

Grace Mennonite Church

October 17, 2021



1961

Celebrating
60 Years
1961 - 2021



1989



2018

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9:45 am – Congregational Singing

10:00 am – Worship Service

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Order of Worship

Come, Christians, Join to Sing VT # 28

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Now Thank We All Our God VT # 114

[Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7](#)

Beginnings and the Past

Elbert Toews

Evelyn Friesen

Gerald Banman

Kyle Penner

We Sing to You, O God VT # 80

Children may leave for Children's Church during the singing of this hymn.

[Hebrews 11:1-2, 12:1-2](#)

The Present and the Future

Joy Neufeld

Tara Klassen

Ed Neufeld

Alyssa Berger

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT # 88

Communion

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues VT # 764

Benediction

Worship Leader	Patrick Friesen
Prelude Musicians	Pearl Barz, Cindy Blatz, Cathy Barkman, Laurie Wiens
Musicians	Emmy Friesen, David Klassen, Gerry Sapinsky, Annalee Schellenberg
Accompaniments	Robert Neufeld, Kim Sidorchuk, Rob Sidorchuk
Slide Show	Jim Peters
Children's Church	Marian Hiebert, Tammy Schroeder, Ange Neufeld
Technicians	Matt Boese, Joe Dueck
Ushers	Kurt Barz, Shannon Gerbrandt
Greeters	John & Kiran Mahi
Coffee Servers	Doug & Elsie Kathler

Sunday, October 17th

Grace Thanksgiving and 60th Anniversary Service

9:45 am – You are invited to come early to join in 15 minutes of prelude congregational singing.

10:00 am – Worship Service
Come to celebrate God's presence and work in our past, present and future.

We will be sharing communion. Please pick up bread and juice in the foyer on your way into the sanctuary. If you are joining us via livestream, please have bread and juice ready at home for communion.

Coffee will be served outside following the service.

No RSVP is required. As per Public Health Orders, once 130 people are in the building, we are unable to accommodate any additional attendees.

Sundays at Grace

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 8 will be held outdoors during the worship service on October 17 & October 24.

Sunday worship services will also be livestreamed at 10:00 am. Please go to the YouTube website and search for Grace Mennonite Steinbach channel.

Sisters of Grace will meet in the downstairs lounge every Sunday at 9:00 am. We will gather before the worship service for a time of sharing and encouragement as we read the book, **Forgotten Among the Lilies (by Ronald Rolheiser)**. It is not necessary to have the book to attend. All are welcome!

We Pray Together

Pray for our congregation:

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

Prayer for the week: God, help me to remember our past as we live into our future as a congregation.

Pray for our community as we continue to live through Covid together.



Jake Penner, a long-time member at Grace, passed away October 7th. The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 19. Please check the Birchwood Funeral Chapel website for details. Our condolences to **Vern and Jan Falk** on the passing of Vern's brother-in-law. Pray for his family as they remember their father.

This Week at Grace ❖ October 18 - 22

Monday	Soup's On Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm
Wednesday	Little Bits of Grace , 10 am – 12:00 pm at Jake Epp Library Park. Bring a lawn chair/blanket/snacks. Church Council , 7:00 pm in church foyer
Thursday	Stories with Seniors , 10:00 am - ZOOM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8984736540 High School Youth , 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	Soup's On Take Out only, 4:30 pm

Sunday, October 24th - Laura Funk, the Spiritual Director in residence for MC Manitoba, will be our guest speaker. Our theme that day will be prayer. The Formation time will be instruction on Labyrinth Prayer. We look forward to a meaningful morning together.

Colored photos on the bulletin cover were taken by Jackie Koop.

Manitoba Public Health Orders for Worship Services

As of October 5th, the Manitoba Public Health orders have been updated as follows for our worship services:

OPTION A - Permitting 33% capacity (130 for Grace) for indoor gatherings that include unvaccinated people who are eligible to be vaccinated.

OPTION B - Fully immunized people and those under 12 who are not eligible for the vaccine may gather without capacity limits. Proof of vaccination required.

Sunday, October 17th – OPTION A: No RSVP is required. All may attend the in-person sanctuary service. As per Public Health Orders, once 130 people are in the building, we are unable to accommodate any additional attenders.

Sunday, October 24th – OPTION B: No RSVP is required. The in-person sanctuary service is for fully immunized people and those under 12. As per Public Health Orders, proof of vaccination will be required at the door.

