



August 13th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Waldo Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Come, let's give thanks to God together,

People: for our God always keeps His promises!

Leader: Let's sing songs and make music together,

People: for our God always keeps His promises!

Leader: Let's watch for signs of His presence among us,

People: for our God always keeps His promises!

Leader: Let's remember all the wonderful things He had done,

ALL: for our God always keeps His promises!

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB #37

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB #582

Scripture Reading Psalm 105:1-5, 16-22 [OT p.556]

Grace Singers *Speak, O Lord*

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:22-33 [NT p.159]

Meditation Gerry Brodie

Hymn of Response *Precious Lord, take my hand*
HWB #575, vv.1,2

Benediction (Congregation please stand) Waldo Pauls

Sending Hymn *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (Repeat)*

Postlude

It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.
[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]

*Fellowship time today in the church hall after the service.
Cold drinks and cookies will be served.*

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday August 6th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 41

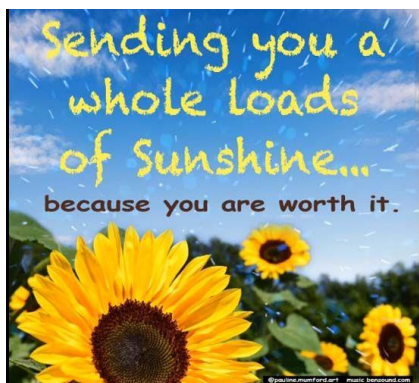
Sunday, August 20th – Speaker: David Brubacher with John Rempel

Scripture Texts (Focus Texts highlighted): **Genesis 45:1-15;**
Psalms 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

Did you know that there is such a thing as “The August Blahs!?” It results as a combination of the days getting shorter, the temperature lowering, the anxiety of the September rush – even if you’re not part of it, and mourning the end of the happier months of May, June, and July.

Remember that you or a friend-in-need are only a phone call or an email away from a Friendly Visit and a Soup from MCC partner “The Raw Carrot.” Contact Jan at 289-990-4839 or janscats@gmail.com. Is there someone you think I might be missing? Let me know! HEART! / Jan



Grace Peace Team letter

The Grace Peace Team (Diane Kendall, John Rempel, Anita Stephen, and Laurence Steven) wishes to share with the Grace congregation a letter they will be sending electronically to the Canadian Government urging more peace-building initiatives. We sent the letter to the congregation through the Grace Weekly News this past Thursday. We have brought some copies today for those who missed it. Pick up a copy in the foyer after the service, where Team members will be happy to talk with you about it. In our letter we take the opportunity to thank the government for strongly supporting the ban on cluster munitions. We also remind the government that it has been 100 years since Mennonites fled Ukraine for Canada. Today Sunday, August 13th, Grace folks will have the opportunity to add their names to the letter.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a **faith community within the MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **The First Mennonite Church, Vineland, ON**.



A Moment for MCC ~ If you donate to our MCC thrift Shop you could win\$100!

To celebrate National Thrift Shop Day, which is August 17th, the Christian Benefit Shop on Grantham is asking you to clean out your cabinets and closets for a chance to win! When you drop off housewares donations during August 1-17, you'll receive a ballot to win one of two Gift cards on National Thrift Day. The draw will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 17th.

Winners will be mentioned on our social media channels and we will also be contacted by phone or email.

*One ballot provided per donation (one to multiple bags/boxes).

Most Thursday mornings, Laur Steven will be there to greet you at the drop off area! 😊

MCC Thrift Shops – Where every purchase is a gift to the world!

<https://thrift.mcc.org/>



Dear Friends at Grace Mennonite Church,

Thank you for your continuing support of MCC material resources by way of your recent material resource donation of 9 comforters dropped off by Irmgard Penner.

Your partnership in this work is very much appreciated and valued. It allows MCC to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

Thank you for generously giving your time and creativity to our neighbours in need. Every item, whether a comforter or kit, is a physical reminder to people that they have not been forgotten. "It has been long time since I felt cared for and remembered; much appreciation for the Mennonites and their cheerful coloured and warm comforters...." says Kefah Mustafah, a recipient of MCC relief in Jordan.

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people around the world. The attached impact report provides more information on the way our volunteers make a difference in the lives of others.

May God bless you as you bless others in the name of Christ, Stephen

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