

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Dec 12 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream: Advent 3
Tuesday, Dec 14 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study on Zoom- Advent Tea
7:00 pm: Adult Ed via Zoom
Thursday, Dec 16 at 6:30 pm: Peace Club
Sunday, Dec 19 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
Dec 19 at 3:00 and 6:30 pm: Christmas Coffeehouse
Dec 24 at 4:00 and 7:00: Christmas Eve Services

NPMC Staff Office Hours:

Thursday is Susanne's day off from NPMC; otherwise please contact her to arrange visits
Patrick schedules NPMC visits M/W/F and as possible. Contact him through the office, email, or at home.
Gwen is in the office Monday – Friday from 1pm - 5 pm.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
December 12, 2021 at 11:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Edna Froese
Accompanist: Sharon Klassen and Rhonda Krahn
Song Leader: Lynn Driedger
Ushers: Larry and Denelda Fast

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Invocation		
Gathering Hymn	God is Here Among Us	VT #62 / HWB #16
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Special Music	Breath of Heaven	
Children's Time		Susanne
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Special Music	Mary, Did You Know?	
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Advent Hymn	The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed	VT #221
Scripture	Isaiah 12: 2-6 Luke 1: 26-38	
Sermon	Good News of Great Joy	Susanne
Hymn	Wisdom From on High is Dawning	VT #238
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Joy to the World	VT #240 / HWB #318
Postlude		

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## Announcements

**Dec 16 or 17:** Anyone interested in an afternoon of baking peppernuts at the church contact Marlene Froese (306-220-9409).

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>:** NPMC CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUSE - Doors open at 3:00 & 6:30 ... Program will begin shortly thereafter with the NPMC Year in Review Slideshow followed by the performances. The NPMC Christmas Coffee House will be a wonderful celebration of community. Marlene and Denelda are still accepting items for the Coffee House! Share your talent with family and friends! You can perform on stage or video your performance and have it shown on the big screen. Please contact either one of us to confirm your spot on the program and/or remember to register to attend the event by Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Masks will be worn for the duration of the program. At this time, we are not able to provide coffee however if you wish, you may bring a beverage to sip on during the Coffee House.

In order to make it possible for all who want to attend a service on Christmas Eve to do so in a safe manner, we will be offering two services on **December 24**. The services will start at **4:00 and 7:00**. The early service will be a shorter, simplified service. Only the late service will be live streamed. We are planning for a limit of 125 people per service, and ask that if you plan to attend to please register by December 22 using the form below.

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NPMC Custodian Cover Off. NPMC is looking for an individual who may be willing to provide custodial services during periods when our custodian is on vacation leave. The successful candidate will be compensated for their services. Our Custodian currently provides 6 hours of service per week and is entitled to three weeks of vacation leave per year, but this could return to 8 hours per week when the pandemic subsides. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested please contact Bob Neufeldt at 306 381 4523 or [bobneufeldt@gmail.com](mailto:bobneufeldt@gmail.com).

The Adult Education Committee of NPMC is planning a short, informational series in February on Saskatchewan's Income Support system. Recent changes to how government assistance to the most vulnerable people is given and how much is provided have raised many questions. If you have experience and expertise that you would like to share with our congregation, or know of someone who could help us understand the issues, please contact Edna Froese – [ednafroese@gmail.com](mailto:ednafroese@gmail.com) or 306-374-2668, or any of our committee members (Paul Schroeder, Rachel Regier, Lori Weiler-Thiessen, Susanne Guenther Loewen).

### **Opportunities for Christmas Generosity**

The Service Group of Nutana Park Mennonite is coordinating a day in which our congregation takes responsibility for one kettle (ringing bells, collecting donations and such). Friday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, is the date. We have a number of people committed, if

you are interested in slotting an hour or two of service please let Patrick or James Friesen know.

**RJC Christmas Concert - December 15 | 7:00pm (SK CST).** Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season! Music and performances by RJC students and staff. Livestream for those who wish to enjoy the program at home can be found at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca). Saskatchewan public health orders will be followed at this event.

**January 7 & 8, 2022: RJC Tournament of Memories (Basketball & Hockey)** - Alumni & friends of RJC are invited to our annual basketball & hockey tournament. Basketball will take place on Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8. Those interested in basketball should register by Dec. 28 by email to Denelda Fast ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)). Hockey will take place only on Saturday, January 8. Those interested in hockey are encouraged to contact Paul Ayres ([paul.ayres@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.ayres@hotmail.com)). Questions for the school can be directed to (306) 232-4222.

**January 21, 2022: RJC Open House & Friday Night Live** - Prospective students and families are invited to the RJC campus for a look into life as a student at RJC. There will be campus tours and RJC's annual Friday Night Live student coffee-house. Register by email to [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.

**MCC Connects:** Give the gift of love and warmth this holiday season! MCC Saskatchewan's quilts are now 40% off for the remainder of the holiday season. Purchase one today at [mccskquiltsale.com](http://mccskquiltsale.com) or call 306.665.2555.

**The MC Sask Council and Personnel Committee are working towards the hiring of an interim Executive Minister.** They are also preparing to begin the search for a new Executive Minister. A job description can be found at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) The job posting will be made in the new year. Please direct your questions to Andrea at [searchcommittee@mcsask.ca](mailto:searchcommittee@mcsask.ca)

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is **Interim Youth Worker** to fulfill a one-year parental leave beginning January 17, 2022. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will focus on coordinating Mega Menno events, including travel to the 2022 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Contact Ryan Siemens, [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca), for more info

**Mennonite Nursing Home is pleased to announce that Dana Heinrichs has been appointed as the new CEO/Administrator.** She comes to us with 30+ years of experience working with vulnerable populations. The last 11+ years she served as the Executive Director of Canadian Deafblind Association working in human services and residential care settings.