All services will also be available on livestream each Sunday morning.
If you have any questions, please email or call the office.

From the library - Thank you to those who are enjoying using our church library. Due to these very different times navigating this life, some of the books have been checked out and perhaps been put on the shelf in the homes. Would you please check around your places and see if you should find a book or 2 that you checked out in the last year or so. 2 books in particular are 'Prayer' by Richard Foster; and 'Sons & Mothers' by Mary Ann Loewen. If you should locate any of the missing books, please drop them into the return box in the library.
Thanks kindly - Patty & Vi

MCC Webinar Series

October 22 at 11:00 am (Manitoba)

MCC and Climate Change: Responding to Climate

Change Risks - Join us as we explore the ways that

MCC works to address food security and climate change through different farming techniques, policy approaches and advocacy. This presentation will focus on case studies from our Africa programs. This webinar will be hosted by Rick Cober Bauman, executive director of MCC Canada. Presentation by: Thelma Sadzamari & Vurayayi Pugeni, MCC Area Directors for South Central Africa and Nigeria and Leona Lortie, Public Engagement and Advocacy Coordinator.

Register at: <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series>



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Charter members who continue to be a part of our congregation today.

Marie Dyck, Gordon & Vi Kreutzer, Elbert & Lorraine Toews

Pastors - George S. Rempel, Leonard Epp, Peter G. Sawatzky, John Braun, Perry Bartel, Dave Bergen, Randy Grieser, Phil Campbell Enns, Mel Letkeman, Kyle Penner.

May 1961 – First meeting at Elmdale School regarding establishing a new General Conference Church in Steinbach.

July 1961 – A Constitution was adopted, name **Grace Mennonite** chosen, a church board elected. Reverend George S. Rempel consented to be minister.

September 1961

- Sunday School program began with 50 children, 26 adults and 12 teachers
- Choir was organized to practice Wednesday nights
- 21 women attended their first Ladies Aid meeting
- Grace made a formal request to be a member of MCC as it was noted in the church bulletin that they “will be vitally interested in relief work”

October 1961

- First baptism held at Southwood School
- Young People were organized with a youth executive

November 1961 – Worship Services and meetings held in the High School Auditorium

February 1962 – Negotiations with Free Church located on First Street (current site of Youth for Christ - Back Stage), church building asking price included, pews, organ, piano, etc.



July 1963 – Accepted into Conference of Mennonites in Canada at Altona.

March 1967 – Grace Mennonite accepted into Manitoba Conference of Mennonites at Gretna, MB.

February 1978 – New organ and piano installed at First Street location.

September 4, 1989 – Took possession of church at 430 Third Street.

2017 / 2018 – Building project of addition to foyer.

What's been happening throughout the years?

- Catechism / Membership Classes
- A Week of Pre-Easter Services
- Bible Study, Adult SS, Adult Formation
- Ladies Aid / Women In Mission – organized numerous church fellowship activities, service opportunities and fundraisers for church & missions events
- Wayfarers / Ventures Girls Club and Boys Brigade / Torchbearers Boys Club
- Sunday School, DVBS, Children's Church
- Father-Son Retreat at Moose Lake
- Mother-Daughter Winter Retreat at Red Rock and Moose Lake
- Grace Family Camp – Assiniboia, Moose Lake, Gimli (Lakeside, Camp Arnes)
- Women's Retreats
- Junior Choir / Senior Choir / Ladies Choir / Male Choir
- Musical Production: *The Daughter's of Z*
- Involved in Mennonite Disaster Service local projects (flood, tornado) as well as projects in New Orleans and High Level, AB
- Supported Mennonite Central Committee in various ways
- Prayer Services
- PCH, Rest Haven, Woodhaven, Fernwood, Cedarwood Services and Visitation
- Potluck Suppers
- FAB Night (Family – Auction – Barbecue)
- Family Variety Night / Family Halloween Social
- Cradle Roll / Little Bits of Grace
- Work Bees – building maintenance, quilting
- Family Halloween Social
- Sports/ Social Evenings for Adults
- Ho-Down at the Hangar Square Dancing Evening
- Men's Sports Night
- Church Publications - Grace Note, Inside Grace
- Conference Camps Support –
Workathons, Cyclathons, Work Days
- Refugee Family Sponsorships
- Auction Sale (originally started to raise \$\$ to subsidize Family Camp fees)
- Small Groups
- Partnership with Pauingassi

