

Grace Mennonite Church

June 23th, 2021



Iris in the church garden

Grace Mennonite Church

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Order of Worship

Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT #57

Welcome

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Oh, Have You Not Heard VT #668

Contemplative Prayer

Come and Fill Our Hearts VT #52

Congregational Prayer

Scripture

Sermon

Here by the Water VT #629

Benediction

Worship Speaker

Dennis Hiebert

Worship Leader

Andrew Unger

Musicians

Shara Dueck, David Graham, Jen Rogalsky

Technicians

Chris Peters, Tim Schmitt

LIVESTREAM Link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeuCTLu8JkIInRV782cA>

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

Wednesday, June 30

Worship Speaker – Kyle Penner

[Ephesians 1:1-14](#)

Summer Worship Services at Grace

From Wednesday, June 23 – Wednesday, July 28 we will be moving our worship services to Wednesday evenings. Services that are recorded in the sanctuary will also be available on Sunday morning via our livestream link or Grace Mennonite Steinbach YouTube channel. If there are some outdoor services, there may be a recorded service available for the following Sunday.

As soon as we are allowed in-person services, you will receive a constant contact regarding attendance and RSVP instructions. All services will continue to follow the Public Health orders.

A constant contact email will go out each Tuesday to let you know what is planned for the Wednesday evening service.

Upcoming worship services:

- Wednesday, June 23 – Available by livestream at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 30
- Wednesday, July 7

We Pray Together

Pray for our Congregation:

- Pray for **Betty Koop** as she undergoes treatment for her cancer.

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, Today House, Steinbach Community Outreach, Steinbach Family Resource Centre.**

Prayer for the week: Help us be unified in Christ.

Prayer for our community: We give thanks for all the work our teachers and school division staff have put into helping educate our children during a pandemic. Give them some well deserved rest.

Prayer for our World: We continue to pray for an equitable distribution of covid vaccines around the world.

Upcoming Week at Grace ❖ June 22 - 29

Wednesday 23rd	Worship Service via Livestream, 7:00 pm
Friday 25th	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm
Sunday 27th	There is no service at the church. Livestreaming from Wednesday is available. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVeiuCTLu8JkIlnRV782cA or you may search <i>Grace Mennonite Church Steinbach</i> on YouTube for our YouTube channel.
Monday 28th	Soup's On lunch program, 9:00 am
Tuesday 29th	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm

Opportunities and Information

Mel Letkeman is on vacation June 18 – July 4.

Sunday morning Constant Contact – See “Click Here for some of the info from the church bulletin board” button for announcements for MCC, MCM, MDS, MEDA, AMBS, Eden Mental Health, Mennonite Historian and other information. There are webinars, links to magazines, job and service opportunities and much more.

Updated Weekly

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)

Old Hymnals – We are offering the old *Hymnal: A Worship Book* to anyone in the congregation who would like to have one. If you would like to pick one up, please do so during regular office hours Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They will be in box just outside the library/offices.

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

Associate Pastor: **Kyle Penner**

Administrative Office:

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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, sit 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.