

Grace Mennonite Church

September 5, 2021



Evergreens at Grace

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September 5, 2021 – 10:00 am

Pastors Mel Letkeman & Kyle Penner

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Order of Worship

As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On VT # 64

Welcome

Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Lobe den Herren - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT # 88

Blessing of the Backpacks

[Psalm 143](#)

Going Backwards...

The Prayer with Lead Us Lord

Congregational Prayer

[Hebrews 12:1-3](#)

...to Go Forwards

Communion

Fly Away Medley

Benediction

Worship Speaker

Mel Letkeman, Kyle Penner

Worship Leader

Mel Letkeman, Kyle Penner

Musicians

Elbert & Lorraine Toews, Roxanne Klassen

Ushers

Vi Brown, Brenda Penner

Technicians

Lloyd Funk, Tim Schmitt

Coffee Servers

John & Kiran Mahi

**The Sunday, September 5th worship service
will also be livestreamed at 10:00 am.**

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

September 12th Fall Fellowship 'Shared Sermon'

This week, in my sermon, I'm talking about going backward to go forward. That is, reflecting on what has happened so as to help us live well into what's next. I'll be reflecting on my summer experiences, now past, which I hope will lead me into future fall living. God guiding, forming, and teaching me through my summer experiences.

And, for Fall Fellowship next week, I'd like you to do that as well. If you have had a summer experience, event or moment, either something new or something you always do, that upon reflection has been meaningful for you, a learning from God, I'd like you to share it with us. You can do that by either messaging me, Mel Letkeman, in which case I can read it. Or, and I'd prefer this, you could let me know that you'll be coming to the mic to share it next Sunday. Your reflections would make Fall Fellowship a meaningful time of Worship together. So, consider doing some reflection and sharing with us all in this way.

Fall Fellowship - September 12th – 10:00 am

Next Sunday is Fall Fellowship. We'll be enjoying Worship together at 10:00. And then, after Worship, we'll enjoy time together. So, bring your own picnic lunch and drinks, a lawn chair and we'll gather in the Parking Lot to have lunch together. See you there...

We Pray Together

Pray for our congregation:

- Christina Putz is in the hospital. Pray for her health and that she'll be able to return home soon.
- 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 those in Care Homes: **Linda Martens, Jake Penner, Martha Plett, Nancy Pauls, Abe Friesen, Marie Dyck, Irene Rempel**, particularly as they live very isolated lives due to the Covid restrictions.

Prayer for the week: Lord, show me one thing from the summer that will help my living as fall begins.

Prayers for our community: We pray for all the students, teachers, support staff and admin as they head back to school. We pray for safety, wisdom, patience, and peace.

Upcoming at Grace ❖ September 6 - 10

Tuesday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm
Thursday	Music Practise in the sanctuary, 8:30 pm
Friday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm

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.

Baptism Service – We'll be having a baptism service on September 19th.

New Address

Phil & Barb Guenther - 5 Carillon Way, Steinbach, MB R5G 0W9

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. 19 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>.

WHOSE LAND? WHOSE PROMISE?

Peace, Justice, and the Bible

Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen, Professor of Political Science and History, University of Waterloo, will be speaking on the topic of the Bible and the land of Israel.



Rev. Dr. Alex Awad



Rev. Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen



Professor Ron Dart

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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) totalling 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.