Grace Mennonite Church

October 18th 2026 9:30 a.m.

Seasons of Life

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Mac Plunkett

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
People: proclaim his salvation day after day.
All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Prayer

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VT 98

Passing of the Peace

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

Musical Reflection (VT 751) *There Is in Every Person* Grace Singers

Prayers of the People Mac Plunkett

Hymn *A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus* VT 626, vv.1,2,3

Scripture Reading Exodus 33:12-23 (OT p.80)

Hymn *Time Propels Us like a Current* VT 507

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22 (NT p.24)

Meditation "Making God in Our Image, or Us in God's" Laur Steven

Hymn of Response *Take My Life, That I May Be* VT 760

Benediction Laur Steven

Sending Hymn *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified* VT 754

Postlude

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

Grace Bible Study Fall 2026-Session 2

Please join us today at 10:45 am in the Fellowship Room as we look at Chapters 4&5 of "God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches us about Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love," by Max Lucado.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadly, Agnes Gossen passed away last week. Let's be in prayer for her family. Visitation at Tallman Funeral Homes on Monday October 19th 10 – 11 am, with service to follow at 11 am.

Seasons ~ As we journey together through our worship services this fall, we move from a theme of "Season of Creation" to "Seasons of Life" -- from considering what it means to live faithfully as a part of God's creation, to experiencing God's faithfulness in the ever-changing seasons of life. There are days when we experience thanksgiving, and there are times of grief; seasons when we experience confusion or heaviness, and then there are times of encouragement. In all seasons of life we can experience the presence and promise of Christ Jesus. May we be open to what the Spirit has for us in these coming weeks.

Darrell and Anna Winger are away for a few days, visiting family on PEI. They are back on Tuesday, October 20th.

Attendance ~ Sunday October 11th – 45

Sunday October 25th ~ Speaker: Darrell Winger
Scripture Readings: Matthew 22:34-40, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Church Council ~ October 21st 12:30 pm

Women's Chorus ~ Thursdays October 22nd,
November 5th & 19th 9:30 am

Coffee Times ~ Sundays October 25th, November 8th & 22nd

Worship Committee ~ Wednesday October 28th 10:30 am

Good News! Bears and Blankets has placed 1801 Care Kits in 47 Care Homes! Care Kits include a teddy bear with a cute scarf, a lap blanket, a card, and a bear-paw cookie.

Free Books for Kids has placed 3720 books in 27 Elementary Schools and Early ONs and Boys and Girls Clubs! As well as books, there are read-to-me plushies available.

For more information, contact Jan at 289-990-4839 or janscats@gmail.com or talk to me at Church!

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Hillcrest Mennonite Church** in prayer. Kathryn Cressman and Kevin Peters Unrau provides pastoral leadership to this community in New Hamburg, ON. Lord, empower Hillcrest Mennonite Church to grow in faith as they gather and to serve with hospitality, generosity, justice and peace as they are scattered into their community and world. Amen.

Friday, October 23, Vineland United Mennonite Church will be hosting the one-man show *Looking for Kindness Amidst Anxiety* by Old Reverend Randell Neudorf. This honest, humour-filled, multi-disciplinary experience weaves together music, storytelling, and visual art to prompt conversations about mental health, faith, and the tender parts of life. **Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the show begins at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are FREE, and EVERYONE is welcome! Hope to see you there.

"Community Trunk or Treat" on Tues Oct 27, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm We're excited to host Trunk or Treat again here at Linwell Church (335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines) on the front parking lot. For those new to the idea, this is a fun alternative to trick-or-treating where kids can enjoy candy, costumes, and decorated car trunks... all in a safe environment.

Invitation to Candlelight Choir ~ Niagara UM invites anyone who loves to sing to join the Candlelight Choir. Rehearsals begin on Thursday October 29th at 7:00pm at NUMC and continue every Thursday until the concert on Sunday December 20th at 7:00pm. If you can make 90% of the rehearsals, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Rachael Peters to let us know if you plan to join the choir: rachael@redbrickchurch.ca

MCC Ontario Peace Conference 2026
Theme…Nourishing Peace Together
In the midst of conflict how can you build a culture of Peace?

Place…Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener
Date…. Saturday November 7, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

AED/CPR Training at Niagara UM ~ On Friday November 13 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, Heart Niagara will hold a **FREE** AED/CPR training session in the gym. If you would like to attend please contact Julie in the church office **no later than Wednesday November 4** by email or phone: office@redbrickchurch.ca or 905-468- 3313.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht Lunch is Saturday November 14th from 11-2 pm (or until sold out). Cost is $20 per person. Cash only. Also available for sale are preserves, quilts and quilted items. Please bring your own reusable bags. All proceeds support local and international missions.

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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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