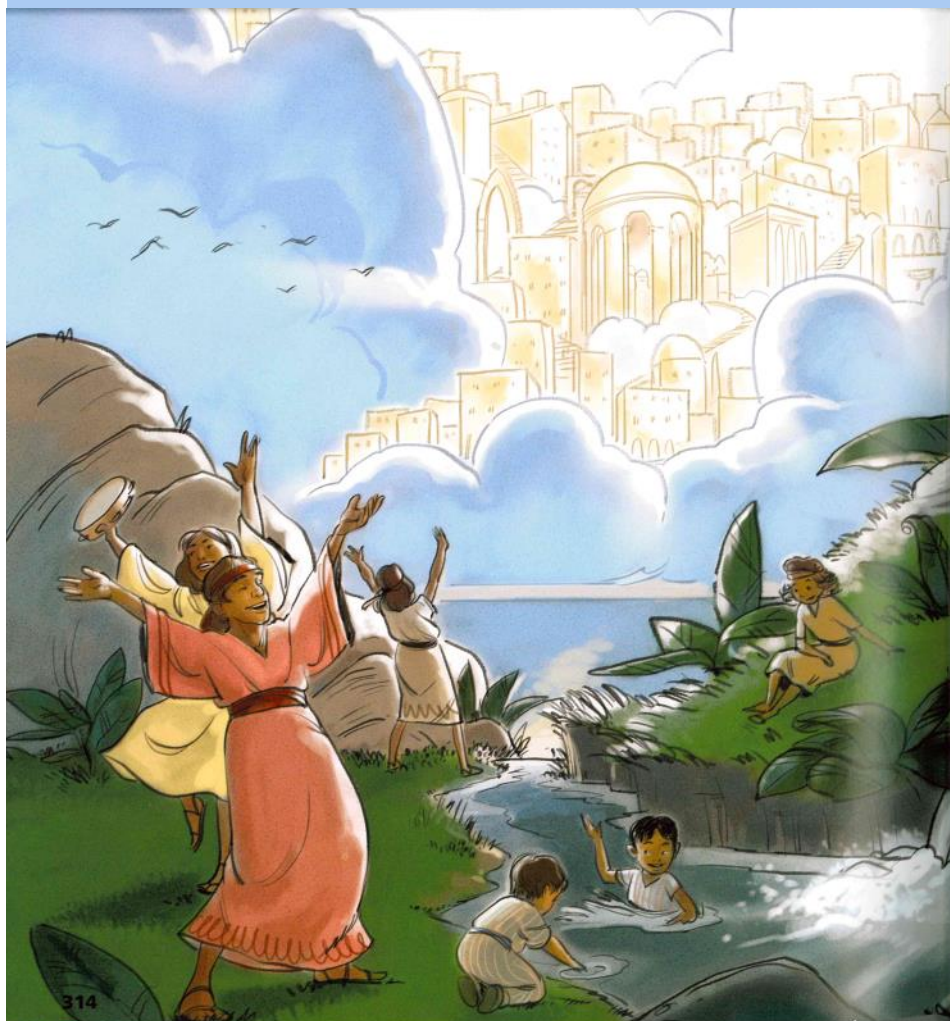


Welcome to Grantham MB Church



Sunday, May 18th, 2025

“He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.’”

Revelation 21:6 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Lord Most High

Greeting & Prayer ~ Psalm 148

*All Creatures of Our God and King
Good and Gracious King
Holy Forever*

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Children’s Prayer Time & Sending for Songs & Stories

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

Sermon: Kevin Bayne (Cornerstone)
“All Things New”

Responding to the Word

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Prayer of Confession

Ministry Focus & Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Sent out into the World

The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Prelude: Joyce Schimpky

Service Leader: Elaine VanSchyndel

Song Leader: Matt Unruh (Guest)

Scripture Reader: Dave Wall

TODAY:

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

This morning we welcome Kevin Bayne (Pastor of Spiritual Formation), Matt Unruh (Worship and Connection Pastor), and musicians Josh Klassen and Levi Bayne from Cornerstone Community Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Kevin will be bringing the sermon and Matt and his team will join us in leading the singing.

****Songs & Story Time for children ages 3-10 during the sermon****
Nursery (ages 0-3): Judy Wall & Reese Jones

After the service ~ Library open



NEXT SUNDAY:

The Courage to Love: Anabaptism@500

An event to remember the past, reflect on the present and imagine the future.
Join us Sunday, May 25th as we take a closer look at the celebration in Zurich, Switzerland happening on Ascension Day, May 29th.

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Sermon: Trevor Seath (ONMB)

Nursery (ages 0-3): Rhoda Penner & Emily Fast

Gather Round:

Kinder Class (JK—Gr.1): Marg Huizer & Cindy Peñaloza

Primary Class (Gr.2—Gr.4): Jan Harris & Patti Jones

Junior Class (Gr.5—Gr.8): Taya Himes

After the service ~ Library open

7:00 PM ~ Grantham’s Annual General Meeting

THIS WEEK:

MON: Office Closed for Stat Holiday

Badminton.....7:00 PM

THURS: English Café.....7:00 PM

FRI: Grantham Youth Bible Study.....7:00 PM

Bulletin Cover Image: “Shine On: A Story Bible,” pg. 314.

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.

