



Grace Mennonite Church
Sunday, May 7, 2023 ❖ 10:00 am
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Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Call to Worship

God of Grace and God of Glory VT 716

Contemplative Prayer – Be Still

Over My Head VT 594

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High VT 365

Children's Feature

Children ages 3 to Grade 8 may leave for Children's Church

Congregational Prayer and Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say VT 536

[Acts 14:1-7](#)

***Agenda Setting, Float Planes, & Stories That
Don't Fit into Nice Little Boxes***

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT 568

Benediction

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

Sunday May 7, 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 8 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

“The Politics of Peace in Israel/Palestine”

with Joanna Hiebert Bergen,
Program Director, MCC Manitoba
in the sanctuary after the service



We will examine decisions made by Canada in 1947 that led to both the creation of the State of Israel and the Nakba (Palestinian catastrophe). How have our country's political actions in the past and the present impacted the current realities in Israel and Palestine? Why should we care? What can we do?

Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Worship Leader	Tamara Rempel
Musicians	Patrick Friesen, Barb Lane, Harv Lane, Judy Neufeld Alexandra Nikkel, Wes Reimer, Gerry Sapinsky
Technicians	Joe Dueck, Chris Peters
Ushers	Audrey Brandt, Bernie Brandt
Coffee Servers	Ed Neufeld, Jacquie Neufeld

Gift Card Exchange - Grace Mennonite has set up a gift card exchange. If you would like to **donate** gift cards please drop them off at the church office. Gift cards in denominations of \$100 or less from Walmart, Superstore, Shoppers Drug Mart, Giant Tiger, & Sobeys will be accepted. No tax receipts will be given. If you would like to **receive** gift cards, please talk to one of the pastors. Participation in the gift card exchange is entirely voluntary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

We Pray Together

We pray for those in Care Homes: **Marie Dyck, Linda Martens and Christina Putz.**

- Prayer for our church:** Help us to see the Good News of Jesus.
- Prayer for the week:** We pray for the church in Pauingassi as they seek to be Good News in their community.
- Prayer for the world:** We pray for an end to the violence in Sudan, Ukraine, & Yemen.

Our sympathies to Ric and Helen Goerzen and their family, Jodi, Brian and Paige, on the death of Ric's mother, Katherine Goerzen, who turned 100 years old in February! Her funeral in Abbotsford BC, on May 13, will certainly be a Celebration of Life!

This Week at Grace ❖ May 8 - 13

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program, 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Thursday	Private Event – foyer reserved 9:30 – 12:00 pm Stories with Seniors Bible Study @ 2:30 pm in the foyer High School Youth: Making Cookies or Moving Dirt. Either way, meet at church at 7:30 – 9pm.
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm
Saturday	Men's Breakfast @ 9 am in the basement

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.

Sunday, May 14

Please read [Acts 10:1-17,34-48](#)

How do you understand what happened when the Spirit began to speak?

Soup's On Garden Project

For anyone interested in gardening and fellowship we meet Tues evenings around 7pm at Grace Soup's on Garden. Weather permitting, we are planning a Work B to move some garden soil and prep garden beds on Tues May 16th. Anyone interested can email Larry Friesen at larry.marilynf@outlook.com to get on the list to email if any changes happen.

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.

Grace Church Pictorial 2023

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

Thank you to all of you whom already taken the time to respond to Friday's email.

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

Hungry for knowledge?

The “Deadly Librarians” have purchased many new books and we are sure there is something for everyone. Please come and check out the short brown shelf for these great reads.



Abide with Me by Elizabeth Strout

Maid by Stephanie Land

Becoming Rooted by Randy Woodley

Lives we Actually Have by Kate Bowler

Small Things like These by Claire Keegan

The School that Escaped the Nazis by Deborah Cadbury

The Russian Daughter by Sarah Klassen

Fayne by Ann-Marie MacDonald

A Town called Solace by Mary Lawson

The White Mosque by Sofia Samatar

Curve-ball by Peter Enns

Here The Dot We Call Home by Laura Alary



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

