

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

MCC Connects: Did you know? The MCC Saskatchewan Thrift Shop movement was launched over 40 years ago and now there are two opportunities for you to serve: Saskatoon's Village Green Thrift Shop and the Lanigan Community Gift & Thrift Shop are seeking Assistant Managers. If you feel the call to serve, or know someone who would be a good fit for the roles, visit: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve and find the postings under "Current Openings".

What's happening at Shekinah Retreat Centre? Check out our latest video on what's been going on. Spoiler alert: not too much! Check out the link at: <https://shekinah.ca/news/2021/february-update>.

On this page, you will also see that we are looking for donations of hand tools: hammers, socket sets (yep, many sets would be great!), large adjustable wrenches, wrench sets of all kinds, chainsaws, cordless hand tools, hip waders for the upcoming annual flood, and a skid steer (just seeing if you're paying attention with the skid steer! Although we do need one, so contact us if you've got one collecting dust). For tool donations, please contact us at director@shekinah.ca. Thank you!

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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Lent 3

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In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Tammy Forrester
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale Winder
Song Leader: Kathleen Regier
Ushers: Barb and Jake Ens

Service of Shadows: Ella Funk & Deanna Stockdale Winder

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Centering Prayer		
Hymn:	Beneath The Cross Of Jesus	HWB No. 250
Service Of Shadows		
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Prayer for Peace		
Scripture Reading:	Psalms 19	HWB No. 813
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn:	Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross	HWB No. 617
Children's Time		
Scripture Reading:	John 2:13-22 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	
Sermon:	Foolishness, Stumbling Blocks & Wisdom	Ric Driediger
Sending Hymn:	The Lord Bless You	STJ No. 76
Benediction		
Postlude		

This morning we welcome Ric Driediger who is bringing the morning message. Ric is director and co-owner of Church Hill River Outfitters and a member of the MC Sask pastoral leadership commission.

Lent Service of Shadows

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

Reader 1: Too often, Oh God, we do not recognize your wisdom which can guide us to deeper life. Wisdom is there for us in the Divine word present in creation, in the Divine word given on a holy mountain, in the Divine word of the cross. We extinguish a candle aware that sometimes we willingly choose ignorance and exploitation rather than wisdom. [extinguish a smaller candle]

(Silence)-10 seconds.

Reader 2: Your wisdom brought creation into being, which still offers to teach us. Your wisdom has come to us in sacred writings, which still offer to guide us. Your wisdom came to us in Jesus who carried the cross, and he still offers us grace and his Spirit to shape us.

Reader 1: Thanks be to God.

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Lent Devotionals: This year, we are providing two options: "Lent at Home" devotionals for 2021 from Mennonite Church USA and "Breaking the Chains," a devotional from The Salt Project. Both are intergenerational and have something for all ages! Please see the church website under "Sermons" to download or contact the church office for a paper copy.

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!

Tax Receipts: Carmen has started emailing or mailing all donation tax receipts. Please watch for this to come and if you don't receive one please contact the office.

Voices Together: We give thanks for the generosity of the Ruth Hamm Endowment which made purchase of our Choir loft Voices Together possible. If you are interested in purchasing the new hymnal, Voices Together, please let our church office know. We will put together a group order and hope to take advantage of group order pricing if there is enough interest. Resources available include a book for worship leaders, large print edition, digital edition, and an accompaniment edition. For more details on the various resources and Canadian pricing go to: <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/ordering-and-discounts/> **Please have your order in to the church office by March 15. Make sure to specify which VT resource you are requesting.**

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.

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. Our next session will be on Tuesday, March 9th from 7:30-8:30 pm. Patrick will be leading the discussion on Chapter Two of Drew Hart's *Trouble I've Seen: "The Racialized Society I've Seen."* Meetings are usually 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 (npmc@npmc.net) to register.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, March 7 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Lent 3.

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

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

Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30-8:30 pm: Adult Education Meeting on Zoom.

Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm: Men's Gathering on Zoom.

Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 am-2:30 pm: Mennonite Church Sask ADS.

Sunday, March 14 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Lent 4.

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

Sunday, March 28: NPMC AGM; Time TBA.

