WELCOME to Grace Mennonite Church - October 20th, 2024

WORSHIP TEAMTanya DerksenMISSIONS SPOTCharmaine Neufeld – Prairie Hope Women's CentreSPEAKERPastor Darryl Neudorf"Open Door, Open Heart (The Ministry of Hospitality)" – 1 Peter 4:9

Series: Becoming a Great Commission Christian

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

$\label{eq:supervised Nursery} \mbox{ during the} \\$

worship service for ages 1 & 2 (in the Upstairs Nursery space; ask an usher if you need directions).

Children's Church for ages 3-5 will be dismissed by announcement (in the basement; ask an usher if you need directions).

MOMS & TOTS in the GYM

For young moms and their preschool children every Tuesday at 10am in the church gym. Invite a friend!

KIDS OF GRACE *Wed, Oct 23* for kids age 4-grade 6, 6:30-8pm.

YOUNG ADULTS:

Bible Study Oct 21st, at 7:30pm, at NGMC

Talk with Stuart Mufford if you have any questions.

WOMEN OF GRACE:

What's Your Story? Oct 30th, 7:30pm, in the Dining Hall

Video Testimony: Tracey Unger *Special Feature:* Marsha Reimer

*Please bring your favourite book!

YOUTH MINISTRY:

SENIOR YOUTH Grades 10-12 Outdoor Movie Night *Bring a lawn chair, blanket, and snacks. Monday, October 21st, 7-10pm

JUNIOR YOUTH Grades 7-9 Bible Study Tuesday, October 22nd, 7-9pm

*Junior & Senior Youth both <u>need</u> more youth leaders; if you are interested in giving of your time, please talk to Pastor Brent.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Please take some time to show your appreciation for our pastors and their wives in some way this month. There are 5 large envelopes (one for each pastor) on the foyer bulletin board; please feel free to slip notes of encouragement and/or gift cards into them.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday – Moms & Tots in the Gym 10am-12pm Adult Drop-In Floor Hockey 9-10pm in the Gym Wednesday – Kids of Grace 6:30-8:00pm Evening Prayer Meeting 7pm in the Conference Room Thursday – Adult Drop-In Pickleball 7-9pm in the Gym Men's Bible Study - "Practicing the Way" 7:30pm

***The Bridge Youth Night Meal Ministry:** *Friday, October 25th* – We are feeding about 30 people at 7:15pm. In need of a couple of volunteers to serve, as well as help with food; see Edith Thiessen if you are willing to help.

Seniors' Lunch: Sunday, October 27^{th} – If you are 60+, please sign up on the sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

Baptism & Membership Sunday: November 10th

Christmas Day Choir directed by Joyce Unger: Practices start on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30pm – see signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Christmas in Punnichy: *Saturday, November 30th* – See signup sheet on bulletin board or talk to Pastor Daniel.

Annual General Meeting 2025: *Friday, February* 7th – mark your calendars!

*If you wish to borrow something from the church including items from the kitchen, please sign out the item(s) with Clarissa in the church office.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

Mission Focus this Month: Prairie Hope Women's Centre (Teen Challenge)

- Xavier Stobbs (3-year-old son of Graham & Monica Stobbs, grandson of John & Shirley Martens) battling high-risk cancer.
- Pray for farmers' safety during harvest.
- Praise that Kids of Grace had 101 kids come on "opening night" October 9! They were such an enthusiastic group; it was so fun!
- Pray for our pastors and their wives; October is Pastor Appreciation month!
- Pray as Jon Epp's cancer has spread.
- Curtis Doering with Operation Mobilization in Taiwan till January.
- Conflict in Israel and Ukraine.
- Pray for the youth meal ministry at The Bridge this Friday, Oct 25.
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MEN'S MINISTRY: FIGHT CLUB

Fight Club is for men who want to overcome sexual sin. We will meet October 23, 7:30-9:30pm, then will continue meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month going forward. We are going through the book "More Than a Battle" by Joe Rigney. For more information including the meeting location, please contact Jordan Janzen or Joshua Janzen. Victory is possible but you need to fight! "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16

Congregational Meeting Recap held Friday, October 4

Update: The Salary Grid, The Nashville Statement–NGMC, and the Children's Coordinator's Job Description were all voted on by ballot; all items passed by majority vote with the salary grid effective January 01, 2025; see the meeting's minutes posted on the foyer bulletin board for more details.

Copies of the approved Children's Coordinator job description are available from the office should you like to review a copy ahead of the Annual General Meeting on February 7th, 2025.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: HEALING HOPE SUPPORT GROUP

To facilitate the healing journey for women who have been wounded by their spouse's sexual betrayal/pornography use.
12 sessions, Friday evenings at 7:30pm, beginning Nov 1st Contact Sara Unger for information, location, and to register.

> COST: \$40 - includes book "Hope After Betrayal" + workbook or

\$15 - workbook only (if you already own the "Hope After Betrayal" book).

Having trouble hearing the service? FM receivers are available from the sound booth.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AGM 2025:

*Nomination Forms are now available for the 2025 AGM; an online nomination form is also newly available on the church website this year (http://gracech.ca).

WOMEN OF GRACE:

For All Women Age 18+ – Save the Date! Women of Grace Spring Retreat

at The Quest, Christopher Lake – March 28-30th, 2025. Interested in helping plan our retreat? Sign up on the bulletin board.



Church Camp 2025: July 25-27 at Camp Kinasao – save the date! More info to come.