



Grace Mennonite Church
Sunday, April 30, 2023 ❖ **10:00 am**
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Welcome &
Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT 57

Community Building Conversations with Val Hiebert

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT 828

Congregational Prayer and Offertory

Benediction



Jackie Koop will be available 30 minutes prior to todays service
as well as 30 minutes after the service if you would like
a new portrait for the 2023 Grace Pictorial.

Sunday April 30, 2023

9:00 am - Sisters of Grace meet each Sunday before the Worship Service in the Nursery until further notice.

Whether you're able to come once in a while or regularly, we hope to grow in our relationships with each other and with God.

10:00 am – Worship Service All are welcome!

Livestream will be available between 10 – 11 am.

Audio recording can be accessed on church website after the service.

Children's Church for ages 3 to Grade 4 will be held during the service.

You may pick up your children following the worship service from the upper level classrooms.

Please join us for coffee in the foyer following the worship service



Grace Adult Formation

Meet in the sanctuary

Talking together about Mennonite Church Manitoba
with Ed Neufeld, Brenda Penner and Mel

Worship Leader	Mel Letkeman
Musicians	Ron Dick, Shara Dueck, Leroy Penner, Kristy Rempel, Laurie Wiens
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Chris Peters
Ushers	Doug Kathler, Sarah Neufeld
Coffee Servers	Audrey Brandt, Bernie Brandt

Service Opportunity! Every year the City of Steinbach has had large compost bins at Woodlawn and Stonybrook Middle schools. They've done that to encourage us as a community to take composting seriously. Those bins are supervised by volunteers and they always need volunteers to supervise them. The job consists of sitting by the bins on Sat from 9-12, or 12-3. If you'd be interested e-mail the office or, if you have questions, be in touch with Mel.

We Pray Together

Please pray for **Randy Koop** who suffered a TIA (mini-stroke) this past week. He is currently at home resting. Please pray for the entire family as they await additional testing and information.

Prayer for the week: Pray for Grace as we continue to build our community together as God's people.

Prayer for the world: Pray for those most affected by the fighting in Sudan.

Aria Klassen is now part of the Mennonite Church Manitoba's Climate Action Working Group. Be sure to send her a note, or send up a prayer, as she helps lead our churches in their climate change actions.

Notice of Death: **Florence Pankratz** passed away April 23, 2023. The funeral service will be held today, at 1:30 pm, at Birchwood Funeral Chapel. Pray for her family as they begin life without her.



Renovation Loan Pledge Drive

As agreed, at the January 29th AGM, a pledge drive to raise funds towards paying down the renovation loan at the SCU will be held this May. By raising \$ 300,000 of the remaining \$ 465,000 balance, we are seeking to reduce the interest cost exposure significantly and in a way that gives us all a chance to participate in a manner suitable to everyone's budget.

For the month of May you will be receiving a pledge form with an envelope to commit and/or provide funds towards the SCU loan facility with the following options:

- A one time lump sum to be enclosed
- A series of payments in addition to regular giving
- Or dedicated giving towards the building as marked from regular giving.

Thank you in advance for your participation,
Sjoerd Huese for
Church Council

Grace Church Pictorial 2023!

There's still time to submit changes to your contact information.
If you're family has evolved in size or location, please let me know.

Should you prefer a fresh photo, please email Jackie Koop at koopfamily.est.2002@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. She has graciously offered to provide her services here at Grace next Sunday May 7th.

Thank you to all of you whom already taken the time to get back to us!

This Week at Grace ❖ May 1 - 6

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Wednesday	Little Bits of Grace – 10 am – noon in the foyer Middle School Youth – 7:00 – 8:30 pm – Let's meet at AD Penner Park for Frisbee, volleyball, and anything else you want to do! Private Event – Sanctuary reserved 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Thursday	High School Youth: Meet at Puzzler Escape Room (336 Main Street) at 8pm. Cost: \$25.
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Saturday	Community Pick Up & Walk Spring Clean Up Event

Might you be interested in baptism, or knowing more about it?

Might you be interested in being a member at Grace?

If so, let me know. I'd be glad to talk with you about it ... Mel

Sunday, May 7

Please read [Acts 14:1-7](#)

*Are we supposed to "get out the message of Jesus?"
How? Why?*

Men's Breakfast group: We are having our next Men's Breakfast meeting on May 13th, 9am in the basement of the church. This will be our last one before we take a break for the summer. Cost will be approx. \$5.00 to cover the cost of groceries. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee bar counter. Any questions, contact Kurt Barz.

Paungassi Family Camp – Save the date! July 24 – 29. More info coming, but if you're interested or want more info, talk to Kyle.

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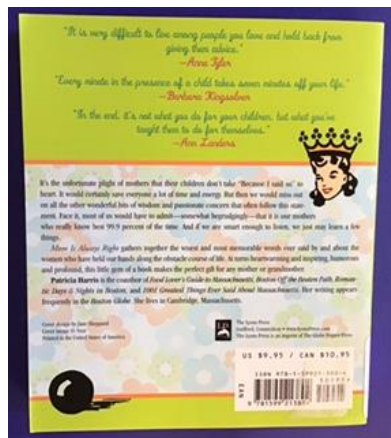
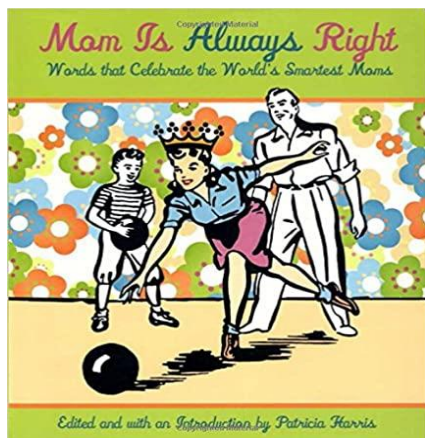
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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday ❖ 9:00 am – 1:0

The library is featuring books that have Mothers as a focus.

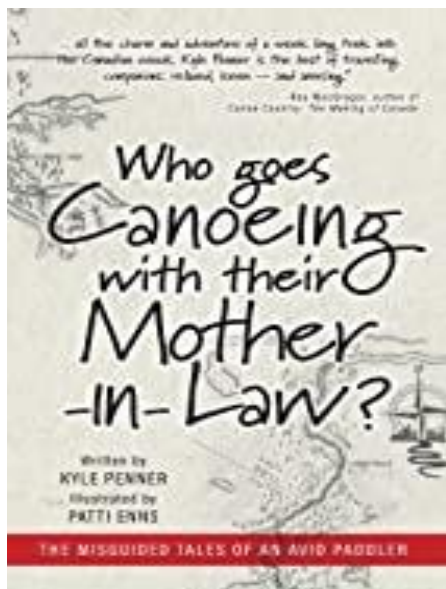
The table is full of great reads.

Here are a few selections.



“Every mother has a certain amount of ‘worry-energy’ to disperse into the world, and a child is an excellent, almost unavoidable, lightning rod for it.”
Harriet Lerner PhD





The voice and experience of the mother-in-law is what is special in this book. As you read it think of how unique it is for a MIL to join her son-in-law on his adventure. Does your relationship with your in-law lend itself to this type of trip? What can we learn from Kyle and Patti's journey?