

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Feb 26 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
at 1:30 pm: NPMC Winter Fun Day
Monday, Feb 27 at 7:00 pm: Board Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 28 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Mar 1 at 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Grainfields
at 7:00 pm: Men's Group in lounge
Thursday, Mar 2: Kids Club and Choir
Sunday, Mar 5 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

February 26 Service of Shadows

Lent is a season of reflection as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter. We extinguish one candle each week aware of what awaits Jesus in Jerusalem. We walk with him and he walks with us. After the candle is extinguished there will be a time of silence in which we will have opportunity to acknowledge the challenges with which we live as well as Christ's light which guides us. Let us join in a time of confession and invitation. *(extinguish a candle)*
(5 seconds of silence)

God, who on foot leads through unknown terrain,
teach us the trail head, the sharp turn, the thorn.
Teach us the fade of the path in the bramble;
make us to know your true face when we stumble.
Remember to find us. Remember our name. Remember your
promise to walk with us home.¹ Amen.

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
February 26, 2023 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Shenyce Buhler
Accompanist: Lynn Driedger, Carey Kroeger, Bob Neufeldt, Ron Peters

Welcome, Announcements, and Land Acknowledgement

Service of Shadows

Opening Hymn This Is the Air I Breathe VT #139

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me VT #306

With the Children Patrick

Scripture James 5: 13-16

Sermon An Intro to Healing Patrick

Hymn of Response Come Bring Your Burdens to God VT #679

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn Go, My Friends, in Peace VT #839

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### NPMC Announcements

**March 5, Adult Ed:** *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Have Stopped Working and What to Do about It* by Brian McLaren (also *Do I Stay Christian?*). Led by Edna Froese

**WINTER FUN - Today, February 26th** - Come out for an afternoon of winter fun! Beginning around 1:30, you are invited to enjoy walking, cross-country skiing, tobogganing and skating in Harold Tatler Park (just steps from church), a parking lot shinny game or crokinole (or other board games) indoors. This intergenerational event allows you to participate in one OR all of the activities! There will be hot chocolate and hot apple cider and popcorn/goodies provided. There will also be a fire in the parking lot for you to warm yourself and roast hot dogs or marshmallows (these items will be provided by yourselves if desired). Looking forward to seeing many of you out and about outdoors or around a table indoors!

**Annual General Meeting:** Please note that our Board of Deacons plans to convene our Annual General Meeting on **March 26th at 1:30 PM**. If you have any questions about this planned meeting, you are invited to contact Bob Neufeldt (Chair) or any member of the Board of Deacons.

Watch the worship email and the Sermons page of our church website next week for our very own **NPMC Lenten Devotional**. Beginning on Feb. 26, each week's reflections will focus on a worship theme related to healing. It's entitled, "On the Road to Healing: A Weekly Lenten Devotional; Reflections by Congregants and Friends of Nutana Park Mennonite Church." Some printed copies will be available in the foyer as well.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE!** We have had requests for more hard copies of the new pictorial directory, so we will be doing another round of printing in the next few weeks. Please advise Gwen by March 5th if you would like one. At the same time, we will be printing pages with the most recent updates for everyone who has a hard copy of our directory.

**March 19:** Westgate College will be offering worship service at Nutana Park Mennonite Church at 11:00 am. There will be an evening concert at Osler Mennonite church in Osler on the same day.

### Community Announcements

**March 5:** Consider joining with others around the campfire as we explore **the 2023 theme for Forest Church - Face to Face: Encountering God in the Wilderness**. Ric Driediger will provide input this month, sharing from a wealth of experience on this topic. **3pm at Shekinah**. All are welcome!

**March 11: MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. A working copy of the report book is now available!** This is a hybrid online and in person event, and **registration is required to attend**. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

**March 11 6:30 pm** You are invited to a viewing of **Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes documentary at Wildwood Mennonite Church**. Indigenous peoples' ancestors left their marks on the land for millennia. Artifacts everywhere, many lost forever to agricultural and other development. Still some places remain untouched; beautiful natural settings with artifacts, all with stories to tell. Come watch the documentary about Ancient Echoes' work to protect this ancient Indigenous sacred site. Think about how you can contribute to protection of the marks of Indigenous history. There will be time to share your response following the documentary.

**March 12 at 7:00 pm: RJC Choirs & Cakes:** Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

**March 17: Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting on the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah.** This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>.

**Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking to fill full-time and part-time positions.** We seek a Program Director to work with school groups and camp and a Maintenance Manager to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to [shekinah.ca/jobs](https://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.

**Save the date!** MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church**. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>

**Feb 28 at 7:00pm:** Sustainability Speakers Series will be at the Frances Morrison Central Library in Saskatoon. Note that this event will be in-person. Sustainability Speakers Series: Greening the Saskatchewan Electrical Grid. To meet the challenge of the climate crisis, Saskatchewan must change how it produces electricity to greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The costs of various options will be discussed by Dr. Brett Dolter from the Department of Economics at the University of Regina.

Lent 1 ~ February 26 Days of Creation Genesis 2

Creator God,  
In the beginning by your Word everything came into being.  
You created humankind from the soil of the earth,  
adam from adamah, human from humus,  
you breathed life into your creation.  
You planted a garden and placed the human in its midst.

You filled the garden  
with fertile soil,  
with trees of abundance,  
with animals and life of all kinds.  
Through the garden  
flowed the rivers of life.  
Your creation was good  
and you invited us to participate  
in this good creation.

Creator of all that is good,  
forgive us.  
We have mishandled and abused  
what you have made.  
We have taken the life you breathed  
and polluted and injured it.  
We have placed ourselves above all else  
and used your creation without care.

Creator of all that is good, forgive us.  
We have damaged your earth, and caused her great pain.  
We have chased your creatures into extinction.  
We have jeopardized our very lives, the lives you have given.

Creator of all that is good, forgive us.  
You have given us eyes, help us see.  
You have given us hands, help us act.  
You have given us minds, help us think.  
You have given us hearts, help us love all that you have made.  
Creator of all that is good, forgive us and move us. Amen.