

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for RJC alumni & friends to join virtual choirs: We invite anyone interested to join one or both of the virtual alumni & friends choirs that Richard Janzen is putting together for RJC's upcoming Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser event on March 14. There will be a mass choir (alumni, friends, greater community, & RJC students) and an alumni & friends choir. All are welcome. If you are interested in singing, email richard@rjc.sk.ca.

Be part of CMU's next Wednesday Webinar entitled *So you want to write a winning scholarship essay...* It can be challenging to find time to apply and write a scholarship essay in the midst of busy schedules and school assignments. This Webinar will help steer you in the right direction. Tune in for helpful tips to elevate your writing and to understand more fully what awards committee readers are looking for. Increase the likelihood of scholarship money being awarded to you! Wednesday, February 10, 4:00 pm Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us... A global pandemic is shining a light on our assumptions about the elderly among us. COVID-19 has exposed cracks in our systems of care, and shed light on our understandings of aging, revealing how we value older adults in our communities. How might we listen anew to the voice and resilience of older adults, and how could such listening reshape our imagination and understanding? Join us on Zoom for a panel conversation with a Personal Care Home Executive, along with a number of seniors, including an Indigenous Elder. Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

MCC Connects: In 2020, MCC and partners adapted quickly to provide COVID-19 relief at home and around the world. As of December 1, 2020, 24,936 households received locally purchased COVID-19 hygiene kits, 1,899 health staff and volunteers were provided with personal protective equipment, 122,178 people were provided with emergency food assistance, more 9,499 cans of meat were distributed to communities in need in the U.S. and 4,400 hygiene kits were distributed to communities in need in Canada. Thank you!

MCC Connects: Ten young people from across the Americas will be starting two-year Seed service terms in Guatemala-El Salvador and Colombia in February. Pray for their health, safety and energy as they start this new journey of service and learning together. Learn more about Seed at mcccanada.



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In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Bonnie Dahl
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale-Winder
Song Leader: Kathleen Regier
Ushers: Bob and Margaret Neufeldt

Prelude		
Call to Worship		
Welcome and Announcements		
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Reflections on our New Hymnal		Patrick
Congregational Song:	We Give Thanks Unto You	VT No. 117
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Children's Time		
Sharing:		
Lynn Driedger:	Mountain of God	VT No. 11
Colin Ens Funk:	The Lord Is My Light	VT No. 437
Scripture Reading:	Psalms 121 Isaiah 42:10-11	
Kathleen Regier:	Planets Humming As They Wander	VT No. 175
Jake and Barb Ens:	Bless The Lord, O My Soul	VT No. 111
Spoken Benediction		
Closing Hymn:	Spirit of Life	VT No. 368

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Ash Wednesday worship service: Feb. 17th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. All are welcome to join a worship service at 7 pm, held on Zoom. Please let Susanne know if you are interested in attending so you can receive a charcoal cross for use during this service (sg.loewen@nmpc.net).

Many of our congregational events have switched to being held on Zoom. If Zoom is new to you or you'd like a refresher in how to set it up and sign into a Zoom meeting, see this how-to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E> or contact the church office for help. If you are also needing help with access to worship service on Sunday's please also contact the church office for direction. Thanks!

NEW UPDATES FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT! Please take note of WINTER FUN photos on the CHURCH LIFE page on the private side of our website.

The Adult Education Committee is offering a book study on "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism", by Drew Hart, an Anabaptist African-American theologian from the US. It was good to meet as a group of 13 for our first discussion. Our next session will be on February 8th from 7:30-8:30 pm and will be an introduction to how African American and Anabaptist culture overlap. In the third session we will begin discussing the book. Meetings are every other Monday, 7:30-8:30 pm on Zoom unless other church functions interfere. Any and all who are interested are welcome. Please contact Christie at the church office (nmpc@nmpc.net) to register.

Last chance to purchase NPMC masks: We have printed a limited-edition mask with our church logo on it to support the work of Prairie Harm Reduction. If you wish to purchase a mask for \$25 each please contact Christie in the church office at nmpc@nmpc.net or call 306-374-2144.

As the weather becomes colder we have some additional information for those attending worship in person.

- Plan to keep your coats and boots with you in the sanctuary.
- At this time we ask you to please leave directly after the service.

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.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, February 7 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Reflections on the new hymnal Voices Together.

Sunday, February 7 at 3:00-4:00 pm: Weekly Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Monday, February 8 at 7:30-8:30 pm: Adult Education meeting on ZOOM.

Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study on Zoom.

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm: Men's Gathering on Zoom. Bring a thought provoking article or religious reflection from this past week.

Sunday, February 14 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Transfiguration Sunday and Communion.

Sunday, February 14 at 3:00-4:00 pm: Weekly Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Friday, February 19 at 7:00 pm: Peace Club on Zoom.

Save the Date – MC Sask Virtual Youth Retreat – March 27. We are PUMPED to be planning a one-day, online gathering for youth! With games, cool hang-out spaces, a speaker, coffeehouse, and a one-of-a-kind virtual layout of Shekinah, we are excited to be bringing youth together again. Mark your calendars, and watch for more information coming soon!

Queens House Retreat and Renewal: A creative study for women offered on Zoom with Gisele Bauche on Tuesday evenings starting January 26-March 2 at 7:00-9:00 pm. It is the story of Ruth, Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life. **Please note: Registration still available for sessions 2-6. To register call 306-242-1916 ext 226.**

Thank you to all who supported Shekinah's A Very Shekinah Christmas virtual fundraiser. We didn't quite make our \$50,000 goal, but we did make it to \$47,000! Thank you all for your generous donations. To see the stretch-goal antics of the staff, and to get the latest info, please visit our website: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/a-very-shekinah-christmas>.