



September 22nd, 2024 9:30 a.m.

*Pursuing Peace:
Loving Our Neighbours*

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Darrell Winger

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship*

Leader: Lord, this day is your gracious gift.

People: May we walk in the clear light of your grace.

Leader: Give us a heart that is pure in your sight,
that we may see you.

**People: May we love our neighbours as ourselves
and truly deal justly with them.**

Leader: O Lord, may your gracious eyes be upon us
day and night.

All: Bless all our undertakings to your honour.

Prayer

Hymn *For the fruit of all creation* HWB #90

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Darrell Winger

Hymn *For the healing of the nations* HWB #367, vv.1,2,4

Scripture Reading Psalm 33:1-5 (OT p.507)
Matthew 12:33 (NT p.13)

Hymn *Let's Walk Together*

Refrain: *Singing welcome, welcome to this place.*

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

*All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.*

Meditation "Pursuing Peace by Loving Indigenous Neighbours"
Laurie Warkentin,
Education & Engagement Program Associate with MCC Ontario

Welcoming New Members

Sunday, September 29th we will be welcoming and receiving four persons into membership of Grace Mennonite Church: John and Judy Doerksen and Jerry and Judy Willems.

Grace MC is looking for a transport chair/wheelchair. If you have a chair you could donate, please let Ester know. Thanks.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



A Moment for MCC: Buckets of Thanks!

Buckets of Thanks is a way to express your gratitude at Thanksgiving by paying it forward with generosity.

Each Bucket of Thanks (also known as a relief kit or relief bucket) is a five-gallon pail that's filled with essential hygiene items and sent to people and families in need around the world. To show your gratitude and help give hope to others this Thanksgiving, you can:

A. Pack a relief bucket and drop it off at Grace MC or at MCC Thrift. Contact Jan to find out where you can pick up relief kit buckets to fill with supplies.

B. Sponsor a bucket for just \$65 and cover the cost of supplies needed for a bucket. You can honor someone you love by sponsoring a bucket in their name with a printable Thanksgiving card.

C. Gather and drop off some or all of the supplies that go in a relief bucket at Grace MC or MCC Thrift. Every item helps!

Help us meet the goal of donating 2,000 relief kits before October 31, and give buckets full of hope to those who need it the most. If you can't get your buckets in this month, don't worry — donations of relief kits are also accepted throughout the year.

<https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/buckets>

Silver Foxes: Please mark **Tuesday, Sept. 24th** on your calendars for the next Senior's event at Bethany Mennonite Church. At 3:00 p.m., Ernie and Jan Harris will lead us in a wonderful sing-along, followed by a delicious pizza, salad, and watermelon supper. The cost per person is \$10. Please register with payment by Sept. 22. Contact Bud and Ella Andres (905 468 2669), Paul and Joanne Thiessen (905 468 7392), or Ted and Sylvia Wiens (289 868 9068). Everyone is welcome.



Celebrating 50 Years of Thrift – Thanks to YOU!
2 PM on October 6th at Bethany Community Church,
1388 Third Street, St. Catharines.

We're marking 50 years of our Thrift Shop, and we couldn't have done it without the incredible support of our volunteers, supporting churches and friends like you! Join us for a special *Thrifted Threads Fashion Show*, showcasing unique outfits that highlight the heart of thrift. It's our way of saying thank you for your dedication and generosity over the years. Enjoy light refreshments, fellowship, and a look back at all we've accomplished together! 2 PM on October 6 at Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third Street, St. Catharines. Space is limited, so please let us know you are coming before Sept 30 by signing up in the shop, emailing grantham@mcco.ca or calling 905-682-8944 and press 4.

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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