



welcome 2024

**NUTANA PARK
MENNONITE CHURCH**



HELLO NPMC CHURCH FAMILY

what does 2024 look like?

We are in a season of transition as, in the interim, we consider a path forward with one primary pastor.

We acknowledge that we have challenges as a congregation with lower attendance and finances but we also celebrate the many opportunities to grow and adapt with our great programming, steadfast volunteers and the power of our amazing church community.

The NPMC Board of Deacons has put together the following transition plan for the 2024 year.

WORSHIP

WHO WILL BE PREACHING SERMONS?

- Patrick will continue to preach twice a month
- Luke will also preach throughout the year
- We have assembled a group of lay speakers from within our congregation that will speak 1-2 times per month

HOW WILL WE FILL IN THE GAPS?

- Inviting speakers from other organizations such as CMU, RJC, MC Sask
- Provide opportunity for congregants to share in two Singing Sundays in 2024
- Look at alternate options such as an “Agape Feast” with communion and potluck twice per year



Worship

HOW CAN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE?

- Volunteer as a lay speaker or worship leader
- Participate in twice a month Sunday morning “Community Connections” where congregants can share reflections on service in the community
- Provide ideas for speakers to the Worship Committee

Worship Committee

Don Klaassen, Eric Neufeld, Patrick Preheim and Fern Stockdale (Music Liaison)

Lay Speaker Committee

Don Klaassen (Chair), Geraldine Balzer, Luke Bushman, Edna Froese, Brent Guenther, Patrick Preheim, Anita Retzlaff and Ron Schellenberg



MUSIC

WORSHIP MUSIC

- Provide resources to worship leaders for music selections
- Choir – Two Sessions per year – Spring and Fall
- Provide accompaniment on all Sundays
- Provide resources of song leaders when requested

SINGING SUNDAY

- Provide two Singing Sunday services per year – invite congregants to participate through sharing stories

HOW CAN WE INVOLVE CHILDREN?

- “Song of the Month” during worship after Children’s Time
- Invite families to participate in special music



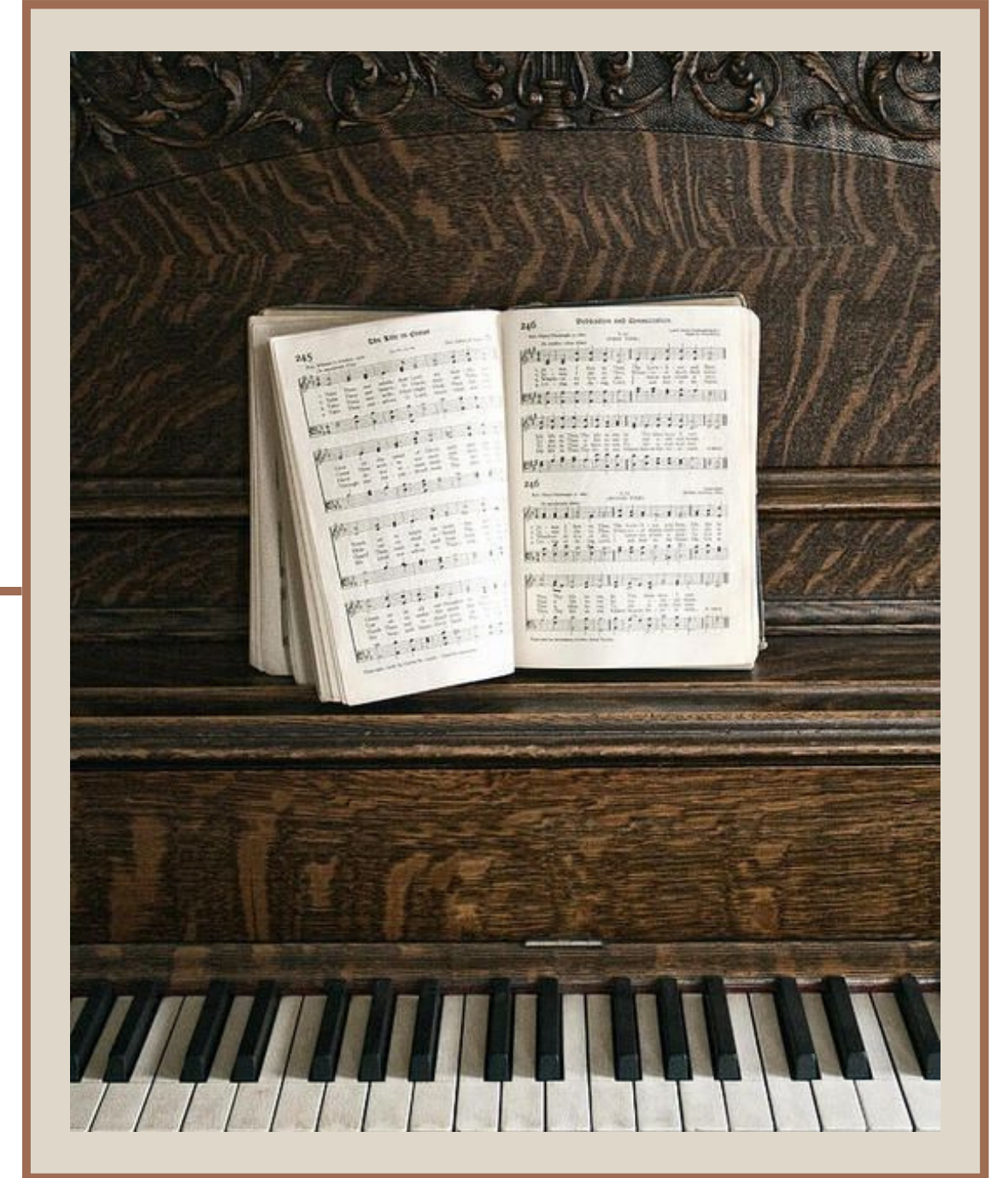
Music

HOW CAN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE?

- Volunteer for special music, accompanying, song leading
- Volunteer to be trained as one of our AV techs
- Provide reflections during Singing Sundays
- Join the church choir in Spring or Fall sessions – or both!
- Provide suggestions on special music to enhance worship services to Nicole Tiessen

Music Committee

Nicole Tiessen (Chair), Bonnie Dahl, Teresa Koop-Hunter, Rhonda Krahn, Patrick Preheim, Fern Stockdale and Jordan Wiens



EDUCATION

CHILDRENS PROGRAMMING

- Provide Sunday School programming on a monthly basis – led by Rachel Regier
- Kids Club – invite church and community families to participate in weekly Kids Club – led by Luke Bushman, Brent & Marie Guenther and Lori Weiler-Thiessen
- Kids Choir – provide an opportunity to have choral opportunity at Kids Club – led by Rachel Regier and Breanne Fast

ADULT EDUCATION

- Launching another limited series in early 2024 on MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying)
- Additional series to be offered as ideas/volunteers are available to assist in planning

MENS AND WOMENS BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

- Will continue to be led by pastors and/or volunteers



Education

HOW CAN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE?

- Invite families to participate in Sunday School
- Invite families to participate in Kids Club
- Volunteer helping to lead Craft, Cooking or Woodworking at Kids Club – volunteers change weekly, low commitment!
- Participate in attending the upcoming adult education series
- Join the bible study groups if interested

Education Committee

Lori Weiler-Thiessen (Chair), Patrick Preheim (Staff Coordinator),
Rachel Regier (Sunday School Coordinator)



CHURCH LIFE

CREATIVE COMMONS - JANUARY 2024

- Looking forward to the 2nd annual Creative Commons near the end of January. It was well received last year and we are hoping for a similar outcome this time around

WINTER FUN DAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2024

- NPMC Winter Fun Day will take place on Sunday, February 25. This is also the second year for this event. It will include parking lot shinny, indoor games, popcorn and hot chocolate, an outdoor fire, and skiing or tobogganing in Harold Tatler Park across the street from church.

These community events are intergenerational in nature and foster wonderful relationships with all those who choose to participate. Volunteers and ideas are always welcome!



CARING & VISITATION

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Provide visitation and connection with members of our church community

HOW CAN YOU LET US KNOW YOU NEED SUPPORT?

The committee continues to work to meet the needs of the people in our congregation who require extra support: spiritually, emotionally, and socially. We want to move forward using a triage style of ensuring all needs are being met either through committee members, Valerie Epp, or Patrick. Patrick and Valerie will be meeting regularly to ensure all lines of communication are being kept open between the church leadership and the people in our community.

CARING AND VISITATION COMMITTEE

Valerie Epp (Chair), Darryl Epp, Carolene Funk, Kathy Lindsay, Trudy Reese, Henry & Elizabeth Reimer and Jean Wiens



FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH POTLUCKS

The Fellowship Committee is enthusiastic about 2024 and being able to organize meals together as a congregation. Sharing food brings an element of excitement & community after a pandemic! They will plan for a potluck or event most months, scheduling these with the Worship Committee.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Bonnie Ramage, Janet & Norm Barnes, Deb Heinrichs & Stan Bartel, Carolene Funk, Jenae Funk, Peter Guenther, El & Orv Neufeldt, and Dorothy & Merv Sorensen

FUNERAL LUNCH COORDINATION

Lois Tiessen



BUILDING

SPRING CLEANING BEE

- Participate in spring cleaning bee led by Zach Janzen and crew to clean up our facilities and grounds!

CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR CHURCH MAINTAINED

- Ongoing maintenance of the building
- Ensuring areas are kept tidy and organized
- Work on facility storage for church programs

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Zach Janzen (Chair), Don Froese, Peter Guenther and others



YOUTH GROUP

WHAT DOES OUR YOUTH PROGRAMMING LOOK LIKE?

- Led by Luke Bushman, Youth Pastor
- Opportunities for NPMC only events and other events with other churches such as Osler Mennonite

HOW MANY KIDS ARE IN YOUTH?

- Combined with Mount Royal Church there are 5-10 kids participating

WHAT ARE SOME UPCOMING EVENTS?

- Shekinah Youth Retreat January 19-21
- Youth Game Nights
- Sledding at Optimist Hill
- Mega Menno Youth Event with MC Sask

HOW CAN THE CHURCH SUPPORT THE YOUTH?

- Volunteer to help at youth events, all generations are welcome to help - contact Luke
- Invite families you know to participate



CARE GROUP NO. 6

WHO IS CARE GROUP NO. 6?

- A group of young(ish) church congregants and families who gather socially to foster community and grow the future of NPMC

WINTER EVENT

- Bowling and Chili Potluck at NPMC

SPRING EASTER EVENT

- Easter egg hunt, games, crafts and potluck lunch

FALL EVENTS

- Halloween Party
- Christmas Tree Decorating

This group is a social extension of our church family and aim is connect with others in the church in a meaningful yet fun way.



RECAP OF HOW WE ARE MOVING FORWARD!

WORSHIP

Active committee looking at options for sermons and alternate ideas for worship

Supporting pastoral leadership through the trial transition period as we navigate our needs as a church community

COMMUNITY

Looking for ways to grow our church programming to include all generations and interests

Intentional engagement of families and younger church members

FINANCE

Monitoring the budget and resources to ensure we are fiscally viable & responsible

Reducing paid staff positions for a trial period.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Developing a group of congregational lay speakers

Triage church needs through Caring and Visitation to ensure needs are met

Committee to support transition to one Pastor.

THANK YOU

*we are glad you
are here!*

If you have any ideas for our church or any questions about 2024 transition period please don't hesitate to reach out to Patrick Preheim or Bob Neufeldt or any of the Board of Deacons!