



**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30 a.m.**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts**  
**Lighting the Christ Candle** Doug Schulz

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

Leader: Come together and wait for God.

**People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

Leader: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**People: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love  
lifts our hearts.**

Leader: Come, worship the Lord.

**All: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *Sing praise to God who reigns* HWB #59

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**  
**Musical Reflection**

**Prayers of the People** Doug Schulz

**Hymn** *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* Grace Singers

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 62 (OT p.526)



## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Attendance – 40

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Speaker: Doug Schulz

**Scripture Texts:** Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

**Budget offering for May** was \$10,280.33

**Coffee Time at Grace** ~ July 7<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Committee** ~ June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

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



**Men's Breakfast** ~ Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Summer Teaching Series.**

During July and August, our Sunday teaching will focus on the book of Ephesians. Dr. Tom Yoder Neufeld, professor emeritus of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College will be our guest speaker on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to launch this series. Dr. Yoder Neufeld wrote the commentary on Ephesians for the Believers Church Commentary series.

### ***ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD***



\*Please pray for the **MCEC** community of congregations. This week we pray for **Hunta Mennonite Church**. Pray for this congregation, our most northern congregation, as they minister in their community in Cochrane, ON.

**German Service on a Sunday Afternoon: Today June 9, 2:30 pm:** You are invited to this event. 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!! Location: St. Catharines U.M. Church, 335 Linwell Road.

## **Celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism**

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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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## **A Moment for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)**

Connecting students in Chad and Pennsylvania. LMS students expand their worldview through MCC school kits. While students from Lancaster Mennonite (LM) School were packing MCC school kits during World Changer Week in March, Rebecca Burkholder, MCC U.S. director of International Program, was visiting schools in Chad that would receive school kits “I visited three schools in the North Kanem area, which is in the Sahel region, near the Sahara Desert,” Burkholder said. “The children walk to school. Some may come by donkey or even camel.”

The students were very engaged in their education, said Burkholder, who had come to Chad to see MCC’s projects and to support and encourage MCC’s staff and partners. The school kits, which include a drawstring bag, paper notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, ruler, eraser and coloured pencils, are important because these educational supplies are hard to find in Chad, and they are too expensive for parents to purchase locally, Burkholder said.

Lancaster Mennonite students in first, second, third and fifth grades helped pack the school supplies in cloth drawstring bags, which are commonly reused as backpacks. More than 450 school kits were assembled.

<https://mcc.org/our-stories/connecting-students-chad-and-pennsylvania>

**MCC: Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ**

## **Grand Opening of the Westview Centre 4 Women**

You’re invited to the Grand Opening of the Westview Centre 4 Women – a place we can call our own!

The celebration will take place on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2:30 p.m. at 17 Gale Crescent in St. Catharines.

Mayor Matt Siscoe will do the Ribbon Cutting at 1 p.m. This will be followed by a presentation and light lunch.

For more information call 905-351-2822 or email [westviewcentre4women@yahoo.com](mailto:westviewcentre4women@yahoo.com).



## Niagara Region Mennonite Church Outdoor Service and Picnic

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

(Sponsored by Grace Peace Group)

Special Guest Dr. Tom Yoder Neufeld

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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