- We lift up our Peter & Susan Klassen in prayer, as they navigate a decline in Susan's health. We ask for God's peace and comfort as they settle in to wait for additional supports to assist them, and for God's perfect timing as she waits to move into a long term care bed, hopefully at Tabor Manor. May they feel supported in the blessing of their faith, and by our loving community as they live out this transition.
- Please pray for our Helene Boldt. She is due to undergo another surgery on Tuesday May the 20th, to address a reoccurring health concern. We ask for God's peace and comfort to surround her as she prepares for the surgery and for His divine powers of healing as she recovers. We also ask for prayers for the health care providers as they tend to her needs in hospital and beyond.
- Mennonite World Conference (MCC): Please pray for the children, teenagers, and youth living in the rural areas of Colombia. May the Lord protect them and guard against them being recruited by armed groups. The three member conferences of MWC in Colombia are working together to reach 2000 children, youth and adults in 6 departments of Colombia. One of the initiatives is to prevent minors being recruited by armed groups.
- Multiply: Pray for Wanchai (Ozz) & Sara Fast Kumrod, Multiply workers in Thailand. Pray for their vision to disciple and equip leaders in local churches, for evangelism teams to be sent into many different locations, and for Ozz in his role as president of the Thailand MB Church Association.

(Prayers of last Sunday, May 11th)

- For all of the mothers and the mother figures in our lives.
- For those struggling with grief.
- MCC: For the increasing number of displaced peoples, and MCC's involvement in resettlement efforts.
- Multiply: Walter & Ina Reimer, Multiply workers in Germany.

An Answer to Prayer by Agnes Pauls:

Thank-you to the member who picked up my recent prayer request and prayed. My daughter, who lives in Kansas, has been waiting for three years for a renewed Green Card. The temporary letter she had was about to expire and with the present climate in the States being what it is, we were afraid the permanent card would not be renewed. Our prayer has been answered and this allows her to visit her family in Canada and return home to the States. Thank you again. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." (1 John 5:14, NIV)

JOINING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY:

May 30 ~ Pie Baking for MCC

Pie Baking for the MCC Relief Sale 2025! On Friday, May 30 rhubarb and cherry pies will be made here at Grantham for the MCC New Hamburg Sale. Thank you to all who have already volunteered!



****If you are available to drive the pies to New Hamburg, please speak to Ruth Wiebe.****

PIE PRE-ORDER: Rhubarb & cherry pies will be sold by [pre-order](#) for \$15 each. Limit of 2 cherry pies per order. Please call or email Emily in the church office by Thurs., May 29. Pie pick up is Friday, May 30 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the gym.



****Thinking Ahead: Fall Retreat at Camp Crossroads!****

We're excited to start planning for a Fall Retreat this year at Camp Crossroads — but we need your input! The available dates are October 3–5, but before we confirm the reservation, we need to know if there is enough interest.

Please complete the short form found in your bulletin and return it to Art & Deb's mailbox (extras on the info desk). This will help us gauge approximate numbers. Even though October seems a long way off, we ask you to consider joining us.

Please reach out to Art or Deb Reimer with any questions.

2025 Grantham Pastors' Sabbatical

For the months of May, June, and July, our pastors are on sabbatical leave (after more than 14 years of ministry at Grantham). This time is for rest and renewal, for both the pastors and the congregation. **Pastoral Care will continue at Grantham through our Congregational Care Committee.** Please bring any pastoral needs to committee members Clare Braun, Michael Dyck, Marg Fast, or Ashley Huizer. **Communication with the pastors will be facilitated by Grantham's Sabbatical Support Team.** Please bring any communication questions or requests to team members Michael Dyck, Ernie Harris, Bill Jackson, Barb Stiver, or Suzanne Wilson.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Kub Kar Races

is zooming to Grantham this Spring!

May 31: Race Day Starts @ 10am

All Ages Event ~ Spectators Welcome!

Hot Dog Lunch Provided

Save the Date!

Summer Bible Adventure

3 Days Only! ~ July 16-18



JOINING TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE:

The Unrau family is sincerely grateful for your prayers, cards, flowers, donations of food and all the kindness shown to our family during the time of illness and passing of Dorothy Unrau, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. We appreciate all who attended the visitation, funeral, and/or the burial service, to share with our family in our time of sorrow. We praise God for His faithfulness to carry us through this sad time. Thank you, Grantham church family for your support and prayers!

Grantham Fall Retreat Planning!

Oct 3 - 5, 2025 (Mark your calendars)
Camp Crossroads (Torrance, Ontario)

We're excited to begin planning another Fall Retreat this year — but it all depends on *you!*

The tentative dates are October 3–5 at Camp Crossroads, and we're asking for your input to determine whether there is enough interest to move forward with a reservation.

The cost will include accommodations and meals, along with some free time and optional free and paid activities. Final pricing details will be shared once we have a better idea of numbers.

We understand it's early to make a firm commitment, but your response will help us plan.

For questions, please connect with Art or Deb Reimer.

Learn more about Camp Crossroads here:
www.campcrossroads.com

Please tear off and return:

Would you plan to attend the retreat if held Oct 3 – 5:

YES _____

NO _____

MAYBE _____

If you do hope to attend, please indicate:

Adults: _____ # Children*: _____

*Ages of children as of Dec. 31, 2025.: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Please fill this form in put it in the mailbox of Art and Deb Reimer as soon as possible (no later than June 1).

Also – please check if you would like to be part of a committee to help plan the retreat weekend.



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

MCC Job Opportunity:

Community Mobilizer (St. Catharines) ~ 18.75 hrs./wk., 18-month contract
See posting for details: <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/vacancy-details?vacancyId=a2SIV000000Zs462AC>



The countdown is on to the 59th annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale! Thousands of volunteers and visitors will gather at the New Hamburg Fairgrounds for a weekend of family fun, mouth-watering food, and three incredible auctions - all while supporting the meaningful, hands-on work of Mennonite Central Committee, right here and around the world.

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