

Grace Mennonite Church

June 20th, 2021



Lilacs at the front of the church

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Zoom Link: **10:00 am & 11:00 am**

(June 20th is the last date for Sunday morning Zooms)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540>

Livestreaming Link: **10:15 am** service

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeiuCTLu8JlkIlnRV782cA>

Rain Down VT #703

Welcome

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Contemplative Prayer

I Want to be Just Like You

Congregational Prayer

Seek the Peace of the City VT #206

[Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14](#)

Inflation, Two Years and ♫ Na-Na-Na-Na Good-bye♪

As You Go Out from Here VT #841

Benediction

Worship Speaker

Kyle Penner

Worship Leader

Jenn Kulpa

Musicians

Shaun & Donna Neufeldt, Julie Sidorchuk, Rob & Kim Sidorchuk

Technicians

Lloyd Funk, Chris Peters

Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00 pm

Worship Speaker – Dennis Hiebert

This will be a “normal” service in the sanctuary, even if people are allowed to come. You may watch the service via livestream Wednesday at 7 pm and it will remain on the Grace Mennonite YouTube channel for Sunday viewing.

Summer Worship Services at Grace

From Wednesday, June 23 – Wednesday, July 28 we will be moving our worship services to Wednesday evenings. All services will continue to follow the Public Health orders. RSVP instructions will be given once orders allow people to attend services in person. If there are some outdoor services, there may be a recorded service available for the following Sunday.

Beginning Tuesday, June 22, a constant contact email will go out each Tuesday to let you know what is planned for the Wednesday evening service.

LIVESTREAM Link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeiuCLu8JlkIInRV782cA>

or you may search *Grace Mennonite Steinbach* on YouTube for our YouTube channel.

We Pray Together

Pray for our Congregation:

- Pray for **Betty Koop** who is still in Toronto for her cancer treatments waiting to return home.

We pray for our graduating students this year: **Ashlyn Wolfe, Katie Wiens, Liam Toews-Thiessen, Logan Funk.** We know your grade 12 year wasn't what you had hoped for, but as you enter the work force full-time or pursue further education, may God continue to bless you so that you may be a blessing.

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns – **Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Shirley Joy, Betty Koop, Laurie Kroeker, Matt Rogalsky**

Prayer for the week: Help us to be present to the moment and seek the welfare of our community.

Prayer for our World: We continue to pray that we can name the truth of Canada's history with the Indigenous community, and that we can continue to work towards reconciliation.

This Week at Grace ♦ June 21 - 25

Monday	Soup's On lunch program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm
Wednesday	Worship Service via Livestream, 7:00 pm
Friday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm

Opportunities and Information

Mel Letkeman is on vacation June 18 – July 4.

Hello Grace church family, as you saw last week in the service that **the refugee family is expecting a baby**. As Ed mentioned we would like to have a baby shower but that does not seem possible with the restrictions the way they are. So I would like to ask for donations to buy the baby a crib and some other baby supplies. **You may drop your donations off at the church during regular office hours or call Shannon to make arrangements.** We have a playpen and a car seat and some baby clothes. The baby is due in the middle of July so we don't have a lot of time. If you can help the family out it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much. Refugee committee - Shannon Giesbrecht

Thanks to your generosity, in addition to the 21 trees planted at church, our church was able to send \$3265 trees to MCC's reforestation work in Haiti! A big thanks to everyone who helped out!

Grace Donation Options - Grace Church Council and Treasurer want to remind you of our donation options throughout the next while. If you have any questions, please email the church office.

- mailing your cheque to the church
- through automatic withdrawal
- e-transfer at donate@gracesteinbach.ca
- dropping your donation off at the church during regular office hours
(Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

Pastor: **Mel Letkeman** (*on vacation June 18 – July 4*)

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday ♦ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Photo submitted by Larry Friesen

Walking The Prayer Labyrinth

This year we have again created a Prayer Labyrinth in the grass behind the church. It's beside the garden and picnic tables, surrounded by recently planted trees. It's a beautiful space.

You might think of a Labyrinth as an intricate combination of paths or passages in which it is difficult to find one's way or reach the exit. Like a Maze. The prayer Labyrinth is different, simply a place to walk and pray. It has been used by Christians in prayer from as early as 300 CE.

A Labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then back out again. It has many turns but, unlike Mazes, it has no dead ends. Although, it does wind in and out, taking you from outside towards the center then winding back and forth from outside to in before you finally to arrive at it's middle. Maybe an image our lives or our journeys with God which do not move in the easy, predictable straight lines which we'd sometimes like.

The Labyrinth can be used for worship and praise, as a time to pray for yourself or others or as a time to relax and concentrate on God. While you can use it in any way you'd like, here are a few suggestions for this 'Labyrinth Prayer Walk' if you'd like something to get you started:

(Walking The Prayer Labyrinth)

- If you are wondering about something, ask God your question as you enter. Let your steps and the silence be a time of ruminating on it. When you arrive in the center, sit as long as you'd like on the stump. Then head back out with anything you've thought about simmering in your mind.
- If you have something to confess, start your journey to the center while visualizing particular sin being left behind with every step you take. When you reach the center it in silence and enjoy having unburdened yourself. Journey out with the affirmation of forgiveness, perhaps visualizing the smile of Christ as a image of forgiveness. Pause at the exit and give thanks for your healing journey.
- If you simply want to spend time with God, recite the Be Still prayer as you walk in, sit in the middle with it and do the same as you walk out.
- If you want to pray for yourself or others, speak of your life or their names as you walk to the center of the labyrinth. In the center, sit and thank God for holding us in all that life brings. Then leave with a prayer of gratitude.