

Welcome to
Grantham MB Church



Sunday, April 21st 2024

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord

Greeting & Prayer ~ Psalm 23

Cornerstone

Your Great Name

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Acts 4:5-12

Children's Prayer Time ~ Sending for Songs & Stories

O For Thousand Tongues (WT#46)

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Sermon: Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

"Holy Disruptions: Surprised by Bewildering Witnesses"

Responding to the Word

All Heaven Declares

Prayer of Confession

Ministry Focus & Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Sent out into the World

Everywhere I Go

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Prelude: Ingrid Heidebrecht

Service Leader: Pastor Michael VandenEnden

Song Leader: Darryl Loewen

Scripture Reader: Dave Wall

TODAY:

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship

****Songs and Story Time for children ages 3-10 during the sermon****
Nursery (ages 0-3): Becky Loewen & Alessandra Mohabir

6:30 PM ~ Congregational Dessert and Discussion

Why support and belong to Mennonite Brethren conferences? This is the question we will pursue together, using the World Café method to help guide our conversation. More information on the World Café can be found on the Info Desk (*Café to Go! A Quick Reference Guide for Hosting World Café*). Because this topic is about belonging to Mennonite Brethren structures, this discussion is most appropriate for church members or those pursuing church membership.

NEXT SUNDAY:

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Sermon: Pastor Michael VandenEnden

Nursery: Milay Selley & Suzanne Wilson

Gather Round:

Kinder Class (JK – Gr. 1): Emily Fast & Cindy Peñaloza

Primary Class (Gr. 2 – Gr. 4): Ruth Wiebe & Nicole Giesbrecht

Junior Class (Gr. 5 – Gr. 8): Gillian Giesbrecht

THIS WEEK:

MON: Badminton.....7:00 PM

WED: Mission Committee Meeting.....7:00 PM

THURS: Links FGL Cooking Class.....6:00 PM

Worship Committee Meeting.....7:00 PM

FRI: Jr. Youth Event: Teddy Bear Workshop.....6:30 PM

SAT: Reader's Theatre Workshop (*see insert for details*).....10:00 AM

JOINING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY:

From the Discernment Committee:

To help prepare for the Annual General Meeting on May 26, the Discernment Committee is working to be ready for the annual confirmations and elections of those to serve in various roles and on committees at Grantham for the next year. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve this coming year and be ready when one of our Committee contacts you. Please pray for this task ahead.

Thanks from Deb Reimer, Barb Stiver, and Joyce Schimpky.

JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

We want to raise the needs of our community and our world before God (Philippians 4:6). If you have prayer requests, please bring them to a pastor or any member of the Congregational Care Committee.

- Lately, members of our community have been in and out of hospital for diagnosis, care, or surgery. Pray that the presence of God, who took on human frailty, would be a source of hope and comfort for those whose bodies at times may feel frail.
- Mennonite World Conference (MWC): Please pray for our sisters and brothers in DR Congo. This request was submitted by Reverend Professor Érik Kumedisá (Centre Biblique Anabaptiste, Kinshasa). "For centuries, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been plundered for its wealth and by the greed of those in power, whose sole concern is their own enrichment. This affects the way people live together and the national cohesion. In the province of Grand Bandundu, where a large number of Mennonites live, there is armed unrest between the Bayaka and Bateke tribes. In the east of the country, on the Rwanda-Burundi border, where Mennonites are gradually settling in, an armed rebellion is destabilizing the province. The collapse of the economy has given rise to tensions. Conditions are ripe for ethnic cleansing, which has already begun. Please pray for the eradication of greed and corruption, and that the Mennonite Christians of DR Congo will give an example of peace in a troubled country. We need your prayerful support."
- Multiply: Please pray for A & R, Multiply workers in Central Asia. Pray for ongoing church planting in Central Asia, long-term visa solutions, and favor in regions hostile to the Gospel.

(Prayers of last Sunday, Apr. 14th)

- The Spring Recital for our Grantham Community Children's Choir program
- MWC: Our sisters and brothers in Southern Africa.
- Multiply: Arun & Anjana, Multiply workers in Canada

JOINING TOGETHER IN MISSION:

There is an update letter at the info centre from Tom Neufeld, the MCC representative for the Canadian Food Grains Bank, "Grow Hope Niagara" fields.

