



**Grace  
Mennonite  
Church  
September 3,  
2023**

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Welcome & Life of the Congregation / Land Acknowledgement

*Mountain of God* VT 11

Call to Worship

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT 581

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Prayer

***Time with the Children***

*Everything We Need*

[Genesis 2:4-23](#)

***Roll Kuchen, Hippopotamuses, & Tootsie Wootsies***

Communion

*Fill Us with Your Feast* VT 309

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*Jesus Feed Us*

Congregational Prayer

Offering Prayer and Offertory

*Everything We Need*

Benediction

Sunday September 3, 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.

Worship Leader	Mel Letkeman
Worship Speaker	Kyle Penner
Musicians	Patrick Friesen
Technicians	Bruce Blatz, Matt Boese
Ushers	Reid Gerbrandt, Shannon Gerbrandt
Coffee Servers	Andrew Unger, Erin Unger
Children's Feature	Arianna Penner, Kyle Penner

During our services this summer, your children are welcome to visit the children's activities table at the back of the sanctuary to gather some quiet entertainment.

The library also has a wonderful selection of children's books to help educate and entertain your wee ones.



**All are welcome to join us for coffee  
in the foyer following the worship service.**



Do you love kids?

Do you want to put that love into action?

We have an opportunity for you!

We are seeking volunteers for our **Children's Church** program. You are welcome to commit to a certain number of Sundays per month or add your name to our list of substitute teachers. Teaching is easier than ever with snack provided and an engaging curriculum with easy to follow lesson plans. If you'd like to see a sample lesson, find A Joyful Path at [progressivechristianity.org](http://progressivechristianity.org).

Our Grace kids would love to get to know you better, and you'll certainly love getting to know them too.

Please email [hiebertmarian@gmail.com](mailto:hiebertmarian@gmail.com) to be part of our team.





## We Pray Together

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

**Prayer for the week:** Lord, as a community help us to find joy and resilience in the face of crises.

**Prayer for our world:** We pray for all those affected by climate change, both in Canada and around the world.

## This Week at Grace ❖ Sept 4 - 8

<b>Monday</b>	Enjoy the time off!
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm <b>Soup's On Gardening</b> – 7:00 pm – weather permitting
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Soup's On</b> - Dine in lower auditorium, 5:00 – 6:15 pm

## September 10, 2023

**Fall Fellowship Fun!** At Fall Fellowship last year we enjoyed a morning of music, food and fun under The Big Top. We're looking forward to doing the same again this year on **Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair.

We are looking for volunteer help as well as those who can bring dessert. You can sign up in the foyer this morning or contact Cindy Blatz at [cindyblatz@gmail.com](mailto:cindyblatz@gmail.com)



For the ***Blessing of the Backpacks*** this year, we're also going to be supporting MCC's [The School Kit Challenge](#) to help 10,000 students around the world go to school.

Please bring any of the following new items to Fall Fellowship:



- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 pack of new, unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 pack of colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes.

For those who are returning to school or who carry back packs to work, be sure to bring your back packs that morning to receive your blessings!

### ***Men's Breakfast group:***

We are having our next Men's Breakfast meeting on **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9am in the basement of the church. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Share some stories of how your summer went.

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.

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