

# WELCOME to Grace Mennonite Church – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**WORSHIP TEAM** Tanya Derksen  
**SPECIAL ITEM** Joyce Unger  
**ADVENT READING** Autumn Ruten – Luke 1:26-33  
**SPEAKER** Pastor Daniel Doerksen

*“Jesus, The Exalted Son (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)” – Hebrews 1:5-14*

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:

**Supervised Nursery** during the worship service for ages 1 & 2 (in the Upstairs Nursery space; ask an usher for directions if needed).

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

### 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** Resumes Wed, Jan 8 for kids age 4-grade 6, 6:30-8pm.

## YOUTH MINISTRY:

**SENIOR YOUTH Grades 10-12**  
 Mittens for Homeless and Drive Through the Forestry Farm  
 Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-10pm

**JUNIOR YOUTH Grades 7-9**  
 Christmas Movie & Gingerbread Houses  
 Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm

**\*Donations of toques and mittens are welcome; please drop them off at NGMC by 7pm on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*REMINDER: Christmas parties next week!*

## CHRISTMAS TREE FUND:

The total amount received will be given as a gift to our missionaries.

*If you would like to donate to this fund, please note “Christmas Tree Fund” on your cheque or e-transfer memo.*



**Please have all year-end giving in by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

## MEN’S BREAKFAST:

**Sat, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 8-9:30am**  
**In the Dining Hall**

*Guest Speaker:* Stephen Moorgen: Mobilizing the church in the fight against human trafficking.

*The Bridge:* Community Christmas Celebration on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – See poster on the bulletin board for items needed.

## THIS WEEK:

**TODAY – Sunday School Christmas Choir Practice 2-3pm in the Sanctuary.**

Mon, Wed, & Fri – **Drop-In Indoor Walking** 9-10:30am in the Gym.

Monday – **Adult Drop-In Pickleball** 2-4pm in the Gym.

**Christmas Day Choir Practice** 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday – **Moms & Tots in the Gym** 10am-12pm.

**Adult Drop-In Floor Hockey** 9-10pm in the Gym.

Wednesday – **Evening Prayer Meeting** 7pm in the Conference Room.

Thursday – **Adult Drop-In Pickleball** 7-9pm in the Gym.

**Council Meeting** 7pm in the Conference Room.

Saturday – **Men’s Breakfast** 8-9:30am in the Dining Hall.

*\*More volunteers are needed for Children’s Church & Supervised Nursery. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Janet Buhler.*

*\*KIDS OF GRACE:* Calling all crochet-ers! We need someone to lead craft time for kids in grades 3-6 to learn to crochet a scarf, washcloth, hot plate, etc. This craft time would take place over 4 evenings: January 15, February 12, March 12, and April 9. If you are interested, please talk with Clarissa Penner. 😊



## CHRISTMAS UPCOMING:

- Sunday School Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal: Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 9a-12p.
- **Sunday School Christmas Program:** December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Christmas Day Worship Service:** December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- **Sunday, December 29:** Worship service at 10:30am – no Sunday School, Children’s Church (CC), or Supervised Nursery.
- **Sunday, January 5, 2025:** Regular schedule and programming resumes; Sunday School at 10:00am, worship service at 11:00am with Nursery + CC.

**Annual General Meeting 2025:** Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – All are welcome!

**\*Committee reports need to be handed in to Clarissa by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## PRAYER & PRAISE: Mission Focus this Month: LLCM

- Xavier Stobbs (3-year-old son of Graham & Monica Stobbs, grandson of John & Shirley Martens) battling high-risk cancer.
- Pray for Jon Epp as he continues to battle cancer.
- Curtis Doering away with Operation Mobilization till January.
- Continued prayer for Kaedra Reimer’s recovery from jaw reconstruction surgery.

*Congratulations to Justin & Leah Fehr on the birth of their daughter, Rosie Anne, born on December 4<sup>th</sup>!*

The Youth Farm Bible Camp's "Journey Through Christmas" is looking for volunteers on December 13<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup> for active roles in their live nativity. If you are interested, please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board.



## CHRISTMAS BAKING NEEDED:

Edith Thiessen is in need of Christmas baking for the youth meal ministry at The Bridge on Friday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have some baking you would be willing to give, please talk with Edith Thiessen.

More details to come on Facebook.

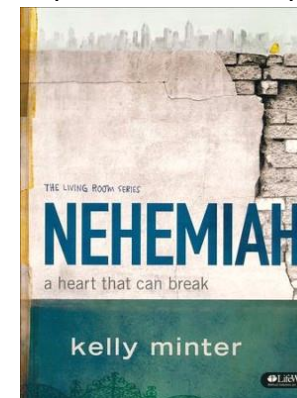
## WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Bible Study

### Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break by Kelly Minter

Brunch + Bible Study  
beginning Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30am  
in the Dining Hall

Meeting weekly for 8 weeks for all women age 18+.

- \*Childcare will be provided.
- \*Sign up on the bulletin board.
- \*Contact Courtney Neudorf with any questions.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

### VBS Director(s) Needed!

The Missions Committee needs a VBS director for this summer's VBS program (July 14-18). Curriculum has been ordered. Please talk with Clark Giesbrecht, Edith Thiessen, Jill Wiebe, or Jonney Ginther if you would like to serve in this way.

