

Please see the bulletin board for more information on all events.

Heritage Christian Book Store Coming Events:

Friday, October 27th: Ryan McKeen and Team (7-9pm)

Friday, November 3rd: Life Song (7-9pm)

Friday, November 10th: Emmanuel Grace Worship Team (7-9pm)

Friday, November 24th: Greg Sykes - 30 Days Till Christmas (7-9pm)

400 Scott St, Grantham Plaza, St Catharines ON

Eden Fundraisers

See the sausage flyer in your mailboxes for more info. Orders can be placed between Oct. 13th—Nov. 6th. Pick up day is Nov. 18th.

Please join us at the annual fundraising banquet for the Spiritual Life Centre @ Eden. The banquet will be held at Rockway Vineyards on Friday, Nov. 3. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased through www.edenhigh.ca. Please contact Fran Cerminara in Guidance for further information.

Food and Craft Bazaar

The annual Mennonite Food and Craft Bazaar featuring borscht lunch, baked goods, preserves, crafts, quilts, silent auction and attic treasures will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 10am to 1:30 pm at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Road. Proceeds go to local and overseas missions.

MCC Peace Conference

Happening on Nov 11 at Markham Cornerstone Christian Community Church, registration is required by Nov 7th.

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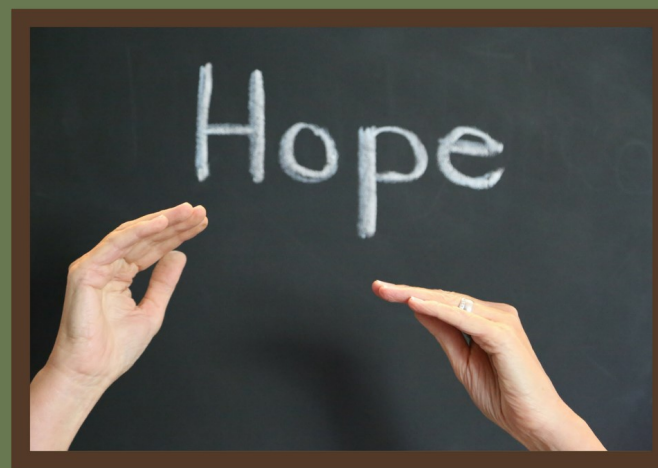
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DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY



7 VIRTUES OF THE KINGDOM AND THE 7 DEADLY VICES

Kingdomtide 2017

Welcome to Grantham MB Church!

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017

“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Phil. 4:5-6 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart (WT#156)

Welcome and Prayer—Psalm 106

*Yesterday, Today and Forever
Hope of the Nations
Be Still My Soul (WT#572)*

Hearing the Word

Philippians 4:1-9

Children's Prayer Time

Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:1-14

Message: Pastor Michael VandenEnden
“The Virtue of Hope and the Sin of Greed: It's About Time”

Responding to the Word

Give Us Clean Hands

Ministry Focus

Offering: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (WT#571)*

Sent out into the World

Song of Hope

Benediction

Service Leader – Ken Heidebrecht
Scripture Reader – Taya Himes
Song Leader – Darryl Loewen
Gather Round – Olivia Wiebe & Michelle Both

Nursery provided for children ages 0-3 yrs. for the entire service.

TODAY:

10:00 am - 10:25am ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

12:00 pm ~ Guess Who's Coming to Lunch?! Soup Edition

7:30 pm ~ Out of the Cold Volunteer Event

Join us at Westminster United Church to hear Pete Olson, coordinator of MCC Tools.

NEXT SUNDAY:

10:00 am - 10:25am ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

Scripture: Deut. 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46

Sermon: Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden, “The Virtue of Love”

Service Leader: John & Ingrid Wiebe

Gather Round: Brittany Koop & Kendra Klassen; Jr. Youth: Jared Both

THIS WEEK:

Mon: Badminton.....7:00 pm

Young Women's Book Study...(CALENDAR CHANGE).....8:15 pm

Wed: Sing Out Children's Choir.....6:45 pm

Spanish Alpha Course.....7:00 pm

Thurs: First Christmas Choir Practice.....7:30 pm

All Singers welcome to come together each Thursday to prepare a choir concert for Dec. 10th in the evening. We will join with singers and musicians from Scott St. Church for this season.

GRANTHAM UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 29th ~ Nursery Volunteer Lunch Meeting

All nursery volunteers are asked to attend a lunch meeting after the worship service to brainstorm for the future and review policies & procedures. Pizza is provided, contact Emily Plett if you're willing to bring a salad or dessert.

Nov 19th @ 6:30pm ~ Congregational Discussion Night, “Finishing the Race: Death and Dying in Christian Community”

As disciples of Jesus we are not only called to be witnesses in our living, but also in our dying. Join us for a discussion on the topic of death and dying in Christian community, led by our Senior's Care Coordinator Marg Fast and pastor Michael VandenEnden. The evening will include presentations, Q&A, and small group table discussions on topics ranging from medical, spiritual, ethical, and practical considerations.

Change of Address

Irene Wiens

7 Tabor #305, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1V9; *No phone number

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.

- Many of our members are currently undergoing a time of transition, whether with their health, their living arrangements, or their work. Please pray for a renewed perseverance for these times of change and a deepened sense of hope.
- International Community of Mennonite Brethren: Please pray for the United States conference (USMB) and their national director Don Morris. They have requested that we “pray for clarity as leaders discover God’s leading in mission.”
- MB Mission: Andy and Carmen Owen (Thailand) have asked for prayer for two women released from prison who have enrolled in a three-month discipleship and vocational program with them. They are thankful that one of them has recently given her heart to Christ and they ask that we join them in praying that both women being disciplined would continue to respond to God’s love and plans for their lives.

(Prayers of Last Sunday, Oct. 15th)

- John Boldt
- ICOMB: MB conference of Germany Bavaria and their national director Andreas Isaak
- MB Mission: Doug and Deanna Hiebert (Burundi)

JOINING TOGETHER IN SERVICE:

Out of the Cold

Please sign up in the foyer for Out of the Cold, Nov 4 & 5 service. If you would like to know more about Out of the Cold, please come to the volunteer kick off night tonight at Westminster United Church or ask Pastor Jared.

Loose Change for Christmas Boxes!



Bring in your loonies and toonies for Operation Christmas Child! On Sunday Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 our Jr. Youth and Gather Round children will be collecting your change in order to fill shoe boxes for Samaritan’s Purse. The children will be assembling these boxes on Sunday Nov. 12. We look forward to seeing how many boxes we can fill!

Tithing Report

Actual = \$138,966; Budgeted = \$199,710

*If anyone would like a copy of their personal tithing report to date, please contact the office.

JOINING TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE:

Mission Committee Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Refugee Support Fundraiser! Total collected contributions equalled \$8,032. Grantham MB will make an additional donation of \$1,968 for a total of **\$10,000!** This money will be split between the dental needs of our Colombian refugee family with the remainder going to MCC for global refugee support.

2017 KINGDOMTIDE SERMON SERIES

Doing What Comes Naturally: 7 Virtues of the Kingdom

Since the New Testament era, the vision of what Christians are called to become has been expressed in the language of virtues. A virtue is a settled disposition to do good, cultivated over time through habit. In Colossians, the Apostle Paul writes, “clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience,” and “over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (3:12b, 14). Throughout our Kingdomtide series, *Doing What Comes Naturally*, we will look to scripture each Sunday while exploring the seven cardinal virtues of wisdom, courage, temperance, justice, faith, hope, and love—in a desire to pursue a Christ-like character.

Resources for this series (available in our Grantham church library):

- N.T. Wright, *After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters* (HarperOne, 2012).
- Karl Clifton-Soderstrom, *The Cardinal and the Deadly: Reimagining the Seven Virtues and Seven Vices* (Cascade, 2015).

Definitions of the Week

“Hope is the settled, unwavering confidence that [God] will not leave us or forsake us, but will always have more in store for us than we could ask or think... Learning to hope in the present time is learning not just to hope for a better place than we currently find ourselves in, but learning to trust the God who is and will remain the God of the future.”

N.T. Wright, *After You Believe*, 203-204.

Greed is excessive *acquisitiveness* and excessive *attachment* to material things. For, “Possession gives a sense of permanence to the world. Attachment to things and places provides stability against the onslaught of time and change.”

Karl Clifton-Soderstrom, *The Cardinal and the Deadly*, 52.