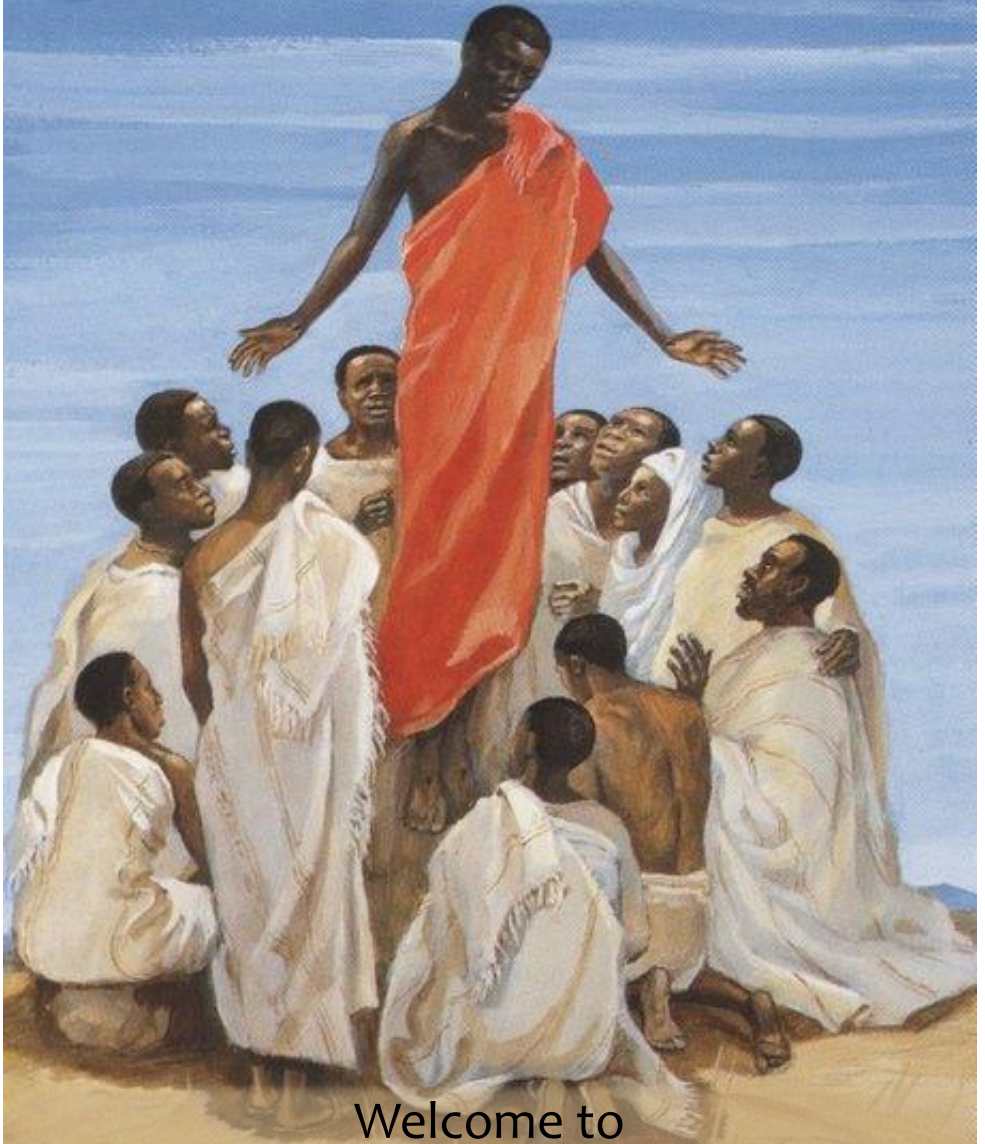


Ascension Sunday



Welcome to
Grantham MB Church

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:9 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Forever

Greeting & Prayer ~ Psalm 47

Crown Him with Many Crowns (WT#391)

Your Great Name

He Is Exalted

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11

Children's Prayer Time and Sending for Gather Round

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon: Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

"You Will Be My Witnesses"

Responding to the Word

Kindness

Prayer of Confession

Ministry Focus & Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Sent out into the World

Lord Most High

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Prelude: Joyce Schimpky

Song Leader: Pastor Michael VandenEnden

Service Leader: Joyce Schimpky

Scripture Reader: Dave Wall

TODAY: Ascension Sunday

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

Nursery (ages 0-3): John Himes & Emily Fast

Gather Round

Elementary Class (JK—Gr.4): Taya Himes & Madison Plett

Junior Class (Gr.5—Gr.8): Gillian Giesbrecht

After the service ~ Library Open

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

To prepare for Pentecost we are asking everyone to dress up! Come in your best **red, orange, or yellow** outfit as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church!

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

Sermon: Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

Nursery (ages 0-3): Rhoda Penner & Madison Plett

Gather Round

Elementary Class (JK—Gr.4): Alicia Janzen & Cindy Peñaloza

Junior Class (Gr.5—Gr.8): Ruth Wiebe

After the service ~ Cupcake Social & Library Open

6:00 PM ~ Grantham’s Annual General Meeting

Refreshments will be served at 6pm followed by the business meeting at 6:30pm.



THIS WEEK:

MON: Office Closed

Badminton.....7:00 PM

WED: Mission Committee Meeting.....7:00 PM

THURS: Men’s Breakfast @ 569 Lake St.....8:30 AM

FRI: Grantham Sr. Youth Event.....7:00 PM

SAT: Membership/Baptism Class.....10:30 AM

Bulletin Cover Image: “The Ascension,” by JESUS MAFA, 1973.

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.

- Next Sunday evening we will meet for Grantham MB's Annual General Meeting, giving thanks for God's faithfulness through the past year while also looking forward to the year to come. Please pray for a spirit of thanks, encouragement, and a renewed sense of God's guiding presence in our congregation.
- Mennonite World Conference (MWC): Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Nepal. They write: "Thank God for a peaceful early election in March 2026 and the formation of a new government. However, reform is far from completed. As of late around 100 churches in capital city Kathmandu had been demolished under the order of the newly sworn-in prime minister. Churches are now under attack in the name of reform. So please pray for the persecuted Christians to be strong in their faith, and for communal peace."
- Multiply: Pray for Sandra Fender, Multiply worker in Thailand. Pray for her work in financial reporting and partnership development for Naomi House, for fruitful ministry for both the Chiang Mai Promise and the Naomi House, and for her ministry serving local churches in her rural community in USA.

(Prayers of last Sunday, May 10th)

- Mothers and all women who have shared their faith with us.
- Mennonite World Conference: MWC Commissions (Faith & Life, Peace, Deacons and Mission) which will meet in the Netherlands in May.
- Multiply: Sean & Amy Hildebrand, Multiply workers in Uganda.

JOINING TOGETHER IN SERVICE:



MCC Relief Kits – Annual Fundraiser

Last year MCC shipped 21,407 relief kits to Cuba, Malawi, Ukraine, the U.S., and Zambia. These kits provide relief to families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict or disaster.

Grantham has been raising funds and packing relief kits for MCC since 2003! **This year our goal is to raise \$5,800 to assemble 100 Relief Kits.**
To date we have raised \$610.

These simple, practical gifts show we care and remind people in distress that they are not alone and that they are loved.

Stay tuned for more information about our Kit Assembly Day on Sunday, June 14.

To donate, please write “MCC Kits” on your offering envelope or to send an e-transfer, please write “MCC Kits” in the message section.



Note from the Mission Committee: We really enjoyed our visit with Rene and Mac during our Mission Weekend. In January we heard them share about the launch of The King's House in Parry Sound. You can find their first newsletter in the Mission Mailbox if you would like to read their latest update! Please contact the office if you would like a copy emailed to you.

Friday, May 29 ~ Pie Baking for MCC

On Friday, May 29 rhubarb and cherry pies will be made here at Grantham for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. Thank you to all who have already volunteered!



PIE PRE-ORDER: Rhubarb & cherry pies will be sold by pre-order for \$15 each. Limit of 2 cherry pies per order while supplies last (first come, first served). Please call or email Emily in the church office by Thurs., May 28. Pie pick up is Friday, May 29 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the gym.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS:

Radiant
Care

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Long-Term Care

Thursday, May 21, 2026 2pm - 4pm

The celebration will take place at 31 Elden Street, Virgil.

Guest parking will be available in the north parking lot behind the new building.

Canadian Mennonite University Update:

CommonWord Book Launch: *Truth and Love* by Dr. Paul Redekop –

Sociologist and long-time professor Dr. Paul Redekop bridges science and faith to assess the reality of near-death experiences and their implications for the nature of our existence. Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM (CDT), in person

at Marpeck Commons (2299 Grant Ave.) and via livestream. More

at commonword.ca/go/4428.

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Support food security in St. Catharines

Volunteers needed at the
Queenston Produce Market

Tuesdays, June - August

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