

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Sept 5 at 10:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
Sunday, Sept 12 at 11:00 am: Child Dedication Service
Wednesday Sept 15: Men's Group at NPMC at 7pm



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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**September 5, 2021
10:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: James Friesen
Accompanist and Song Leader: Lynn Driedger
Ushers: Margaret and Wally Krause

Fall Hours
Worship Service will begin
at 11:00 am
on September 12

Peace Club will be starting regular programming in September and we will be packing school kits for MCC. If you would like to make a donation of school supplies, we would be grateful! See the list below for MCC approved items (must be new). A space will be made available in the Ed wing to drop off supplies.

- spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm)
- new, unsharpened pencils
- rulers (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 coloured pencils (in packaging)
- large erasers
- new black or blue ballpoint pens
- small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes

For more specific details on supplies, go to <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/school>

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.

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn	Summoned by the God Who Made Us	VT #1
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	Today We Sing with Thankfulness	VT #535
Children's Story	Stony Hill	Patrick
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 35: 4-7a	
	Mark 7: 24-37	
Hymn	What does the Lord require	HWB #409
Sermon	Listening, Seeing, Healing Haunted Histories	Elaine Enns and Ched Meyers
Musical Offering	True Evangelical Faith	Lynn
Sending Prayer		
Sending Hymn	We Shall Overcome	VT #803

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## Announcements

In light of rising Covid numbers the Sept 12 farmers sausage BBQ is **postponed**.

Peace Club for ages 7-11 will meet on the third Thursday of the month this year. Our first event on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 pm will be outdoors, and will include packing school kits for MCC.

Diana Decaire is having an art show from **August 20th- Sept 16th** at SCYAP (Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming), displaying her colorful dot-based paintings, many of them created during the pandemic. The address is 402 33rd Street West and it is open weekday afternoons. If you would like to visit with Di, she will be there Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 1 and 3pm.

**WEDDING & BABE SHOWER** - Marlene and Denelda (and Susanne and Patrick) are continuing with doorstep visits with the couples that are tying the knot or welcoming a new babe into their family. It is a pleasure to honour these couples in this way and then share it with all of you. Some photos have been posted on the private side of our website on the congregant's page under the title Church Life and the tab "Weddings & Babes 2021" and others will be posted over the next few weeks. Please continue to check for updates. If you would like to support the purchasing of gifts, please send a donation to the church with this designation. Thank you.

### **NPMC Staff Office Hours:**

Thursday is Susanne's day off from NPMC; she is otherwise available  
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.

Coro Nova choral rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm at NPMC. All singers over 18 are welcome. Double vaccination and mask required and we will re-evaluate as time goes on. Contact Lynne Driedger-Enns for more info. Lynne.dreidgerenns@gmail.com

**Sept. 5** - Forest church at Shekinah 3:00 today. See [shekinah.ca](http://shekinah.ca) for details. All are welcome!

**Sept 18**, Shekinah Move-A-Thon. Registration now open! Participate by donating, cycling, paddling, or hiking. \$20/person (includes lunch; family and youth registration available). Day begins at 9 am with registration and cinnamon buns, visit [www.shekinah.ca](http://www.shekinah.ca) for more details and full schedule of events.

Shekinah is looking for both a head cook and for a hospitality manager. Please contact the Shekinah office or email at [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca)

Shekinah's water source is no longer viable. As we look at permanent solutions, we realize that we will have to haul water in the interim. We are currently looking for either a flat deck trailer/ water tank combination or a water truck of some sort. If you have any leads or suggestions, please contact [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca).

**Oct. 15-16, 2021:** MCSask Songfest of Thanks: As we look forward to singing together once again, measures are being put in place to ensure we can do so safely: all choral workshops participants must be fully vaccinated or provide a negative Covid test, and concert attendees must be masked. Visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) or find the event on Facebook for full schedule and additional details.

MCC Connects: The MCC Saskatchewan Board invites you to the MCCS Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:00 pm, via Zoom. Consider being a delegate from your church. We will spend time looking back over the activities and financial realities of the 2020-2021 year and also reflect on how the pandemic has shaped and is shaping the ongoing work of MCC. We will be joined by MCC Canada Executive Director Rick Cober Bauman and the keynote address will be provided by Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's Global Health Coordinator. To register, visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-saskatchewan-2021-agm> and click on 'Register Online.'

MC Canada Gathering 2022 in Edmonton. "We Declare: What We Have Seen and Heard" is the theme for Gathering 2022 in Edmonton, July 29 to August 1. The webpage for the event is now live: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022). Learn about our speakers and what you can expect for our next nationwide gathering in Treaty 6!

## NPMC Reopening Committee Update for Fall 2021

While much of the province has lifted restrictions, there are still many families, businesses, and organizations that have chosen to keep some measures in place to help mitigate risk. The NPMC Reopening Committee and Board of Deacons continues to take a cautious and incremental approach when it comes to easing restrictions. We believe that the guidelines below give people the opportunity for making choices while continuing to keep people safe. These guidelines will take effect on September 1, 2021:

1. Masking will remain in place while inside the church.
2. Pre-registration will no longer be required for worship services, but names will be recorded upon arrival for contact tracing purposes.
3. There will be no capacity limit for worship services.
4. Gatherings involving food will be encouraged to take place outside, but eating will be allowed inside the church as long as people bring their own food. Catering will also be allowed. At this time, only round tables will be set up for groups wanting to eat in the education wing. This will encourage people to sit in small groups that are distanced from one another. This also means that our seating capacity will be approximately 60. Masking will still be required before and after eating.
5. NPMC small groups and external rental groups will have access to our church, and will come up with their own guidelines when it comes to masking, capacity, and food. No groups will have access to the kitchen at this time.

Although this is a plan for the fall, the Reopening Committee plans on meeting regularly to adjust measures as appropriate. We will continue to communicate any changes with the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brent Guenther

Chairperson, NPMC Board of Deacons