

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Heather Peters of Mennonite Central Committee

Saskatchewan: Thank you for helping to sponsor Theatre of the Beat's online production of [Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence](#). Along with MCC provincial offices ToTB is organizing a virtual tour for March 26, 27 and 28th. Registration is now open for this free virtual event, and there are four showtimes to choose from. Register here: mcccanada.ca/unmute

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!

CMU | Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Webinar – If you are considering graduate theological studies – *OR* if you know someone you think may have interest in such study – check out this webinar for all who are beginning a degree program, *or* interested in taking a course or two for personal interest. Faculty and students will share details of the program and respond to questions, including those related to financial support. Explore options for learning, vocation, and leadership at CMU! Prospective students who attend the webinar and submit a GSTM application by May 31 will have their application fee waived. **Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM (CDT)**. For **more information and to register** go to enrolment.cmu.ca/register/gstmwebinar.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions on March 13! All 25 MC Sask congregations were represented, as well as our programs and partners here in Saskatchewan, across Canada and one from the States. Thank you to those who accepted their nominations to serve on Commissions and Councils. To watch the worship service that was prepared for the weekend, please go to <https://mcsask.ca/calledtohear3>

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

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In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Marlene Froese
Accompanist: Theresa Koop Hunter
Song Leader: Nicole Tiessen
Ushers: Hedio and Ross Borne
Service of Shadows: Dan and Michelle, Jacob and Charles Roth

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Hymn:	Spirit, Open My Heart	VT No. 636
Service Of Shadows		
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Prayer for Peace		
Hymn:	I Saw A Tree By The Riverside	STS No. 116
Psalm Reading:	Psalm 51:1-12	
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn:	In The Bulb There Is A Flower	HWB No.614
Children's Time:	The Garden	Marlene
Scripture Reading:	Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33	
Sermon:	Called To Deep Growth	Susanne
Sending Hymn:	For The Beauty Of The Earth	HWB No. 89
Spoken Benediction		
Postlude		

Lent Service of Shadows

This Lent our service of shadows will serve as a prayer of confession and words of assurance.

Reader 1: We are mindful, Oh God, that we often believe our mistakes exceed your compassion. You come to us in our isolation offering a new covenant. We extinguish a candle this morning aware that too many of us shy from such grace which can lead to new life. [extinguish a smaller candle]

(Silence)-10 seconds.

Reader 2: God says to us: I will find you in exile and in transgression; I will find you in life and death; I will inscribe your hearts with my love and you will be my people.

Reader 1: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Leader Lent Worship Resources 2020/21*)

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no More.

Many: There is a time for everything, and sometimes, the hour is upon us.

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: "The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

All: *We call out to you, as you call us to deeper growth.*

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The next Adult Education Zoom discussion is on Monday, March 22 at 7:30-8:30 pm. Paul Schroeder will be leading the discussion on Chapter Three of Drew Hart's *Trouble I've Seen*: "Leaving Behind the Whitened Jesus."

From the Caring & Visitation, Church Life and Fellowship Committees:

It has been a year of creativity and flexibility and we have learned new ways of staying connected to each other. This Easter will be no different. We will again miss visiting around the beautiful table laden with Easter baking, cheese and fruit; however, this year the Paska will come to you! Some time on the afternoon of **Saturday, April 3**, your doorbell will ring and a little white box will appear on your doorstep. If you are quick, you may be able to catch a glimpse of the NPMC delivery person. The box will contain small Paska buns for each person in your household, lovingly baked by Marlene Froese and Hedio Harder (thank you, ladies!). Our hope is that this little gift will symbolize the enduring love and friendship within the NPMC congregation.

Easter Sunday, 5:00 p.m. – “Paska Faspas”: You are invited to join in a Zoom potluck. We will eat our Paska buns together, visit and share in the goodness of the day. Some may want to share stories of Easter traditions or memories. Everyone is welcome! (Christie will send a Zoom link a few days in advance.) If you are unable to attend the Paska Faspas, think of NPMC friends whenever you partake of your Paska bun. We send our sincere wishes to everyone for a Happy and Meaningful Easter!

CHURCH LIFE is looking for your winter fun photos! With spring just around the corner, let's celebrate the wonderful season of winter by sharing photos with each other. Please email one or two photos of your winter fun to deneldafast@hotmail.com. They will be added to those already posted by Care Group #6 on the Church Life/Winter Fun page on private side of our website.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, March 21 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Lent 5.

Sunday, March 21 at 3:00-4:00 pm: Weekly Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Monday, March 22 at 7:30-8:30 pm: Adult Education on Zoom.

Tuesday, March 23 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study on Zoom.

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm: Men's Gathering on Zoom.

Sunday, March 28 at 3:00-4:00 pm: Weekly Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Sunday, March 28 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Palm/Passion Sunday.

Sunday, March 28: NPMC AGM; Time TBA.

