens at mmartens@hds.ca.

We Pray Together

Congregation: We pray for **Gord Bartel**, receiving chemo treatments. We pray for those dealing with medical concerns: **Matt Rogalsky, Regon Barkman, Laurie Kroeker, Margaret Boschman.**

Prayer for this Week: Help us to name our privilege, and follow Jesus to the edges of the circles.

Prayer for the Community: Help up to care for the vulnerable amongst us.

Prayer for the World:

We pray for Little Grand Rapids First Nation (which is right beside Pauingassi FN) as they cope with a COVID outbreak in their community.

Earlier this month, **Emma Martens** shared about going to Rwanda with MCC's SALT program. If you'd like to support her financially, you can click here:

<https://donate.mcccanada.ca/registry/emma-martens-transformational-leadership-centre>.

Opportunities at Grace

Eternity Sunday:

On November 1st we will celebrate Eternity Sunday, a time for remembering those who have passed away in our congregation, families and community this past year. This is a service when we are given an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance. While COVID Restrictions will change how that is done, we hope to be able to continue that this year.



Interested in Membership at Grace?

If you would be, would like more information or would just like to talk about it, contact Mel.

Scripture Telling in Worship.

Over the past year we've had a group of Scripture Tellers who have participated in Worship by 'memorizing and presenting' Biblical Stories or Passages. I'm wondering if there are more of us who might like to be involved in Worship in this way. If you would be, would like more information or would just like to talk about it, contact Mel.

A note from Grace Library

welcome! "We have placed some of our new books for display on the smaller side shelf in the library for ease." All are welcome to use our library.



Interested in Small Groups?

COVID has succeeded in making larger gatherings more difficult for us at Grace (and everywhere). Even limiting our options for socializing even when we are together as evidenced by our beloved Coffee Counter now standing empty! And yet, we want to be with each other and engage with each other at Grace. Many of us do that at Grace with approximately **115 people being involved in 14 groups**. So we're wondering, might you be interested in being part of a Small Group where you could continue to connect with Gracers during this time when we need to find different ways to do that? If so, or you'd like information or just like to talk about that, call Mel at the office.

Wednesday Morning and Evening Zoom Prayers:

I attended a Zoom retreat this summer at which we had short morning and evening prayers. It was very meaningful to begin and end our days together as community, in that way. It got me to thinking, maybe we could try that ourselves at Grace, together as community beginning and ending our days in communal prayer. So, we are going to 'pilot' a once a week morning and evening time of prayer. It will be:

- Once a week, every Wednesday until the end of November. We will begin on **Wednesday October 21st**.
- Prayer times will be.
 - Before work in the morning, at **7:15 a.m.**
 - At the end of the day after having returned home, at **9:15 p.m.**
- Short! About 7 minutes including a Scripture Verse followed by both spoken as well as silent prayer.
- It will be led by one person (me to begin with), the interaction being praying the Lord's Prayer together at the end.
- You will receive a Zoom invite the evening previous with the link to the prayer time.

The link for prayers will be sent to you on Tuesday.

Rice Collection for South East Helping Hands.

For the month of October, we are asking you to make a donation to a rice drive. SEHH can purchase rice for a very good price so if you want to make a monetary donation please make a cheque out to South East Helping Hands or Grace Mennonite Church and clearly indicate that it is for the Rice Drive. All cheques should be dropped off at the church. If you would prefer to drop off a bag of rice, there will be a box for that



just inside the church doors. Thank you, **Outreach Commission**

Join us online for **The Camps with Meaning "Break the Bank-uet" Fundraising Celebration**. October 25, 7:00pm. With musical guests Steve Bell, Fred Penner, Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg and our camp staff. Donate generously to keep the camping ministry flame burning. www.campswithmeaning.org/banquet.

Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for **"Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?"**, a virtual study conference on Saturday, Oct. 24, on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020.

This week at Grace: October 18-24

Monday:	Soup's On lunch program for HSD, 9:00 am
Tuesday:	Soup's On, 5:00 pm Zoom Formation, 7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Church Council, 7:00 pm Zoom Prayers: 7:15 am; 9:15pm
Friday:	Soup's On

Please check the bulletin board for information on the following:

- Mennonite Heritage Village - Dirk Willems Peace Garden Fundraising
- Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery Fundraiser
- MCC, MCM, CMU

Sunday Worship RSVP Directions:

Our first preference is to email the church at office@gracesteinbach.ca,

and our second preference is that you call the church at 204 326 3707

Tuesday to Friday 9:30 - 12:00 (noon)

Please note that if you are involved in the service, please RSVP all family members that will be attending that Sunday morning.

Deadline for RSVP emails and/or calls: Friday, 12:00 (noon).

Please see the Grace website for guidelines on worshipping during Covid.

We encourage the wearing of masks for congregants. Please bring your own masks as masks will not be provided by the church.

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