

g GRACE CHURCH

Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter

From the Lead Team

We just celebrated Thanksgiving and that's the time of year where being thankful is especially on our minds. Or at least that's the idea. I know I can, with very little effort, find many things to not be thankful for. Why is it that being positive takes effort and being negative comes naturally, must be the sinful nature we wrestle with. In one of the more popular thanksgiving verses 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 we read:

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Not only are we to be thankful but it is also the will of God to do so. If it is God's will for us it must be because it is good for us and it's something we need. That's the nature of our heavenly father, always wanting and knowing what's best for his children. Giving thanks to God realigns our relationship with him and puts things into a more heavenly perspective for us. Having a thankful heart keeps us from bitterness and discontentment which are very earthly perspectives.

Some things I'm thankful for are my family and friends, my church, the ability to work and provide, God's continual grace and love for me.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

Will Wiebe

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Bulletins and Kids Pages

We are again printing bulletins and providing listening/activity pages for children. To limit the amount of handling we have placed the bulletins on music stands at the back of each aisle and welcome you to help yourself to a bulletin as you enter and find a seat.

The children's pages are placed on the table in the foyer. One page is designed for children aged 3-6, and the other for children 7-12.

Mark Your Calendar



Thursdays @ 7 pm - Prayer Gathering

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm - Adult Bible Study



Prayer and Petition

The Leadership of Grace Church is seeking your participation in a season of intense prayer for our church and world. From now until Christmas we are asking the Covenant Community to earnestly pray specifically for the following:

1. That God would clarify and confirm the vision for Grace Mennonite Church
2. That God would provide the gifted and passionate people to implement this vision through pastoral staff and volunteers
3. That God would help us heal the divisions that have arisen through the Covid era.
4. That God would protect, inform, and uphold the Lead Team, Staff and Community of Grace Church.

The Lead Team is wrestling with how best to move forward with things like staffing, and how to best meet the needs of the Covenant Community in an ever-changing environment. We have ideas, but we want to earnestly seek the Lord before taking significant action.

Would you join us, and help us with regular prayer to these ends? Get in your prayer closet, join up with a few others, and/or come to the prayer nights that will be starting at the church on Thursday, October 21 (see page 1).

We pray the Lord will be faithful as we hunker down in prayer together.

In Christ,

Pastor Sean, on behalf of the Lead Team

Condolences

We express our sincere condolences to John & Verena Allen and their family on the passing of Verena's mom in South Africa. We pray for God's comfort to be with them in this difficult time of loss, especially being so far away.

Prayer Gathering

After our fall membership meeting it was brought up several times that, as a church we need to really pray and seek God's wisdom. To be honest I realized that over the last two years I have not taken any time to pray for our church or our church leadership. Lately I have felt God calling me to be in prayer regularly for our church. If you also have a desire to gather and pray for our church you are welcome to join us in the sanctuary from 7-8pm on October 21st. We plan on meeting every following Thursday from 7-8pm.

These gatherings at this point will be very simple, simply gather in the sanctuary with a brief welcome and scripture then those in attendance can pray as they wish. Everyone is welcome to leave whenever they wish there is no pressure to stay for the full hour.

- Levi Froese

Prayer and Praise

Pray for our shut-ins and those with on-going health issues:

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| • Margaret Peters | • Marie Klassen |
| • Agnes Giesbrecht | • Katherine Krahm |
| • Maria Loewen | • Marie Brown |
| • Karl Redekop | • Anne Enns |
| • Henry Hiebert | • Marilyn Hildebrand |



We pray blessings on Matt & Elicia Young who were married on October 10th. May God bless you with many wonderful years together!

Partnership Focus



MCC was the first relief organization to arrive in Haiti following the major earthquake on Aug. 14th. The boxes of canned meat and relief kits shipped in with help from Mission Aviation Fellowship and a local partner (AVOREDES) brought much joy in the midst of major difficulty.

The delivery of goods was hampered by obstructed roads, gang activity and a tropical storm arriving 3 days after the earthquake.

The supplies were well received. MCC workers observed locals as they shared their portions with other locals who were in need. "When God gives you a gift, then you give gifts to others."

Prayer Requests

- for ongoing restoration, availability of supplies and funding;
- for hope in the midst of difficulties;
- for workers who face difficult and dangerous assignments worldwide in order to address needs.

Community Events





SINGIN' in the GRAIN

VIRTUAL CONCERT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020 • 8PM CST



Quonset Brothers • Kristel Peters & Corey Peters • Steve Bell

Truth Project Videos



A couple of years ago we did the Truth Project as a church and purchased a couple of copies of the videos for people to borrow. We are missing both copies and don't have a record of who borrowed them. If you have one could you please return them to the office.

Morden Mennonite Church Soup & Pie Fundraiser



Our modified Soup & Pie fundraiser is going ahead!

You can place your order for soup and/or pie with Robyn at the church office (mordenmennonite@outlook.com, 822-7450) before Thursday, October 21.

These orders will be available for pickup at the back door of the church (363 Gilmour St.) on donation on...
Friday, October 22 from 4-7 p.m.

Suggested minimum donations:
1L soup for \$10; 2L for \$15; 4L for \$25;
half pie (surprise flavour!) for \$10; whole pie for \$20. Cheques payable to "Morden Mennonite Church," note "Soup & Pie."

Donations over \$10 will be tax receiptable.

Donations above costs are going toward our Mission partners, BTHC chaplaincy program, and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Thanks in advance for your help and your generosity!