



Building a Temple ... or Church
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Grace Mennonite Church

October 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Building a Temple ...

Candle Lighting

Fill Us with Your Feast

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Praise Him, Praise Him

Prayer of Examen

Great is Thy Faithfulness

I Corinthians 6:19,20; I Peter 2:4,5

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God Will Make a Way

Congregational Prayer

Put Your Hand in The Hand

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:

Mel Letkeman

Worship Leader:

Brenda Penner

Song Leaders:

Carmel Wiebe, Wes Reimer, Barb Lane, Harv Lane

Accompanists:

Alexandra Nikkel, Roxanne Klassen

Ushers:

Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld

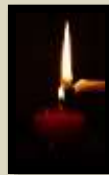
Technology Technicians:

Joe Dueck, Chris Peters

Fall Worship at Grace

Looking Ahead to Sunday November 1

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.

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

Children's Church

Children's church and middle school meeting will resume next week.

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

We Pray Together

Congregation: Pray for **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers** as they travel home to be with their family during this difficult time.

Prayer for this Week: Lord, may we become increasingly aware of the meaning and importance of our church building and community.

Prayer for the Community: We pray for those in our community who use the resources that help with their lives on a daily basis: **Agape House, Soups On, Southeast Helping Hands, Steinbach Community Outreach.**

Prayer for the World: Pray for Mennonite Churches around the globe, facing the challenges of life during Covid times.

This week at Grace: October 25- November 1

Sunday^{25th}:	Private Rental, 1-5pm
Monday:	Soup's On lunch program for HSD, 9:00 am
Tuesday:	Soup's On, 5:00 pm Zoom Formation, 7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Small group using the church foyer, 7:00 pm Zoom Prayers: 7:15 am; 9:15pm
Thursday:	Senior youth, bonfire at Church, 8:00 pm
Friday:	Soup's On
Sunday^{1st}:	Middle School Youth Bonfire and games at church 1:30-3:00. Dress for the weather.

Opportunities at Grace

Grace Zoom Formation, Racism and the Church, October 27, November 3, 10 at 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@hsd.ca .

Urgent & Needed: Our mission-workers, **Daniel & Damaris Loewen-Rudgers (children, Joshua and Aliza)** have made an unexpected trip back to Canada in order to be close to Daniel's parents in Winnipeg, as his mom, Erna, is in serious condition with liver cancer. They will be spending their 2-week quarantine period living here in Steinbach in a house provided for them. Our Grace community is invited to help out with providing supper meals, and you may contact Bonny Peters for this opportunity. Following is a list of other items that they have requested. Please drop them off at church, labelled with your name for returning. **Thank you** for helping in this way, and for your prayers for them and their extended family as they journey together through this difficult time.



Needed: CD player, Kids toys and books, Boys boots (sz 1 - age 7)) and winter gear, Girls boots (sz 11 - age 4) and winter gear, Men's boots (sz 11).

Child Dedication

We are excited to be having child dedication on November 15.

Interested in Membership at Grace

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

The **Refugee Committee** has had an active fall, and are now expecting the families we are sponsoring to arrive on Nov 6. We are certainly hoping that this time, the families will arrive on this date! We have had the good fortune of a house donation to the church for refugee sponsorship. The house is at 98 Giesbrecht St., and we are looking forward to moving in on October 31. Our host families are Tamara and Mark Rempel, John and Kiran Mahi, and Trudy and Patrick Friesen. We hope to find a way to introduce the new refugee families to you after they have settled into Canada for a while. Thanks so much for you ongoing support and patience as we have waited for their arrival.

A note from Grace Library

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.
- 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. LAST WEEK.

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**



Local Family in need: Donations are being accepted for a local family who recently had a house fire. Household furniture, including bedroom, living room, and kitchen ware are needed. For more information, contact Ange at Century 21, 204 392 4766.

Please check the bulletin board for information on the following:

- October 29 – Harvest Festival Virtual Gathering (Providence College)
- Mennonite Heritage Village - Dirk Willems Peace Garden Fundraising
- Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery Fundraiser
- Mennonite Central Committee
- Mennonite Church Manitoba
- Canadian Mennonite University

Sunday Worship RSVP Directions:

Our first preference is to email the church at
office@gracesteinbach.ca,
or call the church at 204 326 3707

Tuesday to Friday 9:30 – 12:00 (noon)

Deadline for RSVP emails and/or calls: Friday, 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.

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.

Grace Contacts:

Pastor: **Mel Letkeman**

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