



Grace Mennonite Church

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[Colossians 3:12-17](#)

Book Bans, [CBC Radio](#), & my friends Dustin, Ben, and Jamie

(to listen to this interview, you may click on the hyperlink above or listen at

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-29-information-radio-mb/clip/15986315-faith-leader-responds-calls-ban-lgbtq-books-brandon>)

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Benediction

Sunday June 11, 2023

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.

After worship today, you're invited to join Elsie Kathler and the high school youth in planting a pollinator garden! Just mosey on over to the garden and plant a few flowers!

If you're reading this on Friday, please bring a hand trowel to church!

Worship Leader	Tara Klassen
Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Musicians	Ron Dick, Shara Dueck Kristy Rempel, Laurie Wiens
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese
Ushers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger
Coffee Servers	Al Neufeld, Judy Neufeld

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

June 18th - **SUMMER IN THE CITY** (Main Stage) - Please join us there for worship at 10:30 am. Bring your own chair!

June 25th - as usual here at Grace.

July 2nd - We will join Steinbach Mennonite Church for their 9:45 am service.

We Pray Together

We pray for those dealing with ongoing medical concerns – **Elmer Barkman, Regon Barkman, Gord Bartel, Vi Brown, Raelyn Dick, Laurie Kroeker, and Matt Rogalsky.**

Prayer for the week: Help us to love you, God, with all our hearts, soul, strength and mind. And help us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Prayer for our church: We pray a blessing on our summer camp workers at Camps with Meaning, Jamie Muganza and Aria Klassen, so that they can be a blessing to the campers and staff. And we pray for all the kids getting ready to go to summer camp as campers!

This Week at Grace ❖ June 12 - 16

Monday	Soup's On - Lunch Program preparation 9:00 am
Tuesday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm Soup's On Gardening – 7:00 pm – weather permitting
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Soup's On - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm



On Sunday, May 28th, our pastor **Mel Letkeman**, announced that he has handed in his resignation in order to retire, effective at the end of 2023. We are thankful we have more than half a year to continue to enjoy his wise, loving leadership among us. We wish Mel and Enid well as they prepare for the next portion of their life journey and are so thankful for the many good years they have shared with our Grace community.

Who needs a vacation?

Actually who doesn't need a vacation?

Even Mel does. So, please note, he will be taking a little time off from June 21st through the 26th but will be back in the office on June 27th.



Pauingassi Family Camp (July 25-30) - If you are able to help bake cookies, chili, or pulled pork to send up with us to camp, please let **Sam Blatz** know at srblatz@gmail.com (or send an email to Kyle that he'll forward to Sam).

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

"Lanterns matter all along the spectrum of curiosity; near the beginning when permission outranks knowledge, the disorienting middle, definitely later when courage is required. I searched for lights at every stage of spiritual evolution, and thanks be to God that so many people were holding them high.

Wherever you are, look for the lights. There are faithful lanterns up ahead if you need the path illuminated. If you are further down the road, don't forget the folks behind you; hold up your lantern so they can see even as you continue to move forward.

The lanterns are needed at every mile.

They all matter.

Yours matter.

This is how we get there together, light by light, step by step."

- Jen Hatmaker

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