

Grace Mennonite Church

September 12, 2021



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September 12, 2021 – 10:00 am

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Order of Worship

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT # 9

Welcome

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah VT # 95

Children's Story - [Genesis 28:10-21](#)

Sharing

Open My Eyes That I May See VT # 738

Sharing

Prayer

We Are One in the Spirit VT # 387

Congregational Prayer

Now May the Lord of Peace

Benediction

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| Worship Speaker | Mel Letkeman |
| Worship Leader | Tamara Rempel |
| Musicians | Shaun & Donna Neufeldt, Kristy Rempel, Rob & Kim Sidorchuk |
| Ushers | Mary Doerksen, Shannon Gerbrandt |
| Technicians | Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters |
| Coffee Servers | Jason & Irene Plett |

**The Sunday, September 12th worship service
will also be livestreamed at 10:00 am.**

Please go to YouTube website and search for the
Grace Mennonite Steinbach YouTube channel.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 12th – Fall Fellowship & Lunch

We'll be enjoying Worship together at 10:00 and then lunch following the worship service. Please bring your own picnic lunch, drinks and a lawn chair and we'll gather in the Parking Lot to have lunch together. Coffee will be provided.

September 19th – Baptism, Children's Church & Cinnamon Buns

- ◆ We will be celebrating the baptism of Ashlyn Wolfe.
- ◆ Children's Church for ages 3 through to Grade 8 is held during the worship service and will begin September 19th.
- ◆ Following the worship service, the staff is looking forward to serving you a cinnamon bun. Coffee and juice will be available outside.

September 26th – Child Dedication

Sunday Worship Services

No RSVP needed, 240 capacity, please try to keep distance, masks must be worn at all times, singing with masks on is now allowed, the balcony is open, and coffee will be served outside.

We Pray Together

Pray for our congregation:

Alyssa Van Alstyne is having surgery in Winnipeg this week. Pray for her, Jayce and their children as she has the surgery and begins recovery.

We Pray for our International Workers:

- ◆ **John & Karen Friesen** (Middle East)
- ◆ **Daniel & Damaris Loewen Rudgers** (Kenya)
- ◆ **Emma Martens** (Rwanda)

Prayer for the week: Lord, show me where you have been present in my summer experiences.

Prayers for our community: Pray for our community as we relate to each other in the midst of our very different convictions regarding Covid restrictions.

Prayer for our world: Pray for the people of Afghanistan as they navigate their current political situation.

Upcoming at Grace ❖ September 13 - 17

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| Tuesday | Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm ZOOM for Children's Church Parents, 8:00 pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540 |
| Wednesday | Little Bits of Grace, Jake Epp Library Park, 10 am – 12 Bring lawn chairs, picnic blanket and your own snacks/coffee. Church Council, 7:00 pm Middle School Youth at church, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm |
| Thursday | High School Youth at church, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm |
| Friday | Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm |

Family Wiener Roast - September 26, 3-6 pm

Wiener Roast at the A-Maze-in-Corn! Please **RSVP with Kyle**. All families with children are welcome!

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)

Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network and three partner advocacy groups are hosting a two-part online series Saturday, Sept. 18 and Oct. 2, at 12 p.m. EDT /9 a.m. PST. Resource persons include Palestinian pastor-theologian Alex Awad, political science professor Ron Dart, and professor Dan Epp-Tiessen of Canadian Mennonite University. Register: <https://bit.ly/3BbaFOc>.



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School Kits for MCC

At this time of year we are all, excited and anxious at the same time, about returning to school and all that is involved in preparation for a good learning environment.

Around the world, many children face the additional anxieties of not having enough resources to acquire the basic supplies needed for school. In many cases families have had to flee from their homes because of conflicts, or natural disasters and do not have access to these basic supplies for their children.

For the next 3 weeks we invite all of us to participate in collecting school supplies that we can put together in MCC Kit bags to send to MCC for distribution to places around the world, where children are in need of these supplies.

Bring all items for a kit or part of the items on the list and then we can put them together to make the final kits. All supplies can be brought to the church during the week or on Sunday mornings.

We can get the bags for the kits from MCC resource centres, or we can sew them ourselves. It would be great if we could have volunteers to sew these bags. We can provide detailed instructions and materials for sewing of the bags.



Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

**Questions?
Contact Willie Stoesz
from Grace Mennonite Outreach**



SCHOOL KITS for MCC

Contents (NEW items only)

- Any combination of 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) totaling 500–600 pages, **OR** 7 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (80 pages each; about 21.5 cm x 27 cm)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 coloured pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. **All metal** sharpeners can be found online on Amazon or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. **If you cannot find all metal sharpeners** please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

Interested in sewing some bags? Go to
<https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/bag>

Please drop your items off in the Grace church foyer during regular office hours or Sunday mornings. Have your items at the church by Sunday, September 26th. If you have questions, please contact Willie Stoesz, Grace Mennonite Outreach.