Note from the Property Management Committee:

The installation of new south side entrance doors is complete! The new doors have been installed, the locks changed, and an automatic door opening button hooked up. Thank you to everyone for your patience through this process!

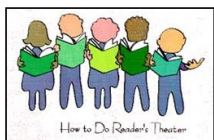
UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5 ~ Library Book Sale!!!

TODAY is the final day to bring your books to the bins in the foyer! Books will be available to purchase after the potluck for a donation to the King's Kids School.

Please do not leave books in the library

Reader's Theater Workshop – April 27



Who: This workshop is for everyone who participates in Scripture reading or reader's theater here at Grantham!

What: A morning devoted to the craft of public speaking, basic stage direction, and reading. This workshop will be led by guest instructor Alissa Cooper.

Where: This workshop will be held here at Grantham in the upstairs foyer.

When: Saturday April 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

How: Please register for this workshop by emailing Pastor Tabitha. (All regular scripture readers are encouraged to attend. Youth are also welcome!)



Kub Kar Races

is zooming to Grantham this Spring!

May 4 ~ Prep Day

June 1 ~ Race Day

All Ages Event ~ Sign up in the foyer **TODAY!**

Cost: Adult or Single Child Rate \$12
2 Children \$24; 3+ Children \$30



Save the Date!

**Summer Bible
Adventure Week**
AUGUST 5 – 9!

Kids - stay tuned for more details!

Adults - We are looking for leaders to head up the following stations: Bible Exploration, Arts & Science, Games, Snack, Décor.

Please let Pastor Tabitha know if you would like to be part of the planning team for this year's adventure!

JOINING TOGETHER IN LEARNING:

Holy Disruptions

Easter Series 2024

The Resurrection of Jesus is God’s ultimate disruption into human history, reversing the course of sin and death toward a course of redemption and life. But God’s way of holy disruption is not limited to Easter Sunday. In the sequel to Luke’s Gospel, the book of Acts describes the continued ministry of Jesus through his disciples, as they are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The disruption of Jesus’s resurrection continues by the Holy Spirit moving and working among the disciples and the disciples responding to surprises of the Spirit.

Moreover, for the Jesus Community living today, Acts still challenges us to embrace and join in the surprising work of the Holy Spirit extending the reconciliation of Jesus to the ends of the earth.



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Eden High School – Parent Council Sausage Fundraiser

The Eden School Council is selling delicious, Mennonite Smoked Sausage made with high quality pork, no preservatives, fillers or by-products. 100% gluten free. **The DEADLINE for orders is Friday, April 26 at noon and the PICK UP date is Saturday, May 4 at Eden High School, 535 Lake Street, St. Catharines from 10:00 to 12:00.** Please go to the Eden website and click on the Pink Pig which will take you to the School Cash Online system login. If you are not already registered for this system, you will need to create a profile. (Note: you do not need to have students in the DSNB School system to use this system, you will just see any Public items that are for sale.) When you complete your order you will receive an email receipt for your records. Should you need to contact the Eden School Council Sausage rep, please contact Karen Cerca at 905-933-6193 or email her at karen@cercafamily.com. The next opportunity to order sausage will be in the Fall 2024.

SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER



Youth Unlimited YFC presents:

A SERIOUSLY FUNdraiser (putting the FUN in FUNdraising) with The Fidgets (fidgetcomedy.com). A clean, family-friendly improv comedy show

Saturday May 4 @ 7:00pm

Northend Church-455 Geneva St.

The Fidgets are an improv comedy team. (similar to Whose Line Is It Anyway)

You will be offered a chance to purchase mouse traps (\$15 each).

The last skit at the end of the night will involve taking all of the mouse traps purchased and setting them on the stage. With shoes and socks off, and blindfolds on, the last skit is performed on top of those mouse traps!

Tickets: \$30 adult, \$15 child under 12; Mousetraps \$15

To purchase: <https://yfcstcatharines.com/donation/fidgets-fundraiser/>

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