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**January 17, 2016**  
**Refugee Sponsorship Sunday**

Vol. LI **11:00 a.m.** No. 3

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin  
Accompanists: Sharon Klassen, Rhonda Krahn  
Song Leaders: Jake & Barb Ens, Duff Warkentin  
Greeters: Brenda & Bert Klassen  
Ushers: Christine & Mark Epp

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| Prelude                     |                                                  | Rhonda and Sharon                         |
| Greetings and Announcements |                                                  |                                           |
| Call to Worship             | <b>Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him</b>           | StJ No. 3                                 |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp  |                                                  |                                           |
| Special Music               |                                                  | Rhonda and Sharon                         |
| Scripture                   |                                                  | Deuteronomy 10:17-22<br>Matthew 25:34-40  |
| Children's Time/Song        | <b>Clap de Hands</b>                             | insert                                    |
|                             | <i>Child care is provided for young children</i> |                                           |
| Offering                    |                                                  |                                           |
| Hymn                        | <b>For We Are Strangers No More</b>              | HWB No. 322                               |
| Joys and Concerns           |                                                  |                                           |
| Congregational Prayer       |                                                  |                                           |
| Special Music               |                                                  | Rhonda and Sharon                         |
| Refugee Sponsorship         |                                                  | Doha Kharsa<br>Ali Kharsa<br>Arnie Nickel |
| Hymn of Response            | <b>Help Us To Help Each Other</b>                | HWB No. 362                               |
| Benediction                 |                                                  |                                           |
| Sending Hymn                | <b>The Lord Lift You Up</b>                      | StJ No. 73                                |

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We invite you to join us in the Youth Fundraising Chili Lunch.



### Spotlight on Community Life

Living out the Truth tells us to know that our most critical ingredient in life as a follower of Jesus is LOVE. If we love as God loved, we can share today in the meal provided by our youth to help with refugees. Does our love go beyond our walls? Love God is our commandment. Let's do it!

### Spotlight on Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Saskatchewan

From Syria and Iraq to Ukraine or Gaza, crises around the world have depleted MCC's supply of relief kits, hygiene kits and comforters. These items are urgently needed to distribute to the many people displaced by violence and disaster.

### This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:55 am</b>	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:25 am</b>	Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:45 am</b>	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; The Shaping Story According to NPMC</i> with Anita Retzlaff and Winona Senner.
<b>11:00 am</b>	Worship; Doha & Ali Kharsa and Arnie Nickel speaking. Creative church activity is packing MCC Relief kits.	
	<b>Noon</b>	Youth Fundraiser Chili Lunch following the service. Proceeds from the meal will go towards Nutana Park's refugee sponsorship fund.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Ecumenical Bible Study.
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Board meeting -- the agenda and November approved minutes are posted on "Our Church" bulletin board.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Women's Bible Study.
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Academy of Discipleship course on poetry, held at NPMC. Facilitator is Edna Froese. See the description on the bulletin board.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Intergenerational Activity at church – <i>Learning to be Peacemakers</i> .
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	Caring & Visitation meeting at the home of Margaret & Bob Neufeldt.

### Coming Up

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>8:55 am</b>	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:25 am</b>	Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:45 am</b>	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; Our Theology of the Afterlife</i> with Rachel Regier and Valerie Epp.
<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Worship; St. Martin's United Church.
	<b>Noon</b>	Care Group 1.
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Church Activity Night; bring finger food snacks.

### Deuteronomy 10:17-22

<sup>17</sup>For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup>who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>You shall fear the

Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup>He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup>Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

### Matthew 25:34-40

<sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it

that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

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### Community Life Service

**February 14** Sherbrooke Community Centre 2:30 pm  
Is anyone available to help with this service?

**February 14** Bethany Manor: Speaking--Anita Retzlaff  
We need a pianist, worship leader, special music.

### Walk to Church group

If you like snowy nature and good company consider joining our bi-monthly walk to church group! Rachel and I (Jenna) will be making a planned, (roughly) timed, walking route, starting in Riversdale wending it's way to church. If others would like to join us we will adjust the route to meet up along the way. It's like a walking school bus pick up! Anticipated conversations include "Did you see/hear that?", "Isn't it lovely today?" and "GLORY HALLELUJAH" (kidding). The walk will be under an hour from most locations, one way. For more information or to express interest come see us in the education wing.

Jenna Zee and Rachel Regier.

## Announcements

The 2015 NPMC Income Tax Receipts are in your mailboxes.

The **Intergenerational Activity Nights** for the next several months are posted on the "Church" bulletin board; there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board and on our website [www.npmc.net](http://www.npmc.net) found under About > Programs.



**From Earthkeepers:** On January 19th the Saskatchewan Environmental Society Director of Environmental Policy Peter Prebble will look at what the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference means for Saskatchewan. This will take place at 7 pm, at the Frances Morrison Library as part of the Sustainable Speaker Series.

**MCC Connects:** Please pray for all those involved in restorative justice work in Saskatchewan, including victims of harm, offenders and volunteers. MCC Saskatchewan partners with organizations like the Micah Mission (Saskatoon) in various programs, such as prison visitation (P2P) and helping ex-offenders reintegrate into their community (CoSA). If you would like to hear about opportunities for getting involved, contact Randy Klassen at MCC Saskatchewan at 306-665-2555, [RandyKlassen@mccsk.ca](mailto:RandyKlassen@mccsk.ca).

As we prepare for Anita's retirement, the **Pastoral search committee** has been working on several things. For an outline of our activities, and to see the results of our recent "20 Tasks of Pastors" survey go to our website <http://www.npmc.net/pastoral-search-update.html>.

**Wildwood Mennonite Church** invites area churches to attend a series of classes on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The series is jointly sponsored by Grace Westminster United Church. Sessions are from 7:00-8:00 pm on the following dates: Jan. 13, 27 at Grace Westminster and Feb. 17 and March 2 at Wildwood. The leader of the series is MaryAnne Morrison, a Metis woman, who is a retired educator.

**You are invited to experience Assembly 2016 (July 6-10 in Saskatoon) through the eyes, hands and feet of a volunteer.** *A host of volunteers from across the province* are needed to ensure that guests and participants from across Canada will experience our hospitality. To volunteer a day or more, or an hour or more, contact Marianne at [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at [cbueckert@sasktel.net](mailto:cbueckert@sasktel.net).

**Job Opportunity at The Bridge Fellowship Centre:** Full-time, paid position as the Community Relations & Development Assistant, please see website or call Terri for more information. [www.thebridgesaskatoon.com](http://www.thebridgesaskatoon.com) or 306-382-2855 (ext. 201).

**"Creative Church" is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.**

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.

### Clap de Hands

Refrain:

Clap de hands, stomp de feet,  
Spread the love of Jesus to every one you meet. Oh,  
Clap de hands, stomp de feet,  
Spread a little love around.

The love of Jesus is a sweet, sweet song,  
That you can give to others as you walk along.  
With a smile on your face and His love in your heart,  
You spread the love of Jesus, now everybody start to:  
Refrain: Clap de hands, etc.

The love of Jesus is a miracle,  
That God has given every boy and girl.  
His Son came to earth because He loves us so,  
And now it's up to us to let his miracle show. So,  
Refrain: Clap de hands, etc.