

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Automated Potato Peeler. Several Mennonite Churches are working together to purchase an automated potato peeler for Friendship Inn. Pre COVID-19 NPMC helped serve meals there and we have had other volunteers contribute to their operation. With volunteers less able to participate in the program an automated peeler will permit them to more effectively assist those utilizing their resources. Mennonite Disaster Service has contributed \$2000.00 of the \$7000.00 cost. The Service group of NPMC has endorsed this opportunity to contribute. There are three giving options:

1. Cheque, payable to the Saskatoon Friendship Inn and mailed/dropped off at 619 20th Street W, S7M 0X8 (a note in the memo line about the Potato Peeler would ensure the gift is correctly directed)
2. By phone at 306-242-5122, select option 7 to speak with someone directly to record a credit card number (again, please just mention the gift is intended to support the potato peeler during the call)
3. Online at <https://friendshipinn.ca/donate-online/> (direct debit from your bank account or charge to your credit card. In the comments section, please add a note about the potato peeler and we will assign the gift to that fund.) Charitable receipts will be issued for gifts above \$5.00.

To donate to other community organizations please visit Saskatoon City Community Consultant.

https://onesmallstepsk.ca/?fbclid=IwAR13vwN8-SRnmfDSy280PYvprN_q4xRfpZvR5wnER1W4_0L5RlaxA8QQ4Qw

MC Sask Sunday School: Looking for a way to help your kids engage this holiday season? Join together with other families across MC Sask every Sunday at 9:30 am (via Zoom) for a time of learning, fellowship and fun! Contact Josh and Cindy Wallace (jandcwallace@gmail.com) for links and additional information.

RJC Drive-In Christmas Carol Festival - December 9, 2020 at 7:30pm in the RJC front parking lot. Come enjoy RJC students singing popular Christmas carols on the lawn from the comfort and safety of your own vehicle.

RJC Christmas Program: There Is Still Hope - This online event will be held on Thursday, December 17, 7:30pm (SK CST) at <https://rjc.sk.ca/christmas>. The program will feature music, art, and other items of hope and celebration by RJC students and staff.

Theatre of the Beat is offering a free online play in recognition of domestic violence awareness month, and MCC is one of the sponsors. Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence will run on Zoom on: Nov. 25th at 7:30 pm EST, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm EST, Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm EST. To get your free ticket, visit: <http://theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute>



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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: Joanne Ewert

Song Leader: Kathleen Regier

Advent Candle Lighters: Karen Leis and Henri Driedger

Tech Support: David Weiler-Thiessen, Don Froese, Jeff Olfert

Prelude:		
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Gathering:	Fling, Wide The Door	HWB No.186
Advent Reading:		Karen & Henri
Advent Song:	Come, Light Of The World	STS No. 3
Psalm:	80:1-7; 17-19	
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Children's Time:	Stars	Patrick
Scripture Reading:	Isaiah 64:1-9	
Hymn:	O Saviour, Rend The Heavens	HWB No. 175
Sermon:	Holy Tears	Patrick
Hymn of Response:	You Are All We Have	STJ No. 29
Spoken Benediction:	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	
Sending Hymn:	Rejoice, Rejoice The Savior Comes	STS No. 4
Postlude		



Hope - First Advent Candlelighting Litany

By: The Salt Project (thesaltproject.org)

When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight...

When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" –and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope... (Light the first candle in the Advent wreath.)

Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven.

Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

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Advent Devotionals: a list of links to various Advent devotions and resources can be found on the "Sermons" page of our church website: <http://www.npmc.net/2020-sermons.html> Additional intergenerational Advent resources will be shared on the "NPMC Kids" page as well.

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.

Thank you all for your giving, especially in these uncertain times.

- Total revenue is about \$8,000 below budget.
- Operating expenses are also down due to reduced costs during the pandemic.
- Net income to date about \$7,000.
- With an uncertain future and expected major repair cost, we hope for continued giving from our great church family.

NPMC Kids: we hope you're enjoying the Sunday school videos and activities and the children's time videos up on your page of the website! You can find it all here:

<http://www.npmc.net/401/login.php?redirect=/npmc-kids> (Contact the church office if you need a reminder of the password)

Thanks to the children of NPMC for painting the stars on our Advent banner and to Lori Weiler-Thiessen for putting it together; to Nicole Tiessen and Brent Guenther for our Christmas decor in the sanctuary; and to Vic Krahn, Hamilton Fast, and Denelda Fast for stringing lights on the tree outside this year. Thanks for making our church look beautiful and festive. Much appreciated!

NPMC Virtual Potluck on Zoom -- Sunday, Dec 6 at 5 pm.

Much of the joy of Christmas is found in the sharing of food. While this cannot happen physically this year because of COVID-19, we can still enjoy each other's company online. Everyone is invited to dine at home with a menu of their choice. While we eat, participants are invited to share their stories. If you are dining on a Christmas favourite, please "Show & Tell". If you have a family tradition involving food, we'd love to hear about it. If certain special foods evoke memories at Christmas, please share the story. Christie will provide a link for the Zoom meeting as we get closer to the date.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Bonnie Ramage 306 850-6443 or Denelda Fast 306 221-2846. We hope you will join us on December 6!

This year during Advent, we will be collecting donations for the children staying at the Crisis Nursery. They are in need of: toilet paper, liquid hand soap, bleach, kleenex, pasta, canned food, crackers, baking supplies, kitchen garbage bags, large garbage bags. These items can be dropped off at the church building on weekday mornings or Sunday mornings beginning Nov. 15th and we will be making a delivery to Crisis Nursery. Thank-you!

Coming Up This Week

Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study Zoom meeting.

Sunday, December 6 at 12:30 am: Caring and visitation meeting.

Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 pm: Virtual potluck.

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.