

Welcome to
Grantham MB Church



Sunday, February 9th, 2025

“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NIV)

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord

Greeting & Prayer ~ Psalm 138

How Great Is Thy Faithfulness

This I Believe (The Creed)

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Children's Prayer Time & Sending for Gather Round

Amazing Grace (WT#497)

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon: Pastor Michael VandenEnden

“Seeing Jesus: Received in the Gospel”

Responding to the Word

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim (WT#328)

Prayer of Confession

Ministry Focus & Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Sent Out into the World

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Prelude: Brittany Koop

Service Leader: Mike Dyck

Song Leader: Darryl Loewen

Scripture Reader: Ruth Braun

TODAY:

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

Nursery (ages 0-3): Cindy Park & Patti Jones

Gather Round:

Kinder Class (JK—Gr.1): Taya Himes & Cindy Peñaloza

Primary Class (Gr.2—Gr.4): Ingrid Heidebrecht & Emma Loewen

Junior Class (Gr.5—Gr.8): Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

After the service ~ Library Open

Evening ~ Grantham serves at Out of the Cold

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:45 AM ~ Choir practice in the gym

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

10:30 AM ~ Worship Service

****Songs & Story Time for children ages 3-10 during the sermon****

Nursery (ages 0-3): Judy Wall & Titus VandenEnden

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: Pastor Michael VandenEnden

After the service ~ Library Open & Guess Who's Coming to Lunch: Soup Edition!
(see insert for details)

THIS WEEK:

MON: Badminton.....7:00 PM

WED: Tiny Trebles.....6:00 PM

Sing Out Choir.....6:30 PM

THURS: English Café.....7:00 PM

UPCOMING:

Mon, February 17 ~ Office Closed for Family Day

Wed, March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday (*details to come*)

Sun, March 9 ~ First Sunday in Lent; Daylight Saving Time Starts

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.

- Please pray for our Darryl and Becky Loewen and their girls Emma and Amber. Sadly, for personal reasons they have made the difficult decision to move on from Grantham and transfer to another congregation. We at Grantham are ever grateful for our many years of discipleship together with the Loewens, as they have at different times faithfully served on committees, the Board of Directors, and church staff. At their final worship service with us next Sunday, we will offer them God's blessing as we bid them farewell, sending them in the peace of Christ.
- Mennonite World Conference (MWC): "Pray for South Korea in the aftermath of a presidential impeachment. May the people demand both peace and justice as they respond to the political instability."
- Multiply: Please pray for Rebecca Hiebert, Multiply worker in Thailand. Pray for discipleship of young believers facing opposition from their families, for creative ways to share the Gospel through teaching English, and for new church plants in Chachoengsao province.

(Prayers of last Sunday, Feb 2nd)

- Our Grantham members who continue to experience times of transition and/or uncertainty
- MWC: The country of Ukraine and the MB churches there who continue to share the hope of the gospel.
- Multiply: Doug Hiebert, and the people and churches in Namibia, Malawi, Kivu province of DR Congo, and Burundi.

JOINING TOGETHER IN SERVICE:



Lenten Giving Calendar

If you had a pair of clean socks to wear each day this week, give \$1.

Sound familiar? The season of Lent is just around the corner, and it has become a tradition at Grantham to distribute a Lenten Giving Calendar as we practice the spiritual discipline of giving. We often hear great ideas of what we *could have* included in the calendar. **This year we want your input!** If you have an idea for the 2025 Lenten Giving Calendar, please send your idea to Pastor Tabitha via email or hand-written note.

JOINING TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE:

Westview Centre 4 Women would like to send a big thank you to the members of Grantham Church for the continued support and interest of our program. A special thank you to those who assembled our survival bags on Mission Saturday that go to the homeless women in the St Catharines area!

Thank You!

The Mission Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the Mission Weekend this year. A big thank you to Pastor Mike for preparing a delicious lunch, and to all those who brought a wide assortment of desserts! Thanks to the generosity of those who gave, we raised \$787.61 for Westview Centre for Women!

We are grateful for the time we could spend with Doug, Deanna and Maddy Hiebert, and for the message Doug shared. Continue to keep Doug in your prayers as he travels from Namibia to Malawi to train church leaders in those countries.

We were also thankful for the hospitality of the MCC Benefit Shop and Westview Centre for Women as they welcomed members of our congregation and gave us a better understanding of their work in ministry.

Finally, thank you to all who made cards, placemats, care packages, and helped with the lunch – we had a wonderful time of fellowship as we served together!



JOINING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY:

Sunday, February 16 ~ Guess Who's Coming to Lunch?! Soup Edition!

Grantham's favourite mystery lunch is back! Everyone is invited to participate in this fun way of getting to know our Grantham family better. Individuals and families can sign up as either guests or hosts.



Hosts: provide their home, soup (or chili or stew) and drinks.

Guests: will bring either buns & cheese, salad or dessert.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. If you sign-up as a host, please write down the number of people you can accommodate (including your own household). If you sign-up as a guest, please mark down the number in your party and any dietary restrictions. *Deadline to sign up is TODAY, Sunday, February 9th.*

How does it work?

On the Thursday before, an email will be sent to each participant detailing what they are to bring (for guests) or how many to expect (for hosts). Before the worship service on Sunday, Feb 16 all participants should check their mailboxes for their mystery location (for guests) or their guest list (for hosts).

Please contact Emily Fast or Taya Himes if you have any questions.

ONMB Convention

Feb. 21-22 ~ Acts 6:4 Assembly (WMB Church Kitchener)

For members and congregants of all Ontario MB churches, guests are always welcome. Registration required.

When: Friday, February 21 @ 7-9pm, Saturday, February 22 @ 9-4pm

Where: WMB Church Kitchener – 19 Ottawa St N, Kitchener, ON N2H 3K21

Why: Prayer and God's word are at the heart of our life together as the Ontario MB church. Our shared life in Christ is rooted in hearing from Him as the Holy Spirit leads us in prayer and in learning from the Bible together.

****No Cost for the Friday evening session****

Register by Feb 25 to receive the online Zoom link at:

<https://onmb.org/calendar/agm>



JOINING TOGETHER IN LEARNING:

Epiphany 2025: Seeing Jesus



Epiphany starts with a word from Paul in Ephesians 3: *My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!* (Eph. 3:9-10, The

MSG) In other words, Paul's task is to help everyone see what God has done in and through Jesus. This task is not only for Paul – it is the mission of the church! Through our life together, we are called to show, or reveal, Jesus to the rest of the world.

During the season of Epiphany, we have been exploring the rich variety of ways that Christ is made known to the world through the unique community who names Jesus Christ as Lord.

Mission Spotlight ~ Out of the Cold

Out of the Cold is a ministry of hospitality that welcomes the stranger and offers a hot meal to anyone who asks. OoTC is an inter-church partnership, where churches in our city take turns offering hot meals every night from November 1 to March 31 each winter. OoTC is a 100% volunteer effort funded by donations and operated by partner churches. This ministry was started in our city in 1996. Many things have changed since then, but the mission remains the same: to show God's love through action.

➡ Pray that the OoTC Interchurch Committee, that the Lord will give them the strength, resources, and courage they need to continue this ministry for as long as it is needed.

➡ Pray for the OoTC volunteers and partner churches, that God will help us to serve without judgement and with love.



COMMUNITY EVENT:

Eden School Council Fundraiser

Delicious, Mennonite Smoked Sausage made with high quality pork, no preservatives, fillers or by-products. 100% gluten free.



The DEADLINE for orders is Tuesday, February 18 and PICK UP date is Saturday, March 1 at Eden High School, 535 Lake Street, St. Catharines from 10:00 to 12:00. Please mark the PICK UP date on your calendar or as a reminder in your phone. After the deadline you cannot access this item on School Cash Online anymore.

To Order:

If you do not have a current student at Eden, go to:

<https://dsbn.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/199496/92/False/True>

If you have a student at Eden, please purchase through School Cash Online.

Canadian Mennonite University Update:

Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. Join one or more in-person or online courses beginning February 18 in topics such as loneliness, Indigenous spirituality and Christian faith, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and more. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community. For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/xplore.

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