

Please see the bulletin board for more information on all events.

Heritage Christian Book Store Coming Events:

Friday, October 20th: Gail Davidson and Team (7-9pm)

Friday, October 27th: Ryan McKeen and Team (7-9pm)

Friday, November 10th: Emmanuel Grace Worship Team (7-9pm)

400 Scott St, Grantham Plaza, St Catharines ON

Eden Sausage Fundraiser! See the flyer in your mailboxes for more info.

Orders can be placed between Oct. 13th—Nov. 6th. Pick up day is Nov. 18th.

Varenecki Supper! Fundraiser for "Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" on Saturday October 28th at 6 p.m. in Niagara United Mennonite Church auditorium. A few tickets left. \$35 per person (\$20 receiptable). Call Linda Friesen 905-684-2929 or George & Teresa Dyck 289-929-3211 to reserve your tickets. George Dyck visited Ukraine and the Mennonite Centre with his daughter in July, and he will share updates from that visit.

MCC Peace Conference

A great place to deepen your learning about peace work in our province and the world is the MCC Ontario Peace Conference on Nov 11 at Markham Cornerstone Christian Community Church. The conference features communal worship times, keynote speakers, international peace advocates, the Junior Peacebuilders program, a pop up Thrift Store, and 14 different workshops on peace in the many areas where MCC is at work. Workshop topics include: homelessness in Toronto, peacebuilding in Palestine and Israel, and community development in Nepal. More information is available in the brochure on the information desk and registration is required by Nov 7.

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DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY



7 VIRTUES OF THE KINGDOM AND THE 7 DEADLY VICES

Kingdomtide 2017

Welcome to Grantham MB Church!

Sunday, October 15th, 2017

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 3:13-14 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Jesus We Are Here

Welcome and Prayer—Psalm 19

*Holy is the Lord
Behold Your God*

Give to Our God Immortal Praise (WT#44)

Hearing the Word

Philippians 3:4b-14

Children’s Prayer Time

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-10a, 12-20; Matthew 21:33-46

Message: Pastor Michael VandenEnden
“The Virtue of Courage and the Sin of Envy: Relating to the Good in Others”

Responding to the Word

My Life Flows On (WT#585)

Ministry Focus

Offering

Sent out into the World

Take Courage and Trust Your Creator (WT#604)

Benediction

Service Leader – Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden & Joyce Schimpky
Scripture Reader – Christopher Koop
Song Leader – Darryl Loewen
Gather Round – Becky Loewen & Alicia Janzen
Jr. Youth — Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

Nursery provided for children ages 0-3 yrs. for the entire service.

NEXT SUNDAY:

10:00 am - 10:25am ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

Sermon: Pastor Michael VandenEnden, “The Virtue of Hope and the Sin of Greed”

Service Leader: Ken Heidebrecht

Gather Round: Olivia Wiebe & Michelle Both

12:00 pm ~ Guess Who’s Coming to Lunch?! Soup Edition

Sign up in the foyer as a guest or a host for this mystery lunch! Get to know people in our church better and enjoy delicious food. You will be notified of what type of dish to bring and any dietary restrictions in your group by Oct. 20th. Contact the office with any questions.

7:30 pm ~ Out of the Cold Volunteer Event

Join us at Westminster United Church to hear Pete Olson, coordinator of MCC Tools. If you have been a volunteer for years, or you are thinking about volunteering with OTC for the first time, this will be great evening of inspiration and information.

THIS WEEK:

Mon: Badminton.....7:00 pm

Tues: Young Women’s Book Study.....8:15 pm

Wed: Mission Committee Mtg.....1:30 pm

Sing Out Children’s Choir.....6:45 pm

Spanish Alpha Course.....7:00 pm

Sat: Jacob Andres’ 100th Birthday Open House.....2:30pm—4:30pm

All Grantham members are invited to drop by Tabor’s Evergreen Apartments in the basement kitchen to join in this event.

GRANTHAM UPCOMING EVENTS: *(see insert for continuation)*

Oct 26th ~ Christmas Choir Starting Soon!

This is an invitation for all singers to come together to prepare a choir concert for Dec. 10th in the evening. We will join singers and musicians from Scott St. and look forward to another season of singing, fellowship and presenting a program to anticipate the coming of the Messiah, *God With Us*.

Practices will begin Thurs, Oct. 26th at 7:30 p.m. here at Grantham. Come out for these evenings as we sing about the wonderful gift God has given us!

Oct 29th ~ Nursery Volunteer Lunch Meeting

All nursery volunteers are asked to attend a lunch meeting after the worship service to brainstorm for the future and review policies & procedures. Pizza is provided, contact Emily Plett if you’re willing to bring a salad or dessert.

JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

We want to raise the needs of our community and our world before God (Philippians 4:6). If you have prayer requests, please bring them to a pastor or any member of the Congregational Care Committee.

- This past week our John Boldt was admitted to hospital and underwent hip surgery. The procedure was a success and John's condition is improving. Please pray for John and Lisa through this time of recovery, and that God would also be with them through their ongoing health challenges.
- International Community of Mennonite Brethren: Please pray for the MB conference of Germany Bavaria and their national director Andreas Isaak. They are seeking God for a clear vision of unity and mission.
- MB Mission: Our missionaries, Doug and Deanna Hiebert, have asked for prayer for their work in Burundi training teachers and pastors and as they make hiring decisions for the Harvest school. They also need prayer for their family's health as they battle this season's viruses.

(Prayers of Last Sunday, Oct. 8th)

- Katie Penner
- MB Mission: Joanna Pharazyn (Portugal)

JOINING TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE:

New fall seasonal Thank You Notes have been placed in the pews. Use these as a way of expressing your appreciation towards others in our church community.

JOINING TOGETHER IN SERVICE:

Mission Committee Fall Fundraiser

In the past two years, we as a church community have committed ourselves to learning more about and supporting refugees around the world. This fall, the mission committee wants to continue with this commitment by bringing us stories of refugees, both local and global. It is our hope that the stories shared will touch your heart, open your wallets, but most of all bring you to God in prayer. Make sure to mark your offering envelopes with "Refugee Support."

So far we've raised \$5,972!! **Please help us with the remaining \$4,028.** Today is the final day to give.

GRANTHAM UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D:

Nov 19th @ 6:30pm ~ Congregational Discussion Night, "Finishing the Race: Death and Dying in Christian Community"

2017 KINGDOMTIDE SERMON SERIES

Doing What Comes Naturally: 7 Virtues of the Kingdom

Christian discipleship is often talked about in terms of what Christians ought to do, whether it is following a code of conduct, making good ethical judgements, or simply imagining what Jesus might do in a given situation. But the immediate question of what Christians ought to do can overshadow a more fundamental question of Christian discipleship: What kind of people are Christians called to become?

Since the New Testament era, the vision of what Christians are called to become has been expressed in the language of virtues. A virtue is a settled disposition to do good, cultivated over time through habit. In Colossians, the Apostle Paul writes, "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience," and "over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" (3:12b, 14). Throughout our Kingdomtide series, *Doing What Comes Naturally*, we will look to scripture each Sunday while exploring the seven cardinal virtues of wisdom, courage, temperance, justice, faith, hope, and love—in a desire to pursue a Christ-like character.

Resources for this series (available in our Grantham church library):

- N.T. Wright, *After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters* (HarperOne, 2012).
- James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit* (Brazos, 2016).
- John D. Roth, *Practices: Mennonite Worship and Witness* (Herald, 2009).
- Karl Clifton-Soderstrom, *The Cardinal and the Deadly: Reimagining the Seven Virtues and Seven Vices* (Cascade, 2015).

Definitions of the Week

"Both envy and courage hinge on how one relates one's self to the goodness in others. They are both other-oriented moral perspectives. Envious persons desperately long for a self they lack. But they don't allow themselves to admire the gifts of others who might then inspire them to become better, nor do they sacrifice their own desires for the sake of bettering another. The courageous person makes the reverse movement and realizes that virtue comes from risking one's self, in the face of a real threat, for the sake of the friend, the neighbor, and ultimately God."

Karl Clifton-Soderstrom, *The Cardinal and the Deadly*, 97-98.