

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Dec 19 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream: Advent 4
Monday, Dec 20 at 7:00 pm: Board Meeting
Tuesday, Dec 21 at 7:00 pm: Adult Ed via Zoom
Friday, Dec 24 at 4:00 and 7:00: Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, Dec 26 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream



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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.

Susanne will be on holidays from Dec 26- Jan 1
Gwen will be away from the office Dec 27- Jan 3.
Patrick will be in the office that week.

**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
December 19, 2021 at 11:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service
Worship Leader: Denelda Fast
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
Song Leader: Jordan Wiens
Ushers: Anita Retzlaff and Ken Warkentin

Prelude		
Gathering Hymn	Comfort, Comfort, O my people	VT #212 / HWB #176
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Hymn of Response	Hope is a Candle	VT #211 / StS #15
Children's Time		Denelda
Hymn	No Wind at the Window	StS #11
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
Scripture	Hannah's Song- 1st Samuel 2: 1-10	
	Mary's Song- Luke 1: 47-55	HWB #715
Sermon	The Magnificat	Patrick
Hymn	My Soul Cries Out	VT #412 / StS #124
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Benediction	The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed	VT #221
Postlude		

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.



Announcements

Today, December 19th: 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.

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.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec_vxxW5t3fm5UPnNLCUupGpqVebW1V_JL1KBDR4o6rzsCaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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 or 306-374-2668, or any of our committee members (Paul Schroeder, Rachel Regier, Lori Weiler-Thiessen, Susanne Guenther Loewen).

December 23: A Very Shekinah Christmas will happen online, starting on December 23, 2021. While you are waiting, we are bringing back last year's Shekinah 12 Days of Christmas (because it's environmentally friendly to reuse) as well as updates on 2021 and a look ahead to 2022. Head over to: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2021> to watch things unfold.

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). Hockey will take place only on Saturday, January 8. Those interested in hockey are encouraged to contact Paul Ayres (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 or call (306) 232-4222.

MC Sask Council is pleased to announce the hiring of Josh Wallace as Interim Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. Josh has served MC Sask as Church Engagement Minister since 2020, providing leadership and wisdom in the areas of visioning and mission, and Council is grateful for his willingness to increase his role during this time of transition. Josh will begin his .6 FTE position on January 1, 2022, allowing for overlap time with outgoing Executive Minister Ryan Siemens, who concludes his work with MC Sask on Jan. 31, 2022. The interim position is for up to 6 months, pending the search for a new Executive Minister.

For the Executive Minister job description and additional details visit www.mcsask.ca or contact Andrea Enns-Gooding at searchcommittee@mcsask.ca.

MCC Connects: MCC is seeking young adult participants for its SALT program. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a variety of positions in fields such as education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace and more! Learn more: <https://mcccandada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/salt>.

Emily Summach is the new Saskatchewan Correspondent for the Canadian Mennonite Magazine. Emily serves as pastor of Langham Mennonite Fellowship on a part-time basis. MC Sask welcomes her and looks forward to seeing her at events around the province. You can see one of her first articles at <https://canadianmennonite.org/stories/pastor-digital-age>

Thank you all for your giving so far this year.
We are still operating in the black.
Our roof repair will cost about \$250,000
We have about \$120,000 in reserve leaving the remainder
to be raised by donations to pay off the loan.
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