



June 2nd, 2024 9:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude		Ester Funk
Gathering Thoughts		Darrell Winger
Lighting the Christ Candle		
Call to Worship*		
Leader: We've come to worship God,		
who loved us before we were born,		
People: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,		
whose presence never leaves us,		
and whose love for us never ceases.		
Leader: This is our God.		
All: Let's worship together!		
Prayer		
Hymn	<i>Come, thou Almighty King</i>	HWB #41
Passing of the Peace		
Offertory Prayer		
Musical Reflection	<i>Listen, God Is Calling</i>	Grace Singers
Prayers of the People		Darrell Winger
Hymn	<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	HWB #395
Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) (OT p.247)	
Hymn	<i>Christian, do you hear the Lord?</i>	HWB #494
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (NT p.180)	
Meditation	"A Fall and a Call"	Laur Steven
Hymn of Response	<i>Obey my voice</i>	HWB #163
Benediction		Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *God calls us to be followers of Christ,
and by the pow'r of the Spirit,
to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace,
so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world,
so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

Postlude

*Christine Longhurst

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.***

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday May 26th ~ Attendance – 48

Sunday, June 9th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger

Scripture Texts: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Psalm 130

Coffee Time at Grace ~ June 9th

Worship Committee ~ June 12th, 10:30 a.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ June 13th at 9:30 a.m.

We extend our prayers and sympathies to:

Jake Hildebrand and family, as Kathy passed away on Saturday, May 25th. A Memorial Service was held at Grace on May 31st.

Hertha Janzen and family, as her son Timothy passed away on Friday, May 24th. A Memorial Service will be held on June 22nd, 10:30 a.m. at Tallman Funeral Homes.

Chaplain's Corner ~ Let us continue to keep in touch with church friends who are not able to attend our Sunday services and who welcome prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. Their contact information is in the Church Directory. These friends include (but are not limited to): Tom B, John B, Erna & Jake B (Ester's parents), Reg F, Agnes G, Abe H, Francine I, Erika I, Jake H, Hertha J, and Marlene W. Have I missed anyone? Let me know. Would you like a pastoral care or friendly visit? Let Pastor Darrell or Chaplain Jan know. Our contact information is at the end of the bulletin. 😊



Men's Breakfast ~ Saturday, June 29th at 8:30 a.m. here at the church, all men are invited to a time of connecting and conversation while enjoying a delicious breakfast. If you'd like to help make the breakfast, let Ted or Darrell know. Please sign up in the church foyer.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



*Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Hochma**. Lyne Renaud provides pastoral care for this congregation. Please pray for this congregation as they minister in Montreal.

***Continue to pray for Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine and throughout a world that cries for peace.** Pray for those who are displaced, those who search for family members, those who make decisions and those who attempt to provide aid. Lord, Hear our prayers.



A Moment for MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service)

Small town volunteer effort snowballs!

Jessica Lawrence wasn't sure how things would come together when she agreed to coordinate volunteers for a MDS Alberta Unit response. But she was motivated to support a member of her community – in Carstairs, Alberta – who needed help to recover from the July 1, 2023, tornado that destroyed her home. And Lawrence wasn't alone. From a pool of more than 130 volunteers, 95 served with MDS for the first time. "I have not been on a project that had this amount of local involvement in the past," said Harold Friesen, a seasoned MDS volunteer and the project's coordinator. MDS typically relies on weekly and long-term volunteers to rebuild homes. This build was completed, mostly through the efforts of local, daily volunteers, in just over four months. "I think it's a bit like a snowball. You know, it grows... The bigger the snowball gets, the more traction there is, the more people hear about it," Lawrence reflected. "There was so much joy on the site." Read the rest of the story at <https://mds.org/story/small-town-volunteer-effort-snowballs/> **MDS** – Striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those affected by disasters.

United Mennonite Home is excited to welcome back its Annual Spring Bazaar!

Join us on **Saturday June 8th** from 10am-12:30pm at 4024 Twenty-Third St. Vineland. Festivities consist of a Bake Sale, Penny Sale, Silent Auction, Entertainment, and BBQ Lunch (Farmer's Sausage back by popular demand!)

For more information, please contact Jodi Thompson – Programs Manager at (905) 562-7385 ext. 5004 or jthompson@umh.ca.

German Service on a Sunday Afternoon:

Sunday June 9 @ 2:30 pm: You and yours are invited to this event again (last one was April 21). Honouring church history and the local historic Mennonite community we will be singing, sharing, and engaging with each other in the German "heart language." After the German worship service in the sanctuary, we will gather for light refreshments in the gym. Looking forward to seeing you all again... and bring your friends/neighbors!! Alle Willkommen!! All Welcome!! (Elevator to sanctuary/gym available; please enter through front entrance) Location: St. Catharines UM Church, 335 Linwell Road.

VBC opportunity: It's so exciting to be less than 2 months away from this year's Vacation Bible Camp at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church! (July 15-19 from 9-11:45 am daily; for children in SK to Grade 6) As we are opening registration up to more children this year, we are in need of more adult volunteers! Program, registration, and volunteering details: <https://scumc.ca/ministries/childrens-ministry/vbs/>. For more information, please contact us at scumc.church@gmail.com.

Employment opportunity: *Canadian Mennonite* is hiring a full-time associate editor/senior writer. The work can be done remotely. Apply by June 10. See canadianmennonite.org/employment.

Open House for Adult Day Program ~ Monday June 17th 10 a.m. – noon at 350 Ontario St., St. Catharines. The Adult Day Program is designed to help older adults 60+ stay physical active, cognitively stimulated, and socially connected. We provide a supportive environment where seniors experiencing physical and cognitive challenges related to aging can socialize and engage in meaningful programming. An added bonus, caregivers of clients can benefit from valuable respite and peace of mind while their loved ones are with us. Contact Mary Ann Walker at 289-362-5777 or maryann.walker@niagararegion.ca.



Niagara Region Mennonite Church Outdoor Service and Picnic

Sunday, June 23rd at 10:30 am we will be joining the other area Mennonite congregations for an outdoor service together at the Virgil Sports Grounds, 1567 Four Mile Creek Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake. (In case of rain we will be at the

Niagara United Mennonite Church.) Following the service, we will enjoy BBQed hamburgers and hotdogs, plus veggies and dessert. All food and beverages will be provided. A cash offering will be received for the costs and any extra given to Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. Bring your own lawn chairs, plates, cutlery, napkins, drinking cups or bottles.

(Please note: There will be no service at Grace that morning.)

We are glad to arrange a ride for anyone who need one. Please let Ester or Pastor Darrell know.



RESPONDING TO THE GAZA CRISIS AS PEACE CHURCHES: Seeking the Mind of Christ

Special Guest Dr. Tom Yoder Neufeld

**Saturday July 6th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.,
Grace Mennonite Church**

With over 36000 mostly civilian deaths (thus far), and the entire 2.1 million population of the Gaza strip suffering from conflict-induced famine, the observing world is shocked, appalled, and risks being mesmerized into moral paralysis in the face of the catastrophe. What are pacifist Christians called to do—and *not to do*—to promote peace in Gaza? What insights does the New Testament have, and especially the book of Ephesians, to guide us in practical ways to pursue peace without getting caught up in the spiral of conflict?

We encourage you to join us in seeking the mind of Christ in this time of crisis with our guest Dr. Tom Yoder Neufeld, professor emeritus of Religious Studies (New Testament and Peace Studies) and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College. Tom Y. Neufeld is the author of numerous articles and books focusing on Jesus, Paul, Peace, and the Bible. Pertinent titles include *Ephesians* (Believers Church Bible Commentary), 2002, *Recovering Jesus: the Witness of the New Testament*, 2007, and *Killing Enmity: Violence and the New Testament*, 2011.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

For ever and ever. Amen